

# Trip Away cont:

headed for the bar. Soon a Moosehead P.R. man came out and said that he wasn't going to show the film as we all know how beer is made. Doug by the way knows how beer is made as he and Bill another Bus. student have made a whole lot which should be ready for sale come Senior Week. A light lager in 28oz. bottles.

Seven or eight beers later it was time to debate where next year's conference would be. As Doug had not been delegated the power to speak for U.P.E.I. he was drunk enough to assume it. Thus next year U.P.E.I. will host the Atlantic Business Mud Wrestling tournament.

It is here that Doug's memory began to fade and he doesn't remember going to Lawrence of Oregon's, My Apartment, and the split Crow with Will. Doug regained consciousness just outside Truro.

Again our brave courier de bois had to fight a raging blizzard on the return trip. With only 11 old scotians left for the journey back, things did indeed look grim.

The Ferry trip back was marked by Doug's dogged determination to beat Will at some video game. So wrapped up in the competition were our

duo that a member of the crew had to notify them that unless they wished to return to N.B. they had better get their car off. Dashing below they saw their poor vehicle dwarfed by the emptiness and enraged car operators waiting to board. A humiliating end to such a journey.

In review of their weekend the two could easily draw comparisons with the Hobbit or Watership down but prefer to think that what they did, any fine young Bus. student would do. To represent ones school, to brave the elements, to fight impossible odds, to go where no man has gone before (that was Will's eventful night) Yes they are proud to have been chosen and at no gain to themselves they ask, "Would we do it again?....."

Now for those who are interested in what took place in the Seminars.....

Seminar # 1 Topic, Energy: The Resources by Dr. David MacKay of the centre for Energy Studies

from the N.S. Technical University. The Topic was on Oil. We missed it. We did arrive in time to hear Mike Meacher from ICG Scotia Gas. His lecture generally covered the role of gas and coal in N.S. noting how the two were complimentary sources of energy and not in competition. Mr. Meacher spoke on the advantages of gas (ie price) and said distribution centres will be built in N.S. during 1984 - 5. Next on the agenda was Dan Brown from the N.S. Power Corporation. After a brief history of N.S.P.C. he talked about the new Coal Fire Plants that are being opened up and left us with the impression that the Maritimes were Energy rich. The only problem being when how and if the Maritimes can develop such things as Offshore Oil, Uranium, Hydro, and Tidal Power. His speech was not especially enlightening.

Seminar # 2 Topic, Energy Policy. The first speaker was Stuart Peters, supposedly a critic. The majority of his lecture was on L.N.G. He dispelled rumors about the safety of transporting liquid Natural Gas and told us of nuclear powered ships designed to reach it in the Arctic. He left us with the impression that he was very high on Natural Gas. You may ask what all this has to do with someone who is supposed to be a critic on Energy Policy, we were too polite too.

Next was Rocco Delvechio from the ministry of State for Economic Development. He felt the main issues confronting policy makers were (1) Security of Supply, (2) Opportunity for Canadians to take part in Energy Development and (3) Regional Revenue Sharing.

Mr. Delvechio felt the energy agreement was very good and believed that it would enable Canada to Achieve energy self sufficiency by 1990. As far as the effect it has had on oil capital going south, he felt the potential available here in Canada was too much to pass over for the immediate gains companies make by going to the States.

Mr. Delvechio says the longrun benefits of staying in Canada should bring some Companies back. He also spoke on how the structuring of Gas Pricing relative to that of oil will encourage its substitution for oil. This will effect such residual issues

as gas going to eastern Canada.

Seminar # 3 Topic, Financing Energy Projects. This was presented by Peter Martin: Economist Vice president and Director of McLeod, Young and Weir Ltd.

This seminar dealt with a topic seldom realized by laymen or students. His presentation covered the cost and availability of Capital. The Terms and conditions in obtaining it. The advantages and disadvantages of stand alone project financing and other financing entities. Joint venture financing and Financing entities with Gov't credit with comments on using gov't guarantees in the future.

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Seminar # 4 Topic, The Environment. Pat LeBlanc of the N.S.P.C. led off the discussion referring to revitalization of the Coal industry, Coal Fire Plants, and Acid Rain. He noted the major problem of coal was how to treat the by-products produced from burning it. The solution to the problem is to find environmentally safe ways to dispose of these by-products. The only problem here being that economics also becomes an important factor. This is evident when treating the chemicals causing acid rain is discussed. While New coal fire plants are being fitted to combat nitrogen oxide nothing is being done about sulphur because of costs.

Susan Holtz, from the Ecology Action Centre. She spoke on obviously enough, environmental concerns to Nova Scotians with the advent of New Coal Fire Plants and a massive Tidal Project. She Felt the Tidal project shouldn't be rushed thru, until more is known about the effects on the area. The Bay of Fundy is a stop over for large numbers of migratory birds and a tidal project could damage the tidal flats where they feed. This is only one example of several unknowns that must be considered. I expected a placard waving, twig eating type but was suprised with her professional presentation. She realized that we must do something to obtain the power needed, and accepted the new Coal Plants.

She would however like to see "scrubbers" implemented to reduce acid rain. Too expensive countered the N.S.P.C. rep. Incidentally she is also against Done Pete building a shipyard on MacNab Island near Halifax.

Leslie Rowe: Mobil Oil. Her presentation was on how Mobil was doing impact studies on communities involved with the offshore exploration. She also did the usual, how prepared a rig was for emergencies, with prepared contingency plans for every known emergency, save the freighter adrift in the near vicinity which they are now making a contingency plan for. She also explained the shared emergency equipment with N.F.L.D. such as slick lickers, booms etc. all ironically pretty

useless in ice. She mentioned how rigs do meteorological studies by constantly monitoring wind speed and direction and

even wave height, all of which is used by Environment Canada to calculate an inaccurate forecast.

Bill Coulter: N.S. Dept. of the environment. He stated Government Policy determines what will be done and not environmental groups. He said it was mainly their job to inform of potential dangers and let Gov't decide whether to ignore, modify or scrap projects.

Seminar # 5 Gordon MacNab of the National Sciences and Engineering Research Council. (technology & Conservation)

Mr. MacNab is also with the Atomic energy Canada. His forecast for the Maritimes was dismal and felt the major need is a Maritime Energy Corporation. He is an avid supporter of Nuclear power and feels it should be used. He ridiculed Gov't forecasting saying he was part of the 1972 forecast which would have a barrel of oil at \$5.00 a barrrell in 1980.

The last session of the conference was with

Zavis Zeman who is with the institute for Research on Public Policy. He spoke on the increasing MEGA projects, as it was the last session and he spoke with a thick Czech accent, we didn't understand any of it.

GOOD DAY FROM  
DOUG ORFORD &  
WILL GOUGH