

New councillors take their seats

FINAL SRC BUDGET PASSED

On Monday evening, the newly-elected SRC representatives were given a lengthy glimpse of their fate for the next year as Council members.

They sat for four hours waiting for council to finish old business before the actual changes occurred. Two of the new members did not wait and left before the changes occurred; one member did not appear at all.

In their bench-warming stint, the new councillors watched the old SRC amend the budget and hassle over SRC response to pleas of support from other universities.

The final budget was passed with only two amendments. The campus police have been allotted an extra \$215.52 (total budget now \$593.37) and the Drama Society have had their budget cut reduced. Instead of dropping \$1400, their budget will be decreased \$925 (to \$5,486.72).

Once more the majorettes had their bottoms slapped. On the presentation of a statement from Dave Lindsey (Phys. Ed.) that the girls had submitted a budget to both the SRC and the SAA, council voted to withhold approval of the majorette budget until an inquiry could be conducted by the SRC.

Brian Sullivan, comptroller, then asked council to accept

the budget as amended. Council complied.

Mike Start, president of the SRC, read the communications received from other universities.

The Student Union at St. Xavier University sought support for their efforts to obtain open housing in residence with a student-administration control.

Start had prepared a letter of support, but council objected to the phrase "wholeheartedly support" when "we don't know exactly what we are supporting." The motion of support was finally passed.

The SRC received a brief from U of T requesting assistance in building a petition for the banning of the insecticide DDT and related compounds.

Council decided that the motion of support be tabled until each member could study the situation more carefully.

McMaster University asked that UNB participate in a Moratorium on Biafra on Nov. 27. It would involve a boycott of classes and a day of fund-raising activity. The money would be used to purchase a Constellation airplane to fly foodstuffs to the starving Biafrans. Council tabled the motion.

Start then read a letter from the University of Waterloo

asking moral and financial support for a student who is being tried for reading a document from the President's files. Start then read a letter of reply:

"Be it resolved that the SRC does not support financially the test case of Cyril Leavitt."

Debbie Lyons (Arts rep.) attempted to insert the

amendment "but that we morally support", but was defeated. Council then accepted the original motion.

After the changeover of councillors, John Blaikie and Debbie Lyons presented Council with a background of the Atlantic Federation of Students Councils Conference.

Before Council adjourned, it

was announced that the Board of Directors of the SUB has positions open on two proposed committees, a Program Committee (composed of 2 STU, 2 UNB students) and a Food Services Committee which will investigate student grievances against food services on campus.

Toronto forecloses on CUS

The Canadian Union of Students is dead. On Oct. 22 students at the University of Toronto voted to withdraw from the union. Without Toronto's membership fees the union, which has been losing members for the last two years, cannot possibly continue financially.

The Toronto vote had a record campus turnout of 38 per cent; 5434 voted 'no' and 2222 voted 'yes'. Membership in the Ontario Union of Students was also rejected as part of the same referendum question.

Student president Gus Abols, who campaigned against CUS, said he was very satisfied with the results. "This proves to me," he said, "that the radicals are no longer the representatives and the students have rejected them." Students at Ottawa's Carleton University voted Oct. 20 and 21 almost 2 to 1 to keep their student association out of CUS.

Carleton voted to withdraw last year by a vote of 1298 to 1043, but a change to a pro-CUS student council meant the campus remained in until the annual congress this summer.

"A lot of the blame lies with the pro-CUS people for not organizing enough," said Lorenz Schmidt, Carleton's student president, "and I include myself, although I did try to make it a part of my campaign."

Both Schmidt and his closest opponent in last week's student council election supported CUS.

"I just hope it wasn't a victory for 33,000 bottles of beer and letters from Peking," said Schmidt, referring to a letter published in the student newspaper suggesting beer be purchased with the money Carleton would have paid to CUS, and a poster which said CUS was "alive and well in Peking".

Students at Dalhousie University added the coup de grace to CUS on Oct. 23, by voting 'no' in their CUS referendum, 633 'no' to 411 'yes' votes, with 237 spoiled ballots.

Larry Kapz, president of the Dal graduate student association, felt "the defeat of CUS could set the cause of student rights back five years."

But for undergraduate president Bruce Gillis the vote was a victory. Gillis tried to bring about the end of CUS at

its congress in late August when he proposed the formation of a new "student federation".

"The exact fate of the union will be decided at a national council meeting next Monday and Tuesday (Oct. 27 and 28)," said CUS president Martin Loney. "I don't want to make any comments until then about future plans. One of our greatest responsibilities is to our support staff, most of whom have been with us over 10 years. 25,000 workers have just been laid off in Ottawa."

In the last few months CUS

has been attacked from the left as well as the right. As early as last February some radical left students at the University of Waterloo had opposed CUS during a crucial referendum battle eventually lost by 17 votes.

The end of CUS may not be the end of a national student organization. At Toronto, Gus Abols said he would try to form a new union with other campuses that rejected CUS. The proposed union would be "non-political" and would "work for student reforms".

Mobilize for action, Atlantic students told

There is a great lack of community action for change in the Atlantic region, stressed Laurier LaPierre Saturday at the Atlantic Student Conference held at the Memramcook Institute.

"You must mobilize yourselves into that type of cohesive, collective action so necessary to fulfill your regional interests."

With the human resources available, the individual (the university student) is not fulfilling his part as partner in the changing conditions which exist here", he added.

LaPierre then raised the question, "how do you expect to make society more democratic, when you cannot even democratize your own universities?"

On hand to hear Mr. LaPierre were 15 delegates from UNB along with approximately 159 delegates from other Atlantic universities.

The overall theme of the conference ... socio-economic change for the Atlantic Region.

The impressions of the conference seem to indicate a standard form; resource people leading discussion groups, plenary sessions, parties, speeches, questions, arguments over procedure, and of course bull sessions.

The highlight of the whole

affair ... LaPierre telling the delegates that Maritime Union was a "complete waste of time."

"Regional consciousness and self-determination combined with well-planned, co-operative development schemes are likely to do more for the people of the area than attempts at relocation and large scale urbanization and centralization", LaPierre suggested.

What are the problems in the area?

He talked about governments and their industrial incentives which "bleed" the people; the public only gains employment for two or three hundred people from any one new industry, but no other benefits such as tax dollars.

"Perhaps you should nationalize the interests of Mr. Irving. The diversity and multiplicity of such interests can become a public backbone. And I should hope you would not have to pay much for his empire. After all, it was built on your own land with your own hands," said LaPierre.

Other speakers at the weekend conference were Bob Blakely, a PEI government planner; Ralph Matthews, a Newfoundland sociologist; and Jean Marchand, federal cabinet minister.



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