

# ANTI-NUKES MAY HAVE NIXED NEW NUCLEAR REACTOR

**FREDERICTON (CUP)** - Environmental activists who were afraid New Brunswick was being used as a guinea pig for an untested CANDU reactor, now believe construction plans for the province's second nuclear power plant have been shelved.

"Unofficial sources have told us (that the Lepreau 2 nuclear generating plant) is on the back burner because of the opposition, though it's a little premature to make any final judgements," said Janice Harvey, executive director of the 99-member Conservation Council of New Brunswick.

Harvey estimated some 29,000 post-cards condemning Lepreau 2 have been sent to politicians. The protest came to a head in June when approximately equal numbers

of pro- and anti-nuclear power marchers demonstrated during a meeting of the CANDU and Nuclear Association and the Canadian Nuclear Society in St. John.

The 150 pro-Lepreau demonstrators pointed to N.B.'s unemployment rate - which Statistics Canada reports hit 11 per cent in August - as a major reason to favour the creation of the new plant.

But the council says studies show that the same amount of money needed to create one job in nuclear construction could create eight manufacturing or 17 service sector jobs.

But the corporate director of public affairs for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL), Ian Mumford, said negotiations are continuing.

Mumford said the corporation's analysts are recommending the 300-megawatt system to meet the provinces' energy needs, projected to increase an average of 2.9 per cent every 12 months to the year 2000. Lepreau 1 is a 600-megawatt generating plant.

The potential purchaser of the crown corporation's product, however, sounded less certain.

According to N.B. Power's latest annual report, the utility appears to be leaning towards converting already existing coal-burning facilities.

Roland Kraus, N.B. Power senior public affairs adviser insisted talks are ongoing. He says Lepreau 1, which celebrated its fifth birthday last Friday was originally built with the idea that many of its

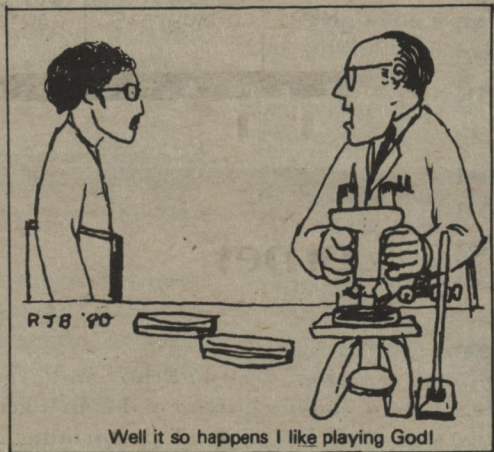
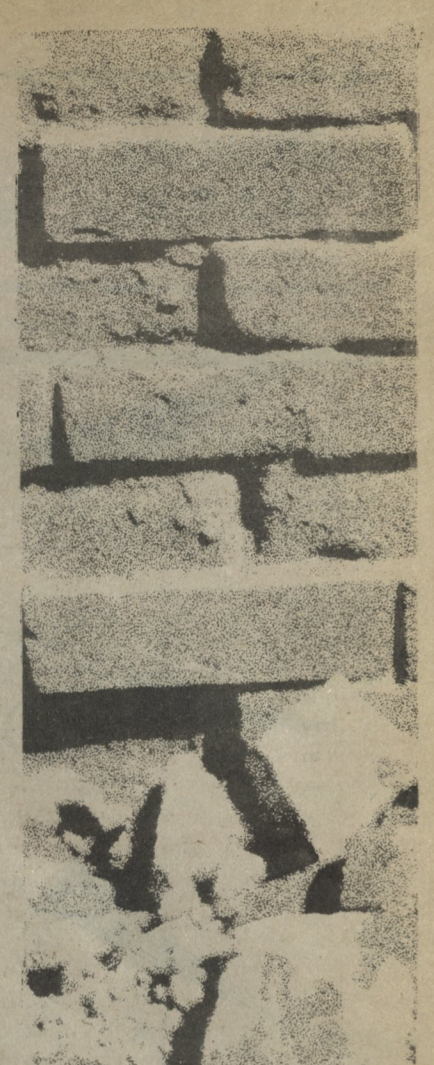
facilities would be shared with a second nuclear plant.

According to a poll dated November 1986 and commissioned by an N.B. trade journal, 72 per cent of respondents are against a new nuclear station.

Chris Pekaric, a volunteer with an Halifax-based environmental lobby, Ecology Action Centre, says the AECL hasn't sold a reactor since 1979.

"Of course it (the company) wants to sell a reactor in Canada - it's a sales tactic. It wants to tap into the third world market," Pekaric says. She believes the crown corporation is using the Maritime provinces as a guinea pig to test its as yet untried CANDU 300 model.

The Council launched the People Against Lepreau 2 Campaign in December. ■



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nent areas here at UPEI are sports. UPEI has some of the very best sports teams in the country and they are always looking for potential recruits. Even if you are not interested in sports at this competitive level you can get involved in the intramural program here. You can even just come out and cheer for our great teams ( it's easy, they win a lot ) So what if you just plain don't like sports, well does the debating team, the student council, or the social committee turn your crank? How about the biology club, the radio station, or this fine newspaper sound? You see there are so many ways to get involved that there is no excuse not to get into things here at UPEI.

Being involved is a very rewarding experience, in

fact it could actually help you in your studies, because if you feel a part of something then you will be able to work in its atmosphere better. If this sounds like some kind of sales pitch, well, it is. All of us here at UPEI really want to get to know you freshman you are a very important body of students and we want you in all of our activities. Speaking for myself I can tell you that I'm sure you will have a great year at UPEI. Remember to hold your heads up high and think positive, 1987-88 is going to be a great one.

Well freshman, that's all for now. I hope you have a really good two weeks and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the next two weeks, until then, happy days. ■

## Bio-Rhythms

### The Biology Club Column

The UPEI Biology Club has become one of the most active clubs on this campus. The current membership is sixty students and is growing steadily. All biology students are eligible and encouraged to join (This includes Freshmen). Club meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:30 in the Bio Club Lounge upstairs in the Duffy Science Building, just follow the signs! The membership fee is \$5.00 and this entitles you to liberal use of the lounge, valuable contacts, biology information, as well as invitations to many of the club's social activities. ( In all modesty our parties are INCREDIBLE ).

The president of the Bio-Club for 1987-88 is Jason Thompson with Joanne McGinn as Vice President and Doug Kelley as Secretary/Treasurer.

Since we've returned we have had a successful Car Wash, despite the rain, followed by an even more successful outrageous Bio-Club party!!! Ask anyone who was there!

Presently we have a logo search running and all Biology students are asked to submit an entry. All entries are to be tacked to the bulletin board in the lounge. Please leave your name and year next to the entry.

We are also in the process of sponsoring a Foster Child through the Foster Parents Plan. We urge other sub-organizations to consider doing the same as it is a very worthwhile cause.

Funds for the Biology Club Scholarship look very promising. The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating student intending to do graduate studies. Last year's recipient was Larry Green, who is presently at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia beginning his Masters Degree in Science.

This year as a whole, looks very promising. Last year was the most successful year the Bio-Club has ever had in terms of membership, fund raisers and, of course, PARTIES!!! In true Bio-Club style we do fully intend to exceed last year's achievements.

REMEMBER: 12:30 every Wednesday in the Biology Club Lounge.

### A MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY TO BILLY'S PARENTS

Billy had brains, his parents were proud  
Even in day care everyone "wowed"  
He'll go places everyone thought!  
"He's the smartest child I ever taught!"  
He read many books, impressed all his peers  
He was considered by all, beyond his years.  
Everyone wondered, "What will he be?"  
"A doctor, A Lawyer, A Ph.D?"  
he graduated from high school at the top of his class  
His time of decision had come to pass.  
He announced, "I want to be an Engineer."  
His parents then realized their very worst fear  
Oh, the shame that his parents have had to face  
The mind is a terrible thing to waste! ■