

A.U.C.C. CONVENTION ZALEWSKI IN OTTAWA

From October 30th through November 6th, Brian Zalewski, Vice-President in charge of Internal Affairs at U.P.E.I., attended the convention of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (A.U.C.C.), in Ottawa. Upon his return, the CADRE interviewed him to find his reactions to the conference and just what was accomplished. He went as the student representative of the U.P.E.I. delegation, which also included President Baker, Deans Smith and Duffy, Prof. Black of the Education Department, Dr. Osmond of Psychology, and Mr. Crockett, the librarian.

The A.U.C.C. was founded in 1911 as a sort of "Presidents' Club" of the universities and colleges of Canada. It has since let in representatives from the administrations and faculties, and 6 or 7 years ago admitted student representation for the first time.

U.P.E.I. attended this year as an observer only, with the expectation of becoming full-fledged voting members. This was accomplished during this conference.

Mr. Zalewski went up to the conference two days early in order to meet with the students before the formal conference began. He describes his experience: "I arrived on the 30th, to attend the student meetings. The student delegates met in caucus to discuss common problems and prepare resolutions for the

plenary session. We discussed such subjects as student finances (i.e. provincial student loans), this summer's Opportunity for Youth program, parity of student representation on administrative boards the degree of involvement of the student in the community around the college; and we sent letters to Nixon protesting the Amchitka blast, and to the Department of Indian Affairs to show our concern for the Indian situation.

"The students went up there to accomplish something. We were quite organized and clear as to what our main goal was: we wanted more representation on the A.U.C.C. Board of Directors. This was foiled, for the most part, by the constitutional procedure for the A.U.C.C.

"Some of the students wanted to withdraw from the organization because they felt we were only "takenly" represented, but the majority of us felt that we should stay because one can only change a system by working within it.

"There were quite a few blowhards up there who just got up to rant and rave in order to hear themselves speak. However, the majority of the students wished to form a workable and beneficial organization. I was quite impressed with the calibre of student

government in most of the universities. It is interesting to note that we are right up there with the other universities. Our student government impressed the credentials committee of the A.U.C.C. (who visited our campus earlier this fall). We are among the more liberal of the student governments.

"We seem to have a better situation than most universities in at least one very important aspect: we have much better student representation than most in all levels of the university administration, from the Board of Governors right down to the departmental levels. No administrative member or faculty member will refuse to ever see a student, which happens at some of the larger universities.

"We're no worse off in terms of the 'student non-involvement' problem. It seems to be a common problem. We did come up with one possible remedy for this situation. We proposed giving academic credit for students who participate in university administration. This will be studied by the Board of Directors.

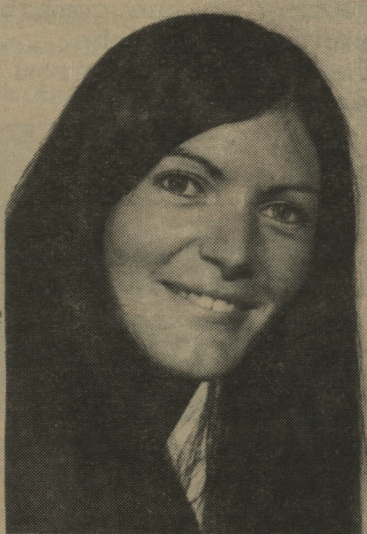
"The A.U.C.C. is organized to be very slow in acting. When resolutions are proposed to the Board, they are taken into consideration during the next year, to be acted upon at

the next conference. This is an innate one year "time-log." A Student Advisory Board was set up to convene in December and advise the Board of Directors on the resolutions before them. I was fortunate enough to be selected to this Advisory Board as one of the two representatives from the Maritimes.

"Actually, myself and a girl from Mt. St. Vincent's were the only people there from the Maritimes. The other delegates were thrilled to see us, as the Maritimes are sort of out of touch with the Ontario and Quebec universities. The association is based on Ontario universities. In fact, the Ontario universities get together by themselves regularly, which I think we should do here in the Maritimes.

"I think we profited a great deal from sending a delegate to this conference. We made ourselves known to other universities. The big thing was that the students from across Canada got a chance to get together and exchange ideas. I think that we can exert a powerful positive influence on this nation as a group, and I heartily endorse the remaining of U.P.E.I. as an active member in the A.U.C.C."

BYE BYE, BEV



This Friday, the 17th of November, will be the last working day for Mrs. Bev. Jorgensen the U.P.E.I. Health Nurse. Bev, first became associated with our campus in October 1969, when she was hired as our first health nurse. Now two years and one month later she is leaving the Health center in the capable hands of Medical

director Dr. Charles Brown and an assisting staff of four; Doctors; Sullivan, Lund, Lantz and Callaghan. Plus a full time nurse Mrs. Joyce Gallant.

Bev and her husband, Niels are moving to Montreal where they will

take up permanent residence, with Niels working as Engineering Superintendent for Chimo Shipping. Niels was formerly a member of the Coast Guard and his last undertaking was setting up a Marine Engineering School at Holland College. Not only did he set up this course but he also taught it.

Bev would like to work with young people again and might get a job as a nurse with some Montreal university; however, as Bev said, "I might have some little ones of my own to look after."

Talking about her years here, Bev said, "I am going to miss U.P.E.I. and the kids very much.

I thoroughly enjoyed my two years here making many friends and having some really great experiences and I hope that everyone will feel free to drop in and visit if ever they are in Montreal."

And so Bev to you we offer our best wishes and our sincere hope that you enjoy Montreal as much as we have enjoyed having you here at U.P.E.I.. "The best of luck to the best of people."

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