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Engineers, Model UN come up short

by Carolyn Ryan

The Student Union Council has found it doesn't have enough money in its donation budget to give two sub-organizations the money they need for educational trips off the Island.

Both the Engineering Society and the Model UN delegation asked for money to make up shortfalls in their budgets, at the Sunday night meeting.

The Engineers are sending thirty mem-

bers of their graduating class to UNB on Thursday for a one-day tour of the campus they may be attending next year. They will meet profs, see the facilities, and examine the residences.

They need \$500, as their budget from fund-raising was short by this amount, and they have to save enough money for their class banquet at graduation.

The Model UN, which is going to New York

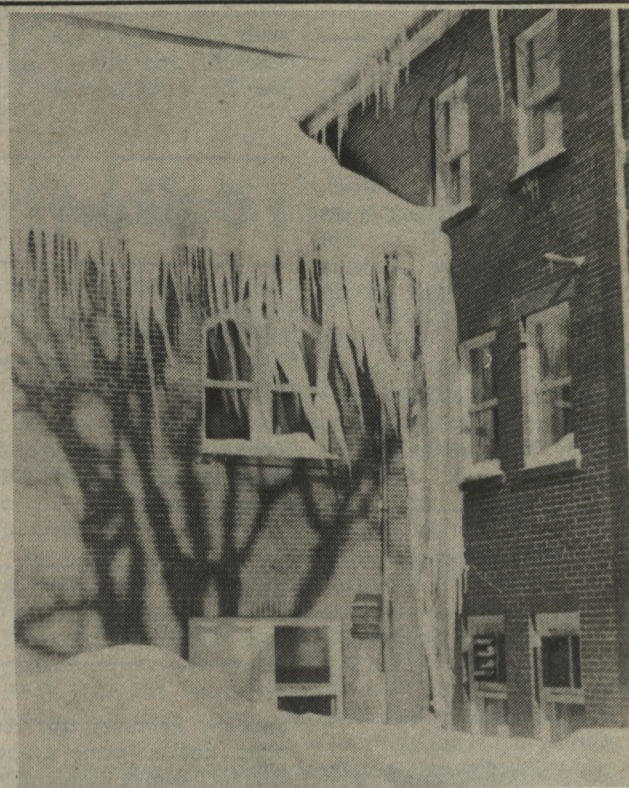
in April for ten days to attend a 165-school mock general assembly, asked for \$1000. This is a yearly source of funding for the club -- last year they were given \$600 of a requested \$750.

Council heard both presentations, then went into an in-camera session to discuss the allocations, from a planned donations budget of \$2000 for the year.

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Details of summer job program leaked by NDP

OTTAWA (CUP) — The federal government is drawing up a business oriented summer job program for students that will create 20,000 fewer jobs and cost \$61 million less than a similar program did last year, a government document reveals.

The document's details, released by NDP MP Howard McCurdy in the House of Commons Jan. 28, indicate the Tories plan to provide 65,000 summer jobs through a \$140 million program. McCurdy obtained the document from the Employment and Immigration Union.

The Liberal government created nearly 86,000 summer jobs for students last year through its \$201 million Summer Canada Works, the country's largest student job creation program. Summer Canada Works was virtually eliminated when the Tories announced their Nov. 8, 1984 economic statement.

Flora MacDonald, employment and immigration minister, denied in the House Jan. 28 that she has approved the document, which contained a memo saying she had done so. She also refused to admit the government is

slashing the amount of money and number of jobs allocated to students, and left the House without stopping to answer reporters' questions.

A day later, however, she said she had approved the document for "further consideration" along with other proposals and would be announcing a replacement for Summer Canada Works soon.

Said McCurdy, the NDP post-secondary education and youth critic: "Yesterday in the House the minister denied that she has seen and agreed to a program called (Summer Experience and Learning Fund) High level officials in the minister's own department have now confirmed the legitimacy of the document which I said yesterday she had seen.

"Someone surely is misleading the public. Some surely is not telling the truth," he said.

Replied MacDonald: "When I finally had a chance to see the document ... I recognized it as a preliminary document to which I had agreed there should be given further consideration ... (That) is on-going and out of it will come the decisions which govern the Canada student summer employment program."

The Summer Experience and Learning Fund, as described in the document, is a radical departure from Summer Canada Works. Out of the program's \$140 million \$125 million is new money and \$15 million will be avail-

able if needed.

The government expects federal departments and agencies to find money from their constrained budgets to fund another 5,000 jobs and will challenge the private sector to create additional openings. It hopes these two measures will add to the 65,000 slated for students.

About \$108 million will take the form of wage subsidies under the banner of Incentives for Career Employment. The government plans to give priority to those private, municipal and non-profit groups which provide

jobs linked to students' education and career plans.

The government will subsidize private sector groups for up to 50 per cent of students' wages with a maximum of \$3 an hour and non-profit groups for up to 100 per cent. This part of the program resembles a similar segment of Summer Canada Works called Summer Career Access, to which the Liberals \$31.9 million last year.

The document says \$16 million will be allocated for Canada Employment Centres for Students, comparable to the liberals' \$15.9 million,

and \$14.2 million for jobs and training in federal departments and agencies. These include training in cadet and reserve programs as well as keeping the peace and law enforcement.

The government failed to consult with the Canadian Federation of Students, Canada's national student lobby group, when it drew up the document. It sent a letter to CFS chair Beth Olley saying the employment and immigration minister did not have time to speak to the federation about developing plans for a suitable student

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Liberal Campus Club attracts a meagre few

By Lori Anne Heckbert

Last Tuesday's Liberal Campus Club meeting, the first of 1985, was rather poorly attended.

A sum total of six people, excluding guest speakers and the press, showed up to participate in the proceedings.

Give credit where credit's due, the hardy die-hards didn't let it phase them one bit; they realized that the federal party's abysmal showing in the last federal election had of course had provincial repercussions, and they took it well in stride.

The meeting opened with an address by the Campus Club President, John Slipp. He said the main goal of the club would be to provide a vehicle for youth to speak

and be heard in government.

He also said students could expect to see letters going out to various government officials.

"We're not going to sit around, we're going to ndo," he asserted.

Mr. Joseph Ghiz, leader of the opposition in the provincial legislature, spoke about unemployment and the 30% cutbacks for students this coming summer.

He recongized that the employment situation has changed radically since he was a student in the 1960s. He stressed the need for Ottawa to be made aware of students concerns.

He insisted, repeatedly, that lobbying was the name of the game. He said, using an

analogy: "The squeaky wheel gets the grease."

Ghiz had a few choice remarks about the irony of this being the International Youth Year. He believes its a crying shame that government has forgotten where the future of the country lies: in its youth.

Without much further ado, the meeting wound to a close after a brief address by Michelle Dorsey, SU President. She urged that in lobbying, we take advantage of our parent's voice in the community.

With that, Slipp closed the meeting, with the promise that a new meeting would be following shortly, and the advice to keep our eyes open for a posted notice.

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