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BOG Reaches Decision

By NATALIE FOLSTER

The dispute over UNB's funding policy has been settled, at least for the time being.

After a long and heated debate, the Board of Governors has accepted the recommendations of its committee on inter-campus allocation of provincial government operating grants. It will continue to use the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission formula to divide funds between the Fredericton and Saint John Campuses.

At the same time, the University will continue to press the MPHEC to give separate grants to each campus. This would make rapidly growing UNBSJ eligible for extra assistance from the province. This increase in funding is available to campuses that

experience high levels of enrolment growth.

Under the current arrangement, UNB is funded as a single unit. In determining the grant sum, enrolment figures are averaged between the two campuses. Since UNBF has a larger student body growing at a much slower pace, the University's enrolment expansion, measured as a whole, does not meet the minimum standard for special assistance.

Before it will consider separate grants for the Fredericton and Saint John campuses, the MPHEC must be convinced that UNBSJ fulfills a unique educational need in the area.

The academic and planning committee of the UNBSJ Senate is currently examining the role of the Saint John campus. It has been asked to report on its findings to the

B.O.G. on May. It will look at such questions as what programmes UNBSJ is best suited to offer, and the direction of its academic development.

In making their decision, the B.O.G. stressed that current levels of funding for the whole university are not adequate to allow UNB to meet all its responsibilities.

UNBSJ Student President Tony Gogan says that while he is disappointed with the Board's decision to keep the using the new funding formula, it did not come as a surprise. He attributes the decision to the fact that the majority of Board Members are from Fredericton. The task of Saint John students, as he sees it now, is to show the public and the MLA's that UNBSJ does meet a vital need in the community and should be allotted a separate grant from the province.

Sexual harassment complaint

By STEPHEN MARKS

At its regular meeting last Monday night, Student Union Council formed a committee to investigate a complaint of sexual harassment.

the committee, comprised of 2 men and 2 women (one woman member still to be appointed) will look into a letter of complaint received by former employee and Brunswickan Features Editor

Karen Braun. Following an incident last term in the Brunswickan offices, Ms. Braun feels her rights have been violated.

Braun also wants to test the mechanisms established by the university to deal with cases such as hers, to see if they are adequate.

Though that is her intent, the investigation has only reached the level of student government.

So far, the committee is comprised of VP Internal Larry Hansen, and Student Councilors Marie Gribbon and Scott Clements.

A look back: Carny/56

In anticipation of Winter Carnival, we present *THE BRUNSWICKAN'S* Jan. 25, 1956 coverage of the first Carnival.

From an idea first discussed on the snowy slopes before the Arts Building by several ardent skiers just a year ago, the UNB Winter Carnival has grown to a healthy size. The first, of what it is hoped will become an annual event, will be opened officially tomorrow night in the new Lady Beaverbrook Rink by President Dr. Colin B. McKay. Two days of winter sports and activities will follow giving the students of UNB their first chance to relax as a group and enjoy a few days of a season which usually provides only difficulty in getting "up the hill" and a muddy spring.

Originally the Carnival this year was planned to embrace only UNB as it was thought that to invite in students from other universities would tax the accommodation facilities of Fredericton too much, and the success of the Carnival is yet to be proved. Mt. Allison University students however, not to be left out, have arranged to come by train to the Saturday event. 350 of them will be arriving at ten that morning. Two other Maritime Universities will be represented by athletic teams, Acadia and St. Dunstons.

If the Carnival is a success, and it appears as if it should be, the committee of the future should seriously consider inviting all the universities of the Atlantic Provinces to participate. Much good-will and understanding could come from such an event and UNB is the only University with the athletic plant to stage it.

Referendum results:

Let's talk about it

By DAVID PYE

In a display of grass roots democracy, Prince Edward Islanders voted in a plebiscite by a 60%-40% margin in favor of a fixed link connecting the Island to New Brunswick.

The campaign was an emotional one centering on a number of different views about the potential effects and benefits of such a link.

Currently the federal government maintains a link in the form of a ferry service at a cost of \$35 million.

The hype surrounding the fixed link question had jelled into four identifiable positions. One view holds that the distinct Island 'way of life' would be destroyed by a permanent link. Another aspect of the issue is that the 637 people who currently are employed on the Cape Tormentine-Borden run would lose their jobs when the fixed link becomes operational. This would have a serious impact in a province where 20,000 people out of a population of 127,000 now draw unemployment insurance.

However, some Islanders see the potential for positive economic benefits to the province from such a link. Since the export of agricultural products forms an important base of P.E.I.'s economy, it is obvious that firms such as Cavendish Foods would benefit from lower shipping costs and increased flexibility in shipping their products to the marketplace.

Obviously a fixed link would bring increased tourism to P.E.I. which is the other mainstay of the Island's economy. But the increased traffic would have a downside in that only one-fifth of the province's 5,500 kilometres of paved highways meet all weather standards. The problem is that Island highways are built on a sandy base which gives a life expectancy of only ten years.

The more exciting side of this debate centers on what form the fixed link should take. A tunnel would cost \$4 million per year to operate while a bridge would only cost half of that figure.

However, the construction of a bridge across the Northumberland Strait presents formidable engineering problems involving strong winds, blowing snow and ice. Therefore, a tunnel is the most practical way to connect P.E.I. with the mainland.

Either way, the construction of a fixed link would represent a welcome injection of money into the Island's economy.

Profiles of Success

Several successful New Brunswick women will be profiled in a new series at the University of New Brunswick.

Profiles of Success is sponsored by the UNB faculty of administration and the New Brunswick Women's Directorate. Several prominent professional women will discuss their managerial roles as well as the academic, professional and personal characteristics which have contributed to their success.

Claire Morris, deputy

Department of Health and Community Services, will begin the series on Friday, Jan. 29. Ms. Morris will speak from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 300 of Tilley Hall on the Fredericton campus. Appointed deputy minister in January 1983, Ms. Morris has worked in various capacities with the departments of health and social services since 1970.

The second speaker in the series is Aldea Landry, president of the executive council and minister of intergovernmental

affairs for the Province of New Brunswick. She will speak on Friday, Feb. 19, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 300 of Tilley Hall. Ms. Landry is a lawyer and president of the Liberal Party.

Alice Gardiner, comptroller and secretary-treasurer of Gardiner Realty in Fredericton, will speak on Friday, March 18, at 11:30 a.m. in Room 300 of Tilley Hall.

The public is invited to attend all lectures. Prize Winners in New Talent 88