

Attempts to Banish Demonstrations Fail

SRC President Dave Cox was thwarted last Sunday in an attempt to prevent the re-occurrence of last week's boycott and march in protest of rising tuition costs and the principle of universal accessibility of higher education.

As a result of the decision finally made by Council there is no official support for unified action such as boycott or sit-ins before the government makes its decision on the requests presented to them last week. However the legislation leaves

avenues of protest in case the government's decision is not favorable to the UNB students. The government has promised that a statement will be made on the matter on March 4.

Cox's motion had originally called for a denial of sanction to any further mass methods of protests such as marches, boycotts and sit-ins on the fees question. He said that last week's protest had hurt rather than helped the movement for lower fees. He charged that the students of UNB had reverted to law-

less and revolutionary action and said "we must not revert to blackmail to establish our aims".

This motion was opposed by several council members and many of those in the back of the room. The most powerful opponent was post-grad student Nelson Adams who said that the motion would effectively cut off the student from the most effective method at his disposal.

He pointed out that industry, because of their capital could conduct a strong lobby while students, being poor

and pressed for free time could only use their bodies to draw attention to their aims.

Adams asked Cox to show how students could make an effective protest of the government's decision, expected to be unfavorable, if these avenues were denied them. This question was asked several times and yet at the end of the meeting there were those who felt that the question had not been answered adequately.

After well over two hours of debate the matter was finally resolved when a motion

was made changing the motion to one forbidding action before the results of the government study were known.

Cox argued that this was completely opposite to the intent of the motion and the chairman ruled it out of order, however, this ruling was reversed by a majority vote of council and the amended motion passed almost unanimously.

The meeting was one of the most crowded in the last year as well over a hundred students crowded into the Tartan Room to express their views.

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BOARD EXCEEDED ITS JURISDICTION SAYS CUP COMMISSION

OTTAWA (CUP) — No external body should be allowed to control the hiring and firing of student editors.

A Canadian University Press Investigation Commission report released Wednesday (Feb. 21) said: "The editor should be hired by the staff — his application should certainly not depend on the whims of an external body — and to guard against editorial autocracy he should not be allowed to be fired without staff support."

The Mount Allison advisory board for the Argosy Weekly had no right to recommend the firing of editor Allan Rimoin to University president L. H. Cragg, said the report.

"His actions on the paper indicate that a general staff meeting might have fired him — although it is significant the staff as a whole, beyond Fleming, Smith and Prince (the three editors whose resignations precipitated the crisis) stood behind him."

"In any case, his responsibility, or lack of it, was not the province of the advisory board."

All sides in the dispute, including the student council and the president, came in for heavy criticism from commission chairman Bob Parkins, of the U of T Varsity, and the two other commission members Len Pace, editor of Acadia's Athenaeum, and Angus MacDonald of the Moncton Times.

The report says the board "exceeded its jurisdiction."

A meeting held Jan. 25 was described as "contravening not only the spirit of the constitution (of the paper) but also Dr. Cragg's interpretation of it."

At the meeting the board had discussed the controversial article "The Student as Nigger", although its terms of reference only cover articles already published in the paper.

It also involved itself in staff matters on the paper, again breaking the constitution.

Rimoin was criticized on four main counts: * his authoritarian manner with the staff which caused the resignation of 1/4 of

his editorial board;

* allowing the advisory board to discuss "The Student as Nigger", and staff problems, both outside the board's jurisdiction;

* his handling of the whole "Student as Nigger" crisis, especially his decision to run the article along with a story explaining the problems they had faced to run it, despite staff feeling it would sensationalize the original article, and thus lessen its effect;

* not making it clear to the board his intention of running a long article on the situation.

"His instincts were right; he saw that the board was gathering power to which it was entitled, and he tried to push back", the report said.

"His actions in the showdown, however, display a lack of perspective and broad judgment."

The student council was criticized for doing nothing in a situation which deeply concerned them and the students they represented.

The report claimed university president Cragg had an option not to fire Rimoin, although it looked as if he had his hands tied.

"The board's recommendations meant the board or Rimoin had to go," said the report. "And the board, in the final analysis, is of less significance in The Argosy than its editor."

The commission recommends:

* the proposed Mount Allison committee to investigate The Argosy's structure should consider it an advisory board of any type is valid;

* the editor should be hired by his staff, not an external force;

* if a subsequent commission is called and it discovers that a before-the-fact judgment on an article has been made, a referendum on The Argosy's membership in CUP be held.

Bruns Has New Editor



As a result of a staff meeting of the Brunswickan held two weeks ago, the Brunswickan has a new Editor-in-Chief, John H. Oliver, third year Arts student. Mr. Oliver brings to the campus newspaper along with his vast experience, ranging from Sophomore Class Vice-President, to SRC Finance Chairman, a new era of respectability. Succeeding Allan Pressman as head of the Voice of UNB, Mr. Oliver said on the eve of his appointment "that a campus newspaper has a lot of things to say to a student body, and this staff is going to say them".

Joining Oliver as part of the new editorial board is Pressman, who joyfully retires as Chief to take the position of Managing Editor. The position of Business Manager is yet to be filled. The SRC is expected to ratify these appointments in the very near future.

FREE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR

by Audrey Hutchison

Editor's Note: An effort to establish a Free School in Fredericton is underway. Although the project is still in the embryonic stage, a surprising amount of interest has already been noted.

"If knowledge really matters, we ought to try to get to these people" stated David Hallam in reference to the drop-outs who could attend a proposed Free School in Fredericton.

The school, a new idea in this area of Canada — since none exists now — justifies its existence on two points. One is that the standard educational institutions are not fulfilling their obligations. Proof of this lies in the fact that there are many drop-outs, and youths on probation. The second, and "this is the positive view", said Hallam, "is that the school wants to take people who believe they are disaffiliated and give them an opportunity to decide the course of their own education."

Hallam feels strongly about the fact that students should not be denied knowledge because they refuse to co-operate with an arbitrarily-set up social structure.

It is hoped that the School can open in June.

A number of UNB professors have given the school their unofficial support and volunteered their assistance on a part-time basis. It is "quite probable" that the school will be allowed the use of the Harriet Irving Library facilities.

The question of housing looms as a major problem. Hallam would like to see a co-op established

Teach-In Held Tonight

The Mobilization is sponsoring a Question-And-Answer session tonight (Thursday, Feb. 29), at 8:00 p.m. in the lounge of the Student Centre.

Several Mobilization members will lead off with short preliminary talks, and then the greater part of the evening will be spent in discussions with the audience. Topics to be

discussed include: The War Against Vietnam, similar revolutions throughout the have-not countries of the world, the Black Liberation movement, the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of a small number of men (in the U.S.A., in Canada, and in New Brunswick), the nature of the Mobilization and the Peace-Freedom movement in general.