

Evans Won, University Zero

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

"Take it to court" said comptroller S.S. Mullins to first year law student Tom Evans when Evans objected to the university deleting his research grant by \$60.00 to pay for alleged parking tickets. Evans did, and won.

Last year, Evans received a research fellowship for \$3200 from the university. He agreed to have both tuition and SRC fees taken from the amount on monthly installments. On receiving his last cheque the university held back \$60 for the alleged parking tickets. Evans was supposed to have collected.

Evans brought the matter to the business office and told them that he did not have the parking tickets, as he did not own an automobile and the matter meant a breach of contract. They referred the matter to assistant comptroller Morehouse, who said the money was owed to the university.

Evans said from April to September of 1977 he attempted to resolve the matter with various officials of the university without success. He said that comptroller

Mullins said he (Evans) was not getting the money back and if he objected, "to take it to court".

Evans then filed a complaint at the Small Claims Court for the amount of \$60 in September of 1977 for breach of contract. In

October he received a counter claim from the University Solicitor which said that Evans had no case and that he owed the university \$300 in legal expenses.

On further investigation, and after talking to Judge Creeghan, Evans discovered that the maximum expenses involved in legal expenses for small claims was \$5.

Evans then filed a request for trial and proffered a reply to the counter claim.

Last Tuesday he received notice that the trial was set for March 6 for his case.

He was informed he has three days to issue subpoenas. He proceeded the following day to issue subpoenas to President John Anderson, Vice President James O'Sullivan, Comptroller Mullins the registrar Brian Ingram, director of Practical Studies Dale Evans.

Shortly after, Evans was

contacted by John Buchanan of Petrie and Richmond (University solicitors) who asked him to discuss things.

Buchanan asked Evans if he would consider asking for an adjournment, which Evans did not agree to. Evans expressed his willingness to settle out of court, but Buchanan said he did not have the authority to arrange matters.

Petrie then contacted the student and according to Evans tried to use strong arm techniques.

He then made an offer which involved giving Evans the \$60 owed, payment of legal expenses and a verbal undertaking that the university would put aside the parking tickets.

Evans agreed to give the matter consideration and discussed the matter with legal council due to the legal implications. He determined that he would accept \$60 for the money owed, \$60 to cover legal expenses plus a written undertaking from the university that they would disregard the parking tickets, in which case he would discontinue the litigation between the university and himself.

Evans said that the university probably agreed to an out of court settlement because they were reluctant to have their parking regulations questioned.

If the subpoenaed University executives had failed to appear, Evans said he probably would have requested that a bench warrant be placed against them.

Evans felt that he had no

recourse but to go to court as he had repeatedly tried to negotiate the matter with officials beforehand.

Evans later signed a release that he would discontinue the proceedings. He suggested that other students investigate matters before paying parking tickets and warned "and question the University's authority in issuing them."



AFS "All Talk NO ACTION"

By JON LEES

Susan Shalala is not impressed with the AFS. SRC President Steve Berube, Vice President External Shalala and students from all over the Maritimes were in Edmunston this past week to try to meet and talk with the Council of Maritime Premiers (CMP). They were there to ask for larger operating grants for the universities and community colleges in the maritimes. Also attending was the Atlantic Federation of students.

Shalala says she was "disappointed with the attitudes of Tony Kelly and Denise Roberge (of AFS) and the representatives from Nova Scotia". Shalala maintains that there people did nothing but

make noise and "bad mouth" the UNB representatives, while she and Berube were inside trying to arrange a meeting with the Premiers. She felt the AFS "demonstrated that they had no diplomacy and politicking while standing outside (the hotel where the CMP meeting was held) shouting."

Shalala contends that the AFS were "all talk and no action" who "did nothing in Edmunston but cause hard feelings."

Shalala was however glad to see the English students come together with the French students. She was proud that they were able to "put aside language barriers and opted for co-operation to attain common goals."

CUP Boycotts

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation are being boycotted by members of the Canadian University Press Syndicate according to recent articles in CUP papers.

The RCMP is being boycotted for what one article labels "the suppression and persecution of Canada's native people, workers, immigrants and people who held progressive political views."

Some papers have said they will continue to accept ads due to financial constraints but that they will run articles which explain,

what is termed, by the articles, "negative work" of the RCMP.

Members also reaffirmed a one year old boycott of CBC for their refusal to run public service announcements to gay groups in Canada. The article said that CUP has joined the National Gay Rights Coalition in fighting the public cooperations "discriminatory practice."

Mr. Ray Devour of the CBC (Fredericton) said he believed the issue originated when the CBC (Halifax) refused to run a request by a gay group. The request was

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Premiers Speak With Students

By JON LEES

History was made in Edmunston this past week when for the first time ever, the Council of Maritime Premiers met and talked with a body of students.

The students numbered about forty and represented various universities throughout the Maritimes. They assembled in Edmun-

ston in order to try to get a larger increase in operating grants for Maritime institutions.

The Maritime Provinces' Higher Education Commission had recommended a 14 percent increase in operating grants for Maritime universities, but the institutions received only 6.7 percent in New Brunswick, 7.7 percent in Nova Scotia and PEI.

Representatives from UNB included SRC president Steven Berube, and SRC vice president external and chairperson of the New Brunswick Coalition of

Students, Susan Shalala. Shalala said that Premiers of Nova Scotia and PEI Regan and Campbell stopped outside the hotel where the CMP were meeting, to talk with the students, but that Premier Hatfield "brushed by" the students and refused to talk.

The students later met with the premiers for an open forum of forty-five minutes. The request for more money was denied on the grounds that there was no money, and that the money was also being used for creating jobs for students. They said that to do the latter they had to take money out of the education grant, something they have done in the past. The MPHEC reported in its brief that 4.1 million dollars was spent this way out of last year's operating grant.

Shalala said that during the forum, Hatfield could not always answer the student's questions, in

which case "Regan would step in and answer them for him."

Representatives from Halifax brought 2000 signatures testifying to Maritime students' reluctance at rising education costs. UNB representatives brought 1200, (the result of one day's soliciting).

In past years the fiscal arrangements for education in New Brunswick was drawn up by the federal government. Now it is in the hands of Provincial Authorities.

Shalala says the Maritime Provinces are "pricing ourselves (students) out of the market". Shalala asks the question why would a student come to the Maritimes to go to school when he or she "can go to McGill for less". Shalala also contends that the University provides many jobs within the Fredericton community. Cutbacks will eliminate many of these.

Academic Advising For New Students

The Senate Student Services Committee has released its draft report on Student Orientation and Faculty Advising. Its 20 recommendations are intended to create an integrated approach toward providing adequate and essential

orientation and academic advising for new students in September, while permitting a more effective system of continuing academic and community counselling as necessary.

A number of recommendations

are expected to make the Orientation process more meaningful and helpful. Three recommendations are directed to the Administration. Most of the suggestions concern faculty advising and thus are directed primarily to academic units. One recommendation concerning spring advising is being suggested for immediate consideration by each academic unit.

Copies of the draft report have been sent to all deans and department chairmen, etc. Students and other interested individuals may obtain a copy of the report from Mrs. Shirley Hetherington, secretary to the Dean of Students, Dwight Scott, chairman of the sub-committee which prepared the report, hopes people who read the draft will respond with their comments, positive or negative, by Wednesday, March 22. Following this date, a final report will be prepared for consideration by Senate.

Students Full Of It

By RICK FOWLER

Recent weeks have seen a bit too much garbage in the halls and offices of the SUB. Such is the opinion of the officials at the Student Union Building.

SUB director, Howard Goldberg, said that the entire building needed a "face lift", but at present there was not enough money around to carry it out.

Goldberg said that the major problem that could be controlled was the one in the offices, referring to CHSR, the SRC and the Brunswickan. Mr. Goldberg said that "the Brunswickan has responded admirably."

One of the other problem areas is the Blue Lounge. Goldberg said little can be done about these areas, as it's hard to blame any one person for the mess when there is a large volume of people using the area, especially around lunch time.

Goldberg said that a lot of furniture in the Blue Lounge was being re-upholstered. He also said that some of the SUB rats were starting to clean up their act.

Howard Goldberg has also been on CHSR lately, advertising the station's name and number and reminding people to clean off their desks and use the garbage cans.