

NEWS BRIEFS

Oil For Rhodesia

Prime Minister Verwoerd has announced that South Africa will allow oil supplies to be sent to its neighbour, Rhodesia. Mr. Verwoerd's statement came as Britain made plans to tighten its sanctions on rebellious Rhodesia through further economic sanctions. The Prime Minister spoke against the introduction of African majority rule in Rhodesia, saying it would lead to chaos and destruction. Writing in *Punch*, Prime Minister Ian Smith stated that although his country's immediate future would be devoted to overcoming the economic difficulties deliberately and maliciously thrust on Rhodesia, the will of Prime Minister Wilson, that the unlimited potential of one country at least certainly guaranteed a bright future.

Disarmament Conference Resumes

After a four-month recess the Geneva Disarmament Conference resumed. US President Lyndon Johnson introduced a seven-point program designed to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons, halt the nuclear arms race and reduce stockpiles. Johnson's message was read to the conference by Pope Paul VI in an unprecedented move. Appeared directly to the conference to achieve "positive and concrete" results for the sake of peace so that money spent on arms could be spent for the benefit of humanity.

Go-Go Girls Kidnapped

University of Montreal students swept through the city last week arousing utter havoc. The occasion was their traditional pranks night which marked the opening of the UM Winter Carnival. The immense take included two go-go girls who were kidnapped, bound and gagged; forty-four Detroit Red Wing Sweaters stolen from the Montreal Forum; a small bear; a portrait of the Queen, wiped from the lobby of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel; five flags; the Golden Book from City Hall which contained the Queen's signature; a brewery truck; a pilgrim's bus; a CBC reporter's car; Sharon Sholberg, President of McGill University's Student Council; and one pig. The city seized with a much spirit as the students, thirty-nine were arrested and David Molson, president of the Canadiens, announced that he would press charges.

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Council By Candlelight

The regular weekly SRC meeting was held last Sunday in the Tartan Room. It was interrupted briefly by a power failure during which debate continued. One student appeared with a handful of candles and the meeting went on for more than an hour in a romantic pre-carnival atmosphere.

In a brief report, SRC President Carty told incoming council members what they should read before the new council takes office. He also mentioned a leadership lab, perhaps as a hint.

Finance Chairman Alfred Brien said \$30,000 still has not been spent by clubs and the SRC, although most of this money has been budgeted for.

The Debating Society had a total of \$195 given to them for a tournament. \$125 of this was reallocated from the money already granted them in the fall.

Expensive Dance

The social committee was given the go-ahead for the spring formal. They will operate on a loss, expected to be at least \$1200. (See article below.)

During the discussion on this formal, it was stated that the Alumni had volunteered to subsidize any major UNB event. This fact was unknown to the Winter Carnival, to the Drama Society, Red, Black, and to the social committee which is administering the formal.

Election

There was an election report. Brian Church, returning officer, made a few suggestions, including a change from the preferential ballot system.

SRC Float

The SRC will sponsor a float in the Carnival parade. The cost is expected to be covered by the Administration and a grant from the Carnival Committee. This latter fact was taken as a joke by some of the students attending the meeting.

The float will display eight foot lettering saying UNB and STU, a number of trees, a wolf, complete with lair, a moose, a black cauldron, and a herd of bunnies running

around in the woods, presumably to escape from the wolf. The significance of these figures, which one student called "obscure symbolism", was not explained, although Steve Hanson said it was related to the Carnival theme, Wild-life Weekend.

A McEban proposal to withdraw from the dying Association of Atlantic Students was defeated. Council agreed with incoming President Lawson Hunter, who said we should wait until after the CUS Congress in the fall.

Activity Awards

Jerry Gadd announced that the final activity award point list has been distributed. Deadline for applications is

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\$1200 EXTRAVAGANZA Student Body Foots Loss For Formal

By Gary Davis

At one of the year's more remarkable meetings of our Students Representative Council, the council continued in their "patty fever". In a motion that got almost full support in debate, a motion was passed giving a social committee power to spend more than \$2000 for a spring formal. The passage of this motion assured a loss of at least \$1200, which will be paid out of student funds.

This reflects the complete reversal in financial policy since the austere budget meeting only three months ago.

In Sunday's meeting, the

Resident Musicians On Tour

The Duo Pach, our University's resident musicians, are presently on a concert tour that is taking them from one end of the country to the other.

The husband and wife duo of Joseph (violinist) and Arlene (pianist) Pach opened their latest concert tour on Monday when they were guest soloists with the CBC Concert Orchestra in a performance at the National Gallery.

On Tuesday they flew to Lethbridge, Alberta, and today they are giving a recital at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. After a second recital at SFU tomorrow they will return to the University of New Brunswick.

Only a recent addition to our campus, we can be proud that the couple are ambassadors to our academic community.

proposal was introduced by Richard Seeley, a Business Administration student, who heads the committee organizing the March 4 formal. Treasurer Alfred Brien made the motion which was eventually passed, that the SRC authorize the committee to hire the Denny-Vaughan orchestra for the formal. Cost of the group is \$1500.

Seeley said he felt the only way to get people out to the formal was to have a "big name".

It was later pointed out to the SRC that it was not reasonable to have a "big name" entertainer if it would cost the SRC \$1200.

Expected revenue for ticket sales is less than \$1000, whereas total expenses for the dance will be almost \$2200.

This means that the Student Body will be subsidizing the 330 couples to the tune of \$3.64 per couple, enough for an adequate supply of punch. This might not appeal to the 2400 or more students who will not be allowed to attend the dance, but as one council member said, "Everybody has the opportunity to go, so there is nothing unfair about it." The tickets will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

A council member proposed a motion to raise the price of admission from \$3 per couple to \$5. While this was felt by some to be a step in the right direction (it would have cut the loss from \$1200 to \$540), council defeated the motion on the word of Mr. Seeley, who said he felt ticket sales would be inadequate. He maintained this stand even after it was shown to him that only 200 tickets would have to be sold to absorb the loss. \$1200, not \$540. And he eyes the winter,

if the social committee feels that 200 people would not attend a formal with a "big name" band and a free punch at the reasonable price of \$3 per couple, then they must have little faith in their own ability to publicize or perhaps no faith in the drawing power of their so-called "big name".

The capable and well-organized freshman week committee last fall brought in Ian and Sylvia, at a cost comparable to the cost of Mr. Vaughan's band, and dared to charge \$2 per person. As we all know, they made a fantastic profit. And yet our social committee does not expect 200 couples to attend a dance with a band as well known as Mr. Vaughan's, at only \$2.50 per person.

If the council lacks the enthusiasm and confidence of a Winter Carnival Committee, they should not risk our student money on such a costly venture. The Carnival faces an annual challenge of a safe risk. But this SRC is afraid even to accept a challenge. It has literally nothing

to lose. By engaging such a named band at a price they have guaranteed sellout — at a guaranteed loss of \$1200. And this writer can not subdue his amazement at the idea that the SRC does not care about this loss.

That the SRC has not thought about this problem became apparent at the meeting. We heard statements like the following:

"We have to get the college known. If we don't go for the big name, we're lost."

"You either do a really good job or drop the whole thing."

"If you don't try it once you'll never know."

"It will help to defeat apathy."

The freshman week committee, the Red in Black Committee, the Winter Carnival Committee, all of them at least try to break even. But here we are. Our SRC, defenders of the fees, are budgeting for a \$1200 loss, an amount of money which actually exceeds the total revenue ticket expected for the event.

Coming Events

February 4th	7:30 p.m. — JV Basketball — UNB vs STU
	7:00 p.m. — Ladies Basketball — A vs UNB
	6:30 p.m. — Varsity Basketball — Acadia State at UNB
	All Day — Skiing — MIAA Meet at UNB
February 5th	2:30 p.m. — Varsity Hockey — STU at UNB
	All Day — MIAA Skiing
February 9th	3:00 p.m. — Varsity Hockey — M. A. at UNB
February 11th	6:45 p.m. — JV Basketball — UNB vs Fredericton
	6:30 p.m. — Varsity Basketball — Acadia at UNB
February 12th	7:30 p.m. — JV Hockey — UNB vs STU
	4:00 p.m. — Varsity Basketball — M. A. at UNB