Alumni expect to see resolutions implemented

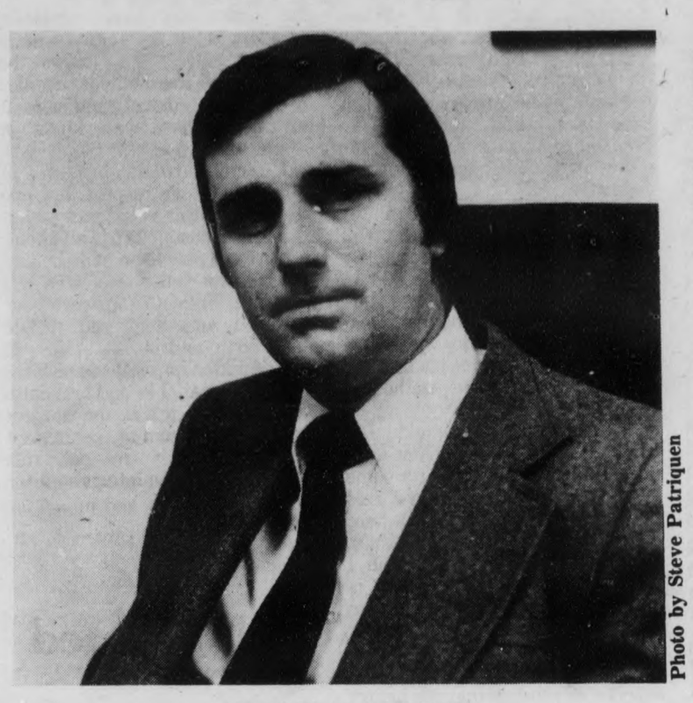


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Alumni Director Art Doyle

Alumni association leaders are predicting success in implementing the resolutions arising from an unprecedented "alumni power" conference held here in November.

An implementation committee struck at the conference, chaired by Senator Muriel Fergussion of Fredericton, held several meetings immediately after the conference.

The resolutions were divided into categories relating to the Board of Governors and Senate, the alumni office and association, the alumni and the community and the alumni and the university community.

Alumni director Art Doyle said Tuesday "the only thing holding us back on some of those (resolutions) is money."

He said the Board of Governors is planning to strike a committee to discuss the eight resolutions relating directly to that body.

The committee, he said will hold hearings and will be prepared to accept briefs.

Alumni association president Dave Coughey said the association is hoping for representation on the Board of Governors committee.

He said he believed the resolutions were well received by the university administration and added that he thought the "president (Dr. John Anderson) is quite sincere in his support" of the resolutions.

Resolutions relating directly to the Board of Governors include:

-- chairperson of the Board of Governors should be elected by the board membership. The chairperson should not be the president of the university.

-- alumni participation on major university policy committees.

-- honorary degrees granted on the advice of a committee comprising equal representation from the Board of Governors, Senate and alumni.

-- visiting committees to review policies and programs of university and administration.

-- alumni representation on Senate.

-- one third of the membership of the Board of Governors composed of alumni representatives.

-- alumni director to be an ex-officio member of the Board of Governors.

-- alumni advisory committee on university priorities.

School of Administration chairman and Board of Governors member H.A. Sharp said he was generally in favor of most of the resolutions affecting the governing body.

The critical resolutions, he said, are those referring to the chair of the board, alumni membership on the board, and the ex-officio position for the alumni director.

The resolution affecting the chairperson of the board is "essentially normal practice," he said. The chief executive officer (president) would be more comfortable reporting to the board instead of chairing the board meetings.

Sharp said most of the resolutions follow from the one calling for the alumni to hold one third of the seats on the board.

At present more than one third of the members of the Board of Governors are graduates of this university, but are not representing the alumni association at the meetings.

Associations president Coughey said he wants "the people who go there to be representing the alumni."

Sharp said he is impressed with the alumni members on the board, and suggested they might be more in tune with the actual operation of the university than some other board members.

Giving the alumni director an ex-officio seat on the board "certainly doesn't seem inappropriate," he said.

Dalhousie strike looms

A strike by 250 maintenance personnel at Dalhousie University may take place if the university refuses to ratify a contract kept in limbo for over a month due to the federal government's anti-inflation program.

Ray Hill, Atlantic representative of the Canadian Union of Public Employees said the Dalhousie Board of Governors is using the anti-inflation board as a "scapegoat" in refusing to sign an agreement negotiated with CUPE Local 1392 December 5 after three days of conciliation talks. Negotiations had been underway since June and there had been no contract since August.

Hill said the union will submit a strike deadline to the Minister of Labor Walter Fitzgerald.

The employees accepted a 90 cents per hour increase retroactive to September first and a further 25 cents beginning March 31. The current base rate is $2.30. The contract would expire next August 31.

The Board of Governors agreed to the contract but has delayed ratification pending approval by the federal anti-inflation board.

Dalhousie is paying the workers a 12 cent increase which would be increased to the full amount negotiated if the contract is approved.

Federal regulations don't require the contract to be submitted to the anti-inflation board said Hill, and he cited the examples of contracts signed with Nova Scotia teachers and Halifax police.

Hill said the only alternative is to strike. "The men expect to get the wage they negotiated and I'm willing to lead them out even if it means jail terms," said Hill.

University vice-president Andrew MacKay said the union's reaction was not surprising due to the confusion surrounding the federal wage quidelines.

Dalhousie would have begun paying the ngotiated wage last month, he said, but both Ottawa and the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission told the university to operate within the guidelines.

Carni meeting planned

All persons interested in participating in the winter carnival variety show are asked to attend a meeting in Tilley 305 on Monday, Jan. 12 at 8:00 p.m. Singers, musicians, and skitsters wanted. Everyone welcome.

Four women to advise

Four UNB women will serve as an advisory group to President John M. Anderson on the status of women on both campuses of the University of New Brunswick.

In a letter dated Oct. 31, 1975, Anderson requested UNB professors Sharon Bachinski, Irene Leckie and Barbara Pepperdone and university librarian Gertrude Gunn to convene as an advisory group to provide advice on the matter.

Specifically, Anderson requested counsel on (1) "the composition of a appropriate body (e.g. task force, study group, etc.) to evaluate the status of women at the University of New Brunswick," and (2) the "suggested terms of reference for such body, whose objective would be to make recommendations on an action plan."

The four women named were recent participants in the Association of University and Colleges in Canada conference on the status of women held in Ottawa the last week of October.

Crossroaders selected

Four students from the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University have been selected to participate in Canadian Crossroads International's 1976 program.

STU frosh Allison Brewer, UNB forestry sophomore Anne Marceau, UNB arts senior Janice McDonell and UNB science sophomore Steve Patriquen will live and work in a developing country for a minimum of three months beginning either in May or September.

The four must each raise $750 and the local Crossroads committee must raise a further $2,000 through sources throughout New Brunswick, for a total of $5,000.

CCI each year sends approximately 50 Canadians to live and work in Africa, Asia and the West Indies, said a local committee spokesperson, with the aim of their enjoying a cross-cultural experience. They are expected to increase their understanding of other cultures as well as educate other Canadians about these countries and development when they return.

Brewer, McDonell and Patriquen are from Fredericton and Marceau is from Grand Falls.

Piper to speak

"Smoking and Health" will be the topic of a lecture given by Doctor George Piper in 105 MacLaggan Hall on Thursday January 15 at 8:00 p.m.

Piper is medical officer for the province of Saskatchewan and is the author of a study on smoking in that province.

Piper is coming to the area for a workshop sponsored by the Canadian Council on Smoking and Health whose main emphasis will be the rights of the non-smoker.

The New Brunswick Council on Smoking and Health is bringing him here early so he can give a talk for the whole community.

Editor elected CUP president

The Brunswickan's editor-in-chief, Tom Benjamin, was elected Canadian University Press President January 2nd. An arts junior of the University of New Brunswick, Benjamin has worked for the Telegraph-Journal in Saint John, the Fredericton Daily Gleaner, and the Fredericton Radio station CFNB.

According to Benjamin, after his resignation from the Brunswickan in April he will be actively involved in post. He will be assisting in restructuring the news service cooperative in order to increase the effectiveness of the 60 Canadian student newspapers. Benjamin said he will also work to increase copy volume and coverage area as well as produce more stories aimed at student's interests and written with an anayltical perspective.

At present, CUP has eight national staff, and Benjamin said he will work to increase the cooperative's employees to 24. Some of these employees will devote all their time to newswriting.

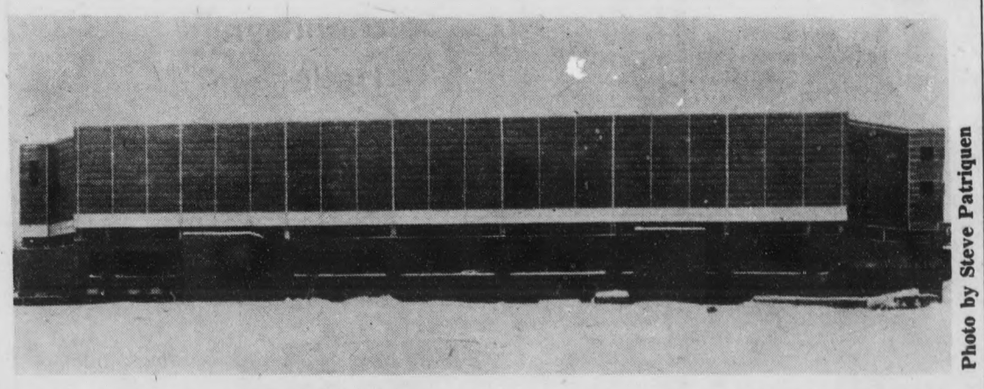


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Construction and planning were outlined to the Aitken University Centre Advisory Committee meeting held just before Christmas and three students, J. David Miller, Tom Benjamin and Jim Smith attended.

Miller said there remains a number of serious questions with respect to acoustics, lighting, the stage and lighting as they apply to use by students for events such as pubs and concerts.

However, he said, "Eric Garland is actively trying to find solutions to these problems so that the policies can be set by the committee at the next meeting."

Garland is chairperson of the advisory committee and as Assistant Vice President Administration is in charge of the project.

Length of meetings limited

The length of student council meetings was always a constant complaint of councillors but until Jim Smith became president nothing has been done about it.

Smith said in an interview that motion passed at the last meeting would end regular business by 10:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated by council. Further, he said, reports and items for the agenda will have to be in by Wednesday. Smith said this would give him time consider the matters before they went to council and give councillors time to read reports before the meeting, thus saving more time. However, this will not preclude motions from the floor.

Smith said the meeting at which he was seated lasted until midnight and was very tiring. The meeting was held up by a protracted debate over winter carvival ticket sales "When people get tired, anything can go through," said Smith.