

UNB's energy conservation measures are having affect

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The present measures to conserve energy on the campus are having some effect, according to University of New Brunswick Vice President (Administration) B.F. Macauley, although exactly how

much effect is difficult to determine.

Macauley noted that he does not think more extreme measures for conserving energy will be necessary, although he cautioned that no

one can be completely certain in this area.

On November 23 Macauley sent out a memorandum "to alert the members of the University community to the possibility of cutbacks in our energy resources." Following a meeting of university officials a second memorandum was sent out on November 30 asking that a number of steps be taken to reduce energy consumption on campus.

These measures included reducing temperatures of unused rooms to 68 degrees, turning off lights in unused rooms, reducing lighting in corridors, keeping windows closed when possible, cutting back on the use of non-essential laboratory equipment, and locking areas not in use in the evenings.

More extreme measures have been outlined, Macauley says, but they will not be used unless the energy crisis becomes much more acute. These measures include reducing street lighting, arranging for buildings to be cleaned during the day, reducing the temperature of domestic hot water, placing temporary storm windows on the windy sides of buildings, and placing athletic fields and swimming pools on a strict schedule to reduce the amount of time they must be lit.

In an extreme situation, Macauley says, social activities on campus could be restricted, the Lady Beaverbrook Residence pool could be closed, and the hours the Library is open could be reduced. Physical Plant Director Lloyd

Dawson points out that with every one cent raise in the price of heating fuel, the cost of heating the university rises \$23,000 a year.

The university uses two and a half million gallons of heating fuel a year. A year ago heating fuel cost the university 10.5 cents a gallon. Now it costs 17.6 cents a gallon.

There has been a decrease in the amount of gasoline used this year since there has been little snow, and snow removal equipment has not been needed as much as usual for this time of year, according to Physical Plant Operations Manager Jack Smith.

Smith added that use of other Physical Plant vehicles has been cut down where possible.

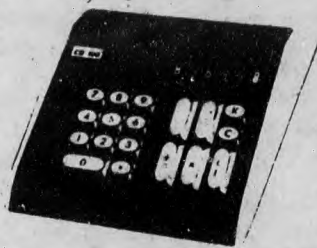


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