



UNB residences facing major changes

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The UNB residence system is facing some of the biggest changes in its history. More residences are going co-ed, the positions of Dean of Men and Dean of Women are being eliminated, and a new Dean of Residences is being selected. What is perhaps most surprising is the lack of publicity that these changes, which directly affect 25% of the university's students, are receiving.

1. The Acheson Report and

the Integration Committee.

Many of the changes taking place originated with the Acheson Report. Over one year ago, History professor Bill Acheson was placed in charge of a presidential committee to look into the future of the residence system. This committee reported back to President Downey at the end of last year. Among its recommendations were the combination of the Men's and Women's systems into a single system.

This system would be run by two people - a Dean and an Assistant Dean of Residences. The report specifically recommended that these positions be divided between a man and a woman.

The University Administration chose to accept this recommendation and set up an Integration Committee to look at the policies and procedures of an integrated committee. This committee did not get underway until January. According

to one of the two student members, Jim Arsenault of Rosary Hall, matters of consideration were the qualification and criteria for Dons and Proctors, what application and re-application forms should look like, and the allocation of single rooms. This latter issue proved to be one of the major problems for the committee. Traditionally, the women's system has allocated rooms based on grade point average and years in residence while

the men's system has placed a heavy emphasis on participation in residence activities. Several complicated formulas were suggested as compromises but the issue still has not been totally resolved.

Questions have been raised regarding how much opportunity there has been for student input. The chairman of the committee, Dean of Students Don Eagle, when asked about this said that "Because we are dealing with day to day type issues, I'm not sure how much those students (on the Integration Committee) went out into the system to get reactions." But he went on to say, "Both Deans did everything they could to make sure students knew what was going on." However, the chairman of the Residences Representative Council, which is made up of the House Presidents, John Dewey of Bridges House, says that he was not kept well informed regarding the Integration Committee. And Jim Arsenault says that he felt that the administration had already formed opinions regarding what was going to happen to the residence system, and that student opinion wouldn't change these anyway.

Jim Arsenault also questions the timing of the integration committee. Due to the lateness in the year before the committee was finally struck, numerous policy changes will not be implemented in time for next year. For instance, the residence application forms had to be sent out before a common form could be created. He also feels that the Integration Committee would be better off if the Dean of Residences had already been appointed since it is the Dean who will have to implement the report. This would allow the committee to work with the new Dean. At least one member of the Dean of Residence Search Committee agrees, pointing out that the new Dean can overturn virtually anything that the Integration Committee does anyway.

2. The Search for a new Dean of Residences.

Much of the controversy over the integration of the residences and the appointment of the new Dean has to do with the way the present system is

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Liquor prices to rise

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In August of 1983, the Campus Bar Service was granted a special Premises-Cultural License. This replaced the former arrangement under which organizations or persons wishing to arrange bar services had to apply to the board to obtain a separate permit for each event. Under the new

license, the University became directly responsible for arranging bar services in compliance with provincial legislation and the Board's regulations. However, in September of 1984, the University cancelled the bar-service contract with the Board of Directors of the SUB, and became directly responsible for operations as well as controls.

A budget plan for liquor

prices was brought down on March 20. Among other things, the plan proposed that the price of a bottle of beer be raised from \$1.65 to \$1.70. Liquor would stay the same, with house wine being raised from \$10.50 to \$11.10. This plan caused outrage among the student population, whose main contention was that the possibility for social events and pubs would be greatly decreased

due to the price hike. Others were opposed to the inclusion of service development costs, which totalled \$2941.55. This amount includes the purchase of five cash registers (used at bars), (office furniture, the reallocation of liquor storeroom, ice machine, and glassware and racks).

Ric Cuthbertson, Bar Services Manager, stated he received student input and thus drew up a revised draft of the Budget plan and pricing system for the fiscal year 1985-86. This plan is based on his assumptions on sales volumes at cost for a twelve-month period (February 1984 to January 1985). During this period, students consumed 68.6% of the total product and non-student functions accounted for the remaining 31.4%.

In contrast to the present format for student events which had a new loss of \$46,117.49, the proposed format (with beer at \$1.25) would have a net profit of \$1154.96. In a breakdown of the \$1.25 cost to student organizations, the cost of the product made up for .723 cents of the total amount. The service development costs, which many people were concerned with, made up .056 cents of the total.

Previously, the non-student functions had a net loss of \$6340.13; with the proposed format, the net profit would amount to \$657.90.

Cuthbertson pointed out that when an organization arranges for an event, the Campus Bar Service provides all the needed materials, with the exception of the band.

Nevertheless, there will undoubtedly be opposition to this revised draft, as the price of liquor will inevitably be raised.

Arson suspected in Old Arts blaze

Early last Friday morning, a fire broke out in the Old Arts Building that resulted in files being scorched. According to Chief of Security Williamson, "The fire looks like it could have been purposely set." Subsequently, the arson squad of the City Fire Dept. is investigating the cause, as well as the City Police Dept. Williamson did not know when the investigation would be concluded.

Downey accepts second term

James Downey, president of UNB, recently announced at a meeting of the university senate that he will accept a second term as chief executive officer of the 200-year-old institution.

The second term, of five years, will begin on August 1, 1985, subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

Downey's acceptance follows a joint recommenda-

tion from the UNB senate and board of governors on March 28 that he be reappointed.

Downey was born and grew up in Winterton, Newfoundland, an outpost on Trinity Bay. He earned a BA (1962), a Bachelor of Education (1963), and a MA in English literature (1964), from Memorial University of Newfoundland. In 1966, he received a PhD from the University of London, where he studied as

a Rothermere Fellow.

In 1980 Downey was installed as UNB's 14th president and vice-chancellor. In addition to his responsibilities on UNB's two campuses in Fredericton and Saint John, Downey has also served as president of the Canadian Bureau for International Education, chairman of the board of the Maritime Forest Ranger School, vice-chairman of the board of directors of the Maritime Forestry Complex Corporation, member of the executive committee of the Corporate-Higher Education Forum, and chairman of the Association of Atlantic Universities. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and the Canadian Nursing Association, and sits on the Council of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Anthro. will not move

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Plans that would have seen the Anthropology department moved to Keirstead, and the Annex C building destroyed were rejected last Thursday at the Dean's meeting.

This meeting, to which no media persons were allowed

entry, concluded that any future plans concerning construction will be made by the University Community.

Reaction to the rejection has so far been one of a positive note. Annex C carried a banner exclaiming, "NO BOASTING, WE'RE TOASTING!"