

Enthusiasm dwindles in provincial Student Union

The enthusiasm the New Brunswick Union of Students had to initiate a change in the provincial bursary program, which was introduced earlier this year, seems to have dwindled.

Formed in mid-July of this year, NBUS led the fight with the provincial government over the \$1.3 million cutback the provincial government was going to make in bursary money and the increase the government was advocating with regard to the amount of money students would have to borrow.

Many people in the province felt that this new loan-bursary ratio was unfair and NBUS set out to take the provincial government to task over this issue.

Our apologies

Last week's editorial, which in part referred to one hot-headed individual on the SRC as being a shrivelled purple wart, was not in anyway intended to damage or tarnish the reputation of Councilor John Rocca. Although Mr. Rocca's name was not mentioned until much later in the editorial, it is possible that people might assume that it is Mr. Rocca we were talking about.

Our sincere apologies to Mr. Rocca. We regret any inconvenience or discomfort this may have caused.

Their effect was such, that on Sept. 8 Youth Minister Brenda Robertson added \$1.4 million to the bursary program and revised the loan-bursary ratio.

Although, this revision had not met with the recommendations NBUS made to the government, many agreed that it was better than the system the government tried to initiate earlier in the year.

At this stage, the NBUS did not feel that their job was over. There was still a lot more work to be accomplished. They said the money had been transferred to the bursary program, and the union would like to make sure that this money was used for the purpose which it was allocated.

In a Sept. 29 interview with the BRUNSWICKAN, NBUS secretary-treasurer Roy Neale said the union would be setting up a review board consisting of student representatives together with department of youth officials.

The purpose of the board would be to review particular cases insuring individual student financial needs would be met and the money which had been transferred to the provincial bursary program would be used.

The NBUS was to meet in Bathurst in order to discuss the formation of this review board according to Neale.

There has been no such meeting.

Neale earlier indicated the board would be in operation on Oct. 20. Now he says it will not be in operation on this date.

Neale has received the rubber stamp approval of the SRC for \$900 in summer salary. He informed council that the duties of his office as SRC president had forced him to leave his summer job and assume SRC responsibilities. It has been contended that the bulk of these duties included work for NBUS.

Up until the time he finally received his summer salary from the SRC Neale appeared very en-

thusiastic about the future work of NBUS.

Now he is singing another tune. When asked this week what was happening with the New Brunswick Union of Students Neale said he had nothing to say and that there may be something next week.

Perhaps if we offered Roy Neale a little more money we may once more capture the enthusiasm of that tried and true champion of the New Brunswick student.

End this farce

Earlier this week the residence council (RRC) met to discuss the matter of \$1,667, the amount of money collectively owed by that body to the Students Representative Council for receiving radio station CHSR. The RRC, with seven for, none against, and three abstentions, voted NOT to pay the money they legally owe.

The money, which works out to approximately \$1 per person in the residences, is vital to the existence of CHSR. The SRC, which, as in past years, was counting on the residences to pay the subsidy, has stated that it should not be made to totally subsidize CHSR. The reason? Because off-campus students, who are unable to receive CHSR, will end up paying the shot.

The SRC's position in this mat-

ter thus far has been totally justified.

One of the reasons that the residences are now refusing to pay is because they understood they wouldn't have to this year, especially in light of the fact that the closed-circuit speaker system is no longer being used.

But they were told this spring that they would have to pay. The only problem there is that this information was taken by the outgoing House Presidents, and not given to their successors.

If the RRC is so naive as to believe the SRC is out to rip them off or make some sort of miracle-like profit off the station, then they are wrong. The station will need a subsidy for some time to come just to break even.

We all will.

If the RRC is so steadfastly opposed to paying, why do they believe off-campus students should pay for a station they can't listen to, even if they wanted to?

The stand taken by the RRC is without justification, and sorely needs revision. They have taken this farce far enough.

FEEDBACKFEEDBACK

Dear Sir:

In spite of the unnecessary invective, Mr. Grandy has made a point in his letter of October 13, 1972. In planning the pubs in the SUB for the fall, I had intended to provide maximum accessibility for all students currently enrolled at UNB, STU, and TC (i.e. those students presently supporting the operation of campus activities through their SRC fees). By strictly enforcing the "students only" policy, I had overlooked both the spouses and

boy/girl friends of students. This quite justifiably created some resentment among those refused at the door of the September 28 PUB, and the policy was changed accordingly that week. Persons in the above mentioned categories may now attend any events sponsored by the SUB, so long as they are accompanied by a registered student at one of the three institutions.

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