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Trudeau says:

No higher jobless rate; aid budget to stand



Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau

SRC protests pub ban

By DERWIN GOWAN

The controversy over pubs in McConnell Hall took a new turn last Friday as Student's Representative Council held an emergency meeting to protest the results of meetings of the residence administration the previous Wednesday and Thursday.

"We attempted ...to work this thing out amicably," said council president Warren McKenzie. However, he said, after promises or near-promises from the residence administration last year, "We are then cut off." He accused the administration of cutting off debate and added, "That is a slap in the face of all students...except the small group which made this decision."

Vice-president Gordon Kennedy said, "The administration has really played it cool in this one where they have divided students against themselves...I would like to see students working together."

The single motion coming from the meeting stated, "The SRC dislikes the clandestine manner in which the use of McConnell Hall has been denied to the majority of students on campus." Further, "There seems to be a question as to whether the remarks of the residence administration are representative of residence student opinion." Also, "The SRC has made a concerted effort to compromise," and "the SRC does not recognize the jurisdiction of the Board of Dons, particularly the Dean, to exclude students from university space."

Therefore, council demanded the use of McConnell Hall for a pub once per month and that if the problem is not rectified, the president of the university "be requested to review the position of Dean of Men's residences W.W. Chernoff for what the SRC feels to be an arbitrary decision exceeding of his jurisdiction to the detriment of all students."

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Alumni seeks power

The associated alumni of this university are setting a precedent for the rest of Canada with the alumni power conference beginning Memorial Hall today.

More than 100 alumni have registered for the conference which will discuss how much power the organization will have in the operation of this university.

An 80-question opinionaire has been prepared to be circulated to the 14,000 alumni members with questions ranging from alumni involvement in job placement for graduates to the organization's relationship with the student government.

Because of the mail strike copies of the questionnaire have been circulated to alumni faculty members. The answers given by faculty members indicate they feel the alumni association should have a much larger voice in the operation of UNB.

About 77 percent of the alumni members serving on the university faculty indicated they want the association to have an active political lobby in the provincial government.

A question asking if the alumni should present briefs on higher education was answered affirmatively.

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By DAVE SIMMS

HALIFAX -- The federal economic restraints program will probably not increase student summer unemployment, said prime minister Pierre Trudeau, to the extent where student aid spending will be increased.

Trudeau was asked by The Brunswickan here Thursday if the clamp on government expenditure announced Oct. 13—which would mean reduced spending in the form of incentives to firms which employ students during the summer—would be compensated for by an increase in the federal contribution to the Canada Student Loans Program.

The prime minister said "he didn't understand" the connection between price and income controls and the prospect of student unemployment but he had "not been contemplating increased expenditures for a program which is working reasonably well."

Any unemployment resulting from the program, he said, would probably include many others aside from students and in such a case the government would make a general response. Public expenditure must be reduced and while "I don't think you should be the only victims," students would be included in the restraint program, he said.

The program was aimed at creating a better investment atmosphere, he said, and this would mean prospects of increased employment for students in the long run.

Trudeau was in Halifax to address over 250 at an Atlantic Provinces Economic Council banquet and draw support for his

government's month-old price and incomes controls.

The "tone of the crusader is no longer needed (in his speeches)," he said, due to the mentality developed in the Atlantic area noted for its "warmth and hospitality." He said he realized he was "talking to a sympathetic, willing audience which might be curious and critical in some ways," but was aware of the need to "follow rules" to end the inflationary spiral.

Success of the program, he said, would signify Canadians "had met the test" of acting by consensus and mean a re-discovery of "fairness, brotherhood and good neighborliness."

Canadians, he said, had realized no economic growth, unemployment and inflation meant "something was out of control...that obviously we can't rely on decision-makers and the economy to make things work."

These problems are no insurmountable, he said, "it's just a matter of us getting together as Canadians, to accustom ourselves to obeying rules imposed from outside. We have to agree to a restraint on liberty to get things under control, to get the economy functioning in a way that is predictable."

It is necessary to "kill the psychology of inflation," he said, which create attempts by members of society to keep up with the most "hysterical" rise in prices when they negotiate for higher wages.

The failure of last year's "Consensus exercise" in voluntary restraint meant stiff measures had to be implemented, said Trudeau. Wages would be controlled such a manner that there was still the

guarantee workers could keep up with inflation and be given an extra two percent raise if they were judged to be falling behind the cost of living increase.

The government is not trying to freeze prices, he said, since this would be impossible with Canada's dependence on imports. "What we're doing is not allowing prices to go up so the producer can protect himself against the most exaggerated cost increase. We're only trying to act against the big and strong groups in society."

"We wouldn't try to implement the program knowing the majority of the people would not support and approve it. There's no precise villain. We're all culprits. It's all of us together who must understand and accept these rules and trust that they will be applied fairly."

The prime minister said the government was meeting with labor representatives "constantly and will continue until we all see that the system will be applied fairly."

When Canadians have learned not to take "more out of the economy than we put into—when we understand this—we will have licked inflation," he said.

The prime minister in a half-hour press conference with members of the Atlantic Community Newspapers Association after the banquet.

—justified the federal energy department's \$212 billions capital expenditure as necessary to maintain the standard of living to which Canadians were accustomed and to explore for more energy sources to continue this standard; —explained that the government's

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Miller raps administration for neglect of AUC advisors

By TOM BENJAMIN
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A member of the Aitken University Centre advisory committee on policy has charged the administration with failing to properly communicate information and decisions which should have gone through the committee.

J. David Miller, a student member of the committee, said the body did not meet in early September as was originally scheduled, and has not met since.

He took issue with a story in University Perspectives which quoted assistant vice-president administration Eric Garland as saying the committee met in July.

None of the student or alumni members attended a July meeting, he said.

Miller said he is "convinced the best interests of the centre have been looked after but there are a lot of critical decisions which have to be made shortly."

Some of the areas to be considered include the stage, public address system, club, furnishings and floor covering.

There is a lot of tension in the

alumni and students, said Miller, "because we don't know what's going on."

Miller said Garland has agreed to supply the committee members with information on the centre but asked "why is it incumbent on us to go down there and beat out the information?"

This is an "intolerable affront" to the committee struck by the board of governors, said Miller, since all factions of the university should be co-operating on the centre.

The centre was planned to be the best in Canada, he said, "and as it stands now it won't be."

Miller said the committee was given no opportunity to discuss the terms of reference of the centre director before either the temporary or permanent directors were appointed.

Press releases were issued announcing the appointment of the directors before the committee was notified, he said.

John Meagher is the acting director and Don Sedgewick will assume the position with the centre's scheduled opening in May.

Miller said there have been no

changes in the physical education aspect of the centre, but changes have been made in general areas that affect students.

Miller said he and Garland "absolutely disagree" about the acoustics of the building.

The original plan was to ensure good acoustic qualities by using perforated metal. The metal perforators were on strike, but construction continued with the intention of finding an alternate method after the superstructure is completed.

The alternative "is not going to be simple," said Miller, "and may cost a significant amount more than the \$20,000 credit available."

Changes have also been made in the planned floor covering, said Miller. The covering underconsideration will not be what the students want because it will eliminate any pubs in the building.

"There has been a change in policy to justify Rinktex (the covering presently under consideration)," said Miller.

He said there are "too many mysterious actions on everyone's part."