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Report recommends more autonomy for UNBSJ

A report released Thursday by the committee established to review the operation of the University of New Brunswick in Saint John recommended consideration be given to the possibility of trading the Saint John campus with Saint Thomas University.

"The exchange between the University of New Brunswick and St. Thomas University of the facilities of the Saint John campus for those of the St. Thomas University on the Fredericton campus" would mean UNB would revert to a single-campus institution at Fredericton.

"STU would become a fully independent and fully autonomous institution in Saint John," said the report.

The Deutsch committee report said "such discussions and negotiations are beyond our terms of reference" but continued to say the proposal should be explored formally and fully without undue delay.

The five-person committee, headed by John Deutsch, was struck to review the operation of UNBSJ since its establishment in 1964, make recommendations for the future of the campus, and examine the relationship of the campus to the university as a whole.

President John Anderson announced Thursday the appointment of a special committee to receive, collate, and react to comments from the senate, UNBSJ faculty council and UNBSJ principal Forbes Elliot.

The committee has been asked to

explore the possibilities of exchanging properties and jurisdictions with St. Thomas University and will present a report Dec. 9.

The committee during May heard 34 presentations at public hearings, and received 28 written submissions.

The 60-page report gave reasons for the "disappointing progress" of the Saint John campus.

It said the assigned role of the campus has always been "purposefully restricted", and was "essentially a branch plant of the main Fredericton campus in every important respect."

"It's principal role was that of a junior college for the preparation of students during the first and second years, in a limited number of courses, preliminary to more advanced studies in Fredericton."

The report cited "a lack of financial and academic resources and a lack of realism in planning."

There was understandable concern, said the report, about the danger of undesirable duplication involving additional costs.

Although there has been considerable development of part-time studies at the campus, "it has been considerably short of what is needed and what should be possible, both in scope and range."

The role of the campus as a "branch plant" was not acceptable, said the report, to the Saint John community or campus as a long-term goal.

A measure to grant more autonomy during 1971-73 by organizational and administrative changes proved to be ineffective.

The report admitted much

"misunderstanding, controversy and bickering" arose between the two campuses.

"Consequently, the impression is given that a mutually frustrating impasse has been reached."

The committee recommended the continued existence of the two campuses, under one board of governors, senate and president.

Graduate studies and research should be possible at both campuses, said the report, under the supervision and control of the school of graduate studies already established in Fredericton.

Curriculum recommendations included:

- concentration on French, rather than other languages, with an enlarged program of part-time French courses.

- development of the humanities

division for full and part-time students, both credit and non-credit.

- that no new interdisciplinary programs be launched in the social sciences during the next five years, and concentration be on developing majors in sociology and clinical psychology.

- the establishment of business administration as a separate division with an appointed director and more autonomy from the Fredericton campus.

- the development of four-year undergraduate programs in biology and chemistry, with research to be increasingly based in Saint John.

- an expanded engineering and teacher education programs.

- the establishment of a co-ordinating committee for training in the

health professions.

- an expanded part-time credit, non-credit and extension course program.

- the development of cultural activities for both students and residents of the city.

The committee also recommended the Saint John campus be given a substantial increase in responsibility in organization and administration.

Recommendations provided for a separate budget for the campus, to be submitted to the MPHEC through the board of governors.

The committee recommended a special senate committee be appointed in Saint John to oversee academic development. The committee would include elected representatives from the student body.

Deutsch addresses convocation

By LINDA STEWART

John Deutsch told students who graduated at University of New Brunswick's October 15 convocation that they must reconcile their expectations with what they can accomplish.

Deutsch, after receiving his Doctor of Laws, was the guest speaker at Wednesday's convocation.

He said his post Second World War generation had as aims rapid economic progress, increase in the general standard of living, a universal public welfare system and economic stability. These objectives he said, were "ambitious and challenging but also clear-cut and straightforward."

Deutsch spoke on the topic of bigness and said these problems were accompanied by congestion, scarce resources and pollution.

"Bigness occurred in education institutions, government and centres of population and as a result individuals are made to feel helpless," he said.

Huge bureaucracy's were being formed with no feeling of destiny. Other problems such as inflation, unemployment and declining quality of life are results of increases in production.

He said he lived in "the revolution of rising expectations". "Big" groups always seem to come out on top, and there was a rise in violence and terrorism.

Three hundred and seven UNB students graduated October 15th when the 23rd fall convocation was

held at Lady Beaverbrook Rink.

The convocation began with an invocation by Wilmont United Church minister, C.R. Moase and opening remarks by university president John Anderson.

Anderson asked all to remain standing for a moments silence in memory of Dr. C.W. Argue, Dr. W.C.D. Pacey, Professor G. A. MacAllister and Dr. J.O. Dineen.

Anderson said full-time enrolment this year is up by about 11 percent. This figure meant, he said, that for the first time in the university's 190 year history enrolment has topped the 6,000 mark.

The president made the payment of the Quit Rent to Lt.-Gov. Hedard Robichaud. This ritual has been followed since the opening of the college and constitutes payment of an English farthing to the Crown.

The presenting of honorary degrees came next and Stanley Cassidy, John Deutsch and John Holmes were presented with honorary doctor of laws degrees. Stanley Gorham received an honorary doctor of science degree.

Anderson said the winner of the Michael J. Cochrane Memorial Medal, Allan McGregor Archibald of Sackville, New Brunswick, was absent.

Policy called nonsense

By DAVE SIMMS

Premier Richard Hatfield's intention to restrain expenditures of New Brunswick's bigger spending departments, Liberal opposition leader Robert Higgins said yesterday, is "nonsense."

Higgins, in an interview following his meeting with University of New Brunswick student president Warren McKenzie, said he saw the need to restrain government expenditure's, incomes and prices as an anti-inflation measure but did not agree with cutting back on the departments of health, education and social services because they were the biggest spenders.

He said he was concerned that Hatfield had not called the legislature into session immediately, since this would allow the strongest groups to maneuver before the federal program of restraint outlined Monday could be enforced properly in New Brunswick.

Higgins said the weaker groups in society such as the large number of unemployed persons in north-eastern New Brunswick would not be protected unless the government decided to act quickly.

He agreed, he said, with an "equitably administered" across the board program but feared that federal Conservative opposition

leader Robert Stanfield's prediction of "harsh justice" (for these persons) would come true.

Thursday's meeting between McKenzie and Higgins was aimed at opening "lines of communication" between students and the opposition, said the student president, and was an outcome of the meeting between Higgins and five provincial student leaders held late last year.

Student aid was not discussed during the meeting but Higgins repeated the stand made in their platform of the 1974 election. This meant he favored establishment of a review committee-including elected student representatives-to oversee granting of the loans.

The government's change in the loan formula introduced in a mini-budget in June from \$1,100 loan, \$700 potential bursary topped by a further \$300 loan to \$1,400 loan and \$400 potential bursary represented the "reverse of the philosophy" behind making student aid available to low income students, he said.

Some way of checking the honesty of the application had to be included, he said, and he did not discount the use of the previous year's tax return as a check.

He said selectivity in the policy applied to applications and appeals is essential.

New Brunswick youth minister Jean-Pierre Ouellette will be part of a student aid forum to be held Oct. 23 in Tilley Hall room 303 at 7:30 p.m.

One subject to be examined, said Atlantic Federation of Students chairman Jim MacLean, will be the decision not to increase the provincial student aid budget.

SRC redeems McKenzie

By DERWIN GOWAN
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Student Council president Warren McKenzie is once again secure in his position as council voted unanimously to rescind the motion asking him to resign in an emergency meeting held last Thursday.

Comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita, one of the instigators of the resolution calling for McKenzie's ouster, said, "It means we want to turn a new leaf in the SRC operation."

McKenzie said, "The executive has to work a lot closer together."

McKenzie said that student reputation was damaged and faculty were questioning whether or not students were mature enough to sit on faculty committees.

McKenzie added that this incident showed that council could make mistakes but they were capable of rectifying the situation and "getting back together."

The statement released to council by the executive stated that "amicable relations" were restored and that McKenzie did not mean to defraud the students' union.

Although the executive believed the matter should have been handled differently, they believe they were right in bringing the matter up in the first place.

They decided that the basic problem was a lack of communication amongst the executive. McKenzie said he is going to start attending Administrative Board meetings and regular executive meetings will be held.

Unlike the previous Monday meeting, most councillors had little to say with respect to the matter and all agreed that a mistake had been made. McKenzie was not allowed to vote.

Council then continued with regular business.

This controversial matter arose in the first place at the previous council meeting when Batanyita and vice president Gary Stairs accused McKenzie of trying to defraud the students' union by taking more courses than he was allowed while receiving full salary.

Although student politicians were taken by surprise, the storm soon subsided as the motion asking for resignation was rescinded before the end of the week during which it was first moved.