

UNB library services to deteriorate

The university will have to accept some deterioration in services and delays in processing projects due to the manner in which the Acquisitions budget was accepted according to the Library Committee. Committee members reported at a Dec. 12th meeting of the Senate, that a budget of

\$831,560 was submitted to the University and accepted at the "expense" of salary and non salary portions of the budget. Members stated that the library lost the equivalent of 12 full time staff as a result.

The Library report said that in Fall of 1977 the committee in

connection with librarians reviewed the responses to a May 1977 emergency request for a 10 per cent decrease in dollars for the amount of journals or standing orders.

A spokesperson said that during the year over 604 titles were cleared for cancellation as well as

additional ones which were either irregular or were no longer in publication. \$22,593 was saved as a result of the former measure, \$6,600 as a result of the latter.

By June of 1978 serial expenditure was \$383,275 and according to the spokesperson this meant a savings of \$18,150. The savings was achieved by the cancellation of even more serials, prepayments and other measures.

Another item brought to the attention of the Senate was the Federal government's decision to no longer use libraries on a full depository system. University Librarian Dr. Gunn said that for many years the Federal government was in the practice of

sending all documents etc. to libraries automatically. She said that a recent cutback in the department concerned with this issue necessitated a change in this system. She said that with the exception of a few libraries most university libraries and others are now on a selective distribution process.

Currently the department sends out a list of titles to the various institutions and the librarians decide which titles they would

like. Dr. Gunn said the institution then has to contact the department informing them of which they would like.

Dr. Gunn said that requests were not guaranteed to be filed

and should the department have to reprint material it would be at the expense of the institution. Dr. Gunn said she feels that the department has transferred the

cost burden to the universities as this system means more work for the librarians. They no longer can assume their files will be complete but are burdened with the paperwork involved in insuring that they are according to Dr. Gunn.

She also felt that the departments would be displeased with a large amount of requests as it would in a manner invalidate what they were trying to do.

Dr. Gunn said that the university has written to MP's and other members of the government

protesting this decision and that many have said they will do what they can on the behalf of the universities. She did not feel optimistic about the efforts.

Cornerstone on display

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Lieutenant Governor Robichaud officially opened the cornerstone, remarking that it "symbolized the aspirations" of the people of New Brunswick when it was laid in September of 1826. We had been given a "unique opportunity to touch the hands of the future by recommitting ourselves to the ideals on which the institution was founded," he stated. He referred to the wish of his predecessor, Lieutenant Governor Howard Douglas, that the university "soon acquire and ever maintain a high and distinguished reputation as a place of general learning and useful knowledge." Sir Howard laid the cornerstone in 1826 and also officially opened King's College on New Year's Day, 1829.

The inscription on the plaque expressed similar hopes, asking that "this stretch of land, . . . wherein many Anglo-Americans driven from their homes for their firm loyalty to King and Country sought refuge, may it by arts, by elegance, by Wealth and in short by all the varied gifts which pertain to civilization be adorned. And likewise the building here constructed by the authority of true Loyalty . . . may it become a Seat of Liberty and Letters, and for many centuries endure."

The cornerstone and its contents are on display in the Old Arts Building, along with a videotape of the actual opening of the cornerstone two months ago. A stone mason worked for over six hours to disengage the capstone from the cornerstone before officials could examine its contents. A replica of the cornerstone crafted by local pewterersmiths was presented to the Lieutenant Governor and Dr. Bailey, and is available in the Bookstore.

Also on display in the Great Hall of the Old Arts building is the King's College Exhibit, a collection of historical documents relating to the institution. The lives and work of faculty members James Robb, Loring Woart Bailey, and graduates Sir George Parkin, Sir George Foster, Sir Charles G.D. Roberts and Bliss Carmen are represented in the exhibit, which was made possible by a gift from the members of the Class of 1930. It was first opened in May of 1976.

Following the events in the Old Arts Building, 'An Historical and Musical Extravaganza' was held in Memorial Hall. A history of King's College written by History Professor T.W. Acheson and directed by Associate Dean of Arts Alvin J. Shaw was read by Vice-President (Saint John) Thomas J. Condon, English Professor Robert Gibbs, and President Emeritus Colin B. Mackay. The musical content of the 'extravaganza' was provided by the Brunswick String Quartet.

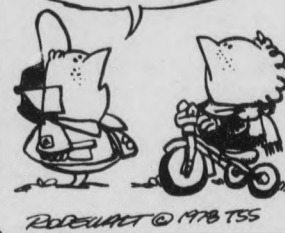
Act I, the Governor, traced the origins of King's College, founded on the "twin pillars" of church and aristocracy, and vigorously promoted by Sir Howard Douglas. Act

II, the Priest, explored the purpose, standards, and type of life at King's College. Act III, the speaker, examined the struggles between the Tory elite who wished to maintain the college as the breeding ground for an Anglican aristocracy, and the general population as represented by the Assembly, who wished the college to become more democratic.

An exhibit of paintings and graphics representing the Old Arts Building, past and present, is on display in the Studio of Memorial Hall. This includes work by Bruno Bobak, Molly Lamb Bobak, Marjory Donaldson, Marion Cumming, Mary Pacey, Basil S. Stead and others, as well as several historical prints.

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while Nova Scotia's were sixth and Prince Edward Island's fifth.

When both were included New Brunswick ranked number seven, Nova Scotia four and Prince Edward Island two.

For the current year the University of New Brunswick received a \$30,213,680 operating grant, a 6.6 per cent increase over the grant from the year before. This represented a 5.3 per cent value increase in the universities operating budget. When included

with tuition fees and other university income.

The report said professors in the region were the lowest paid in Canada and often left for elsewhere. In Canada, and this had a negative impact on retaining highly qualified faculty.

Approximately 75 per cent of cooperating budgets go to pay salaries.

The report also outlined the value of the post-secondary institutions to the region economically and socially.

ACPC report "erroneous"

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basic research should not suffer as a result.

The Physics department report questioned the data contained in the Study concerned with teaching and researching. In a comprehensive discussion the report discussed the statistics given about the Physics department largely disagreeing with the Study's findings and their methods of calculation. It disagreed with the comparisons made between UNB and other Canadian institutions on the grounds that the criterion used was not the same.

The report points out that should their faculties be reduced and courses eliminated then this would not only increase the teaching loads but reduce the available time for research. In addition the service course offerings would be further reduced because of an inability to find faculty to carry out the

required teaching. According to the report 10 other departments and at least one faculty would also be affected, it stated.

The statistics presented in the Study were "erroneous and misleading as well as based on incomplete sources" according to the Physics report which stated that results in the Study meant calculations based on a single year's funding is senseless or that improvement in departmental budget was so dramatic that "old" data does not apply.

In a similar table, 24-4 the performance of various Departments is displayed in a normalized fashion in a manner in which "erroneous, misleading and uninterpretable". According to the Physics report "the documentation is insufficient to reproduce the numbers and in many cases one can only guess what has been calculated," it stated.

The Physics report asserts that the first column of the table which gives the number of faculty doing

teaching and research in each department are not in accordance with numbers obtained from Vice President Academic Eric Garland although the Study holds that they received their numbers from the same source.

The Physics dept. report recommends that the ACPC committee be withdrawn by Committee itself and revised and that the data and documentation provided by the committee should be clarified. The Biology department also proposed alternatives such as paid faculty for 9 months, leaving three months up to the individual to pursue other remunerative activities such as research, increased tuition and scholarships as well as fund solicitation on the part of the University were also suggested. The Senate Committee reiterated its belief that increased efforts to promote continuing professional education could profit both the public and the University.

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