

SRC - Just the facts

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The provincial ombudsman of New Brunswick may also become the ombudsman at UNB. John Bosnitch, president of the SRC, announced at this week's SRC meeting that he had a "summit" meeting with top officials of the administration and the ombudsman to discuss this possibility. The Board of Governors of UNB would have to petition the provincial government to bring this about. If we received the services of the ombudsman there would be no cost to the students. This is only a recommendation to the Senate committee dealing with the issue of an ombudsman and has not been finalized.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Payolas and the Bobcats will hold a concert at the Aitken Centre on March 16. The tickets for this concert will be \$7.50 for UNB students and ten dollars for everyone else. The organisers of this event are looking into the possibility of getting a third band for this concert. The decision to invite these two bands was based primarily on the entertainment questionnaires printed in the Brunswickan and returned to the SRC office. If you have not returned your questionnaire, you can still hand one in to influence future entertainment decisions.

It was also mentioned at the meeting that commencing after the spring break weekly pubs could begin.

SP

There is now a second recognized newspaper on the UNB campus. This newspaper, the *Student Party Standard*, will not be funded by the SRC. The *Brunswickan*, the other newspaper, is funded by the SRC. During the discussion it was stated by Bosnitch that the *Standard* would rely on advertising to support the paper. It is against the financial policy of the Student Union to support more than one newspaper. At the meeting councillors defined support as financial support. Since the *Standard* will not be funded it was decided that a second newspaper did not go against any policy of the SRC. After this point was concluded recognition of the *Standard* was given by the SRC.

Another issue involving the SP was also brought up at the meeting. During question period, Bosnitch was asked where the SP received its money. Bosnitch replied by saying that he could not divulge the names of the contributors. Bosnitch went on to say that the SP has never received a contribution of more than 100 dollars from one person.

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meeting that the SP is planning on becoming an officially recognized party in Canada. The first election that they will probably participate in will be the May municipal elections. Bosnitch felt that it is necessary to have a student voice on the Fredericton city council because students make up a significant proportion of the population of Fredericton.

COUNCILLORS

During Timothy Lethbridge's vice-president report, he announced the winners of the by-election. The newly elected councillors are Rebecca Leaman-Ackles (Education), Grant Smith (Engineering) and Christopher Chapman (Forestry). The election for these councillors was a very useful one according to Lethbridge. This election gave Lethbridge an opportunity to gain experience in running an election and also permitted a test run of the newly instituted election procedures before the spring election. Lethbridge noted that this election was conducted without the aid of the administration.

While new councillors have been elected another one has resigned. Daizal Samad (School of Graduate Study) resigned from the SRC. Bosnitch who read Samad's letter of resignation stated that the letter was dated before he had missed his third meeting without a prior excuse. Randy MacDonald, Chairman of the SRC, stated that according to his records Samad was already not a councillor because he had missed three meetings without a prior excuse. In view of this fact MacDonald stated that Samad's resignation letter was not really necessary.

CHAIRMAN

Michael Pringle (Rep-at-large) voiced some dis-

approval at the meeting because Randy MacDonald serves as both chairman of the SRC and Science representative. Pringle, himself a science student, wanted to know how MacDonald could serve in both roles. He asked MacDonald how he could bring up matters affecting science students to the SRC when he is obligated by his role as chairman to be impartial. MacDonald replied by pointing out that having a chairman who is also an elected representative is not a new idea. MacDonald gave the example of the House of Commons to show that a chairman can fulfill both roles. After MacDonald's comments, Pringle did not push the issue further so it was dropped.

BRUNSWICKAN

The *Brunswickan* was once again a subject of debate at the SRC meeting. The original motion was "that there be a section 10 of Regulation XVI to read: 'The Brunswickan shall print the official information, records and announcements of the government of the Student Union. One full page per issue shall be allocated for this purpose.' And further, that the words: 'No student submission may be censored. The Editor-in-Chief is empowered to partially edit, condense, or defer publication of submissions only where necessitated by legal or production restriction.' be added to part (a), section 4 of Regulation XVI."

Those for the resolution believe that the SRC has the authority, as the publisher, to create policies for the *Brunswickan* when it deems it necessary. Those people against the resolution believe that the *Brunswickan* should be as independent as possible from the SRC. They want matters of policy originating from the *Brunswickan*.

Colville encourages funding of arts

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culture. He would support government funding for arts that otherwise would be lost, and notes that the federal government is already doing more than its share. He encourages the provincial governments to supply some of their funds to the arts, saying that the demand on the federal level is "tremendous."

The showing of slides was a chance for Colville to be more casual with his audience, and he supplied entertaining anecdotes on the life of an artist and his choice of titles for his work. Displaying a painting of a woman in a bathtub, he revealed was called "Woman and Tub." He said, "there's no secret" to how he chooses titles. Another work, "Seven

Crows," moved him to remark that "it is very satisfying being a painter," mentioning that the man who owned that canvas cited his priorities in life as "my wife, this painting, and my children."

Colville first gained notice as a painter during World War Two when he was a war artist for the government, a time Colville describes as being spent as a "voyeur." In the late fifties and early sixties he taught at Mount Allison University. Today, he can boast many honorary degrees, a Companionship in the Order of Canada, and the chancellorship of Acadia University. His paintings are known all over the world, and in Canada his work can be seen in galleries and in a current edition of stamps.

POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES

With RICHARD HUTCHINS

One does not need a Ph.D. to evaluate the incessant bunglings of our 3 major political parties. At a time period where strong leadership and party cohesion are at an all time low our parties and leaders have managed to create a dilemma reminiscent of the "three stooges." The only difference is that the three stooges were good actors!

It would seem that the Liberals, Conservatives and NDP have all decided that what Canadians want is political "limbo," by this I mean, no strong leader, no firm party policy and most importantly, no choice in the next election. The irony of our democracy is that the cornerstone "Freedom of Choice" has been turned into a farcical "pin the tail on the donkey." Canadians need a sense of direction, someone to place faith in and not the donnybrook "Free for All" now rampant in Ottawa.

The epitome of party foolishness occurred two weeks ago in Winnipeg. At a time when the Liberal's popularity was at an all time low certain Conservative delegates found the time ripe to purge their leader. Unfortunately most spineless pretenders to Joe Clark's leadership have decided to stay quiet in fear of reprisals if Mr. Clark should win. It would be safe to say that his support within the party is still strong enough to withstand any immediate opposition, so why would the party want to show disunity and indecisive support? The answer lies in the weakness of the opposition party. They have been out of power for so long they have become accustomed to blaming this phenomenon on their leader. The events in Winnipeg only support my reference to "Limbo" how can the party faithful rally when they don't even know who their leader is and more importantly who his opponents are!

The Liberal Party of Canada is keeping a low profile at a time when it is obvious they need a new leader. Once more we are left in "Limbo." Pierre Trudeau has said he is retiring so who are the leadership candidates? The party's support is decreasing each day under Trudeau so why not clear the air and find a new leader to rally lagging public support for the party? How can these parties justify this foolish behaviour? The future of the NDP is obviously to play the same role as always, act as a mild mannered voice in Ottawa, content on a continual third place result. They should be the most advantageous of the parties, bad economic times and horrible government should aid in their socialist causes but they, too, are in "limbo!"

All of this makes me so mad to think that we put up with our Ottawa bureaucrats! It is time for a good house cleaning and re-evaluation of party politics. Canadians should take their traditional political party allegiances and start applying pressure on the individual members of parliament to perform more consistently with their desires as voters, instead of the party voting now in use.

Bosnitch, Walker on ATV

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Last Tuesday night, two UNB students, John Bosnitch, president of the SRC and of the Student Party (SP), and Christie Walker, editor-in-chief of the *Brunswickan*, were interviewed on the ATV Evening News. The brief news report dealt with the SP.

Susan King, the ATV news reporter, revealed her own views about the SP "The look and talk of this student party is different and, perhaps, even alarming," she said. She mentioned the party has its own logo, platform and policies and, "to a certain extent, its own uniforms." Bosnitch responded, "In the March elections everybody in the SP looked a certain way, wore certain clothes, and people said, this is a horrible, horrible thing; and in the next elections we turned out... and we put for-

ward a platform and emphasized the platform, and people, regardless of what our logo was, finally voted for us."

King then interviewed Christie Walker editor of the student paper, what King called the "strongest opposition" to the SP. "I don't think they stand for democracy," said Walker. "I don't know what (they stand for), I don't think anybody really knows what they want. All they've shown at the Brun is that they want the Brun as a tool for themselves and not as a tool for the students."

In wrapping up the report, King noted that Bosnitch believed that the SP will catch on at universities across Canada, and that certain SP members may offer their candidacies for the upcoming municipal elections in Fredericton.