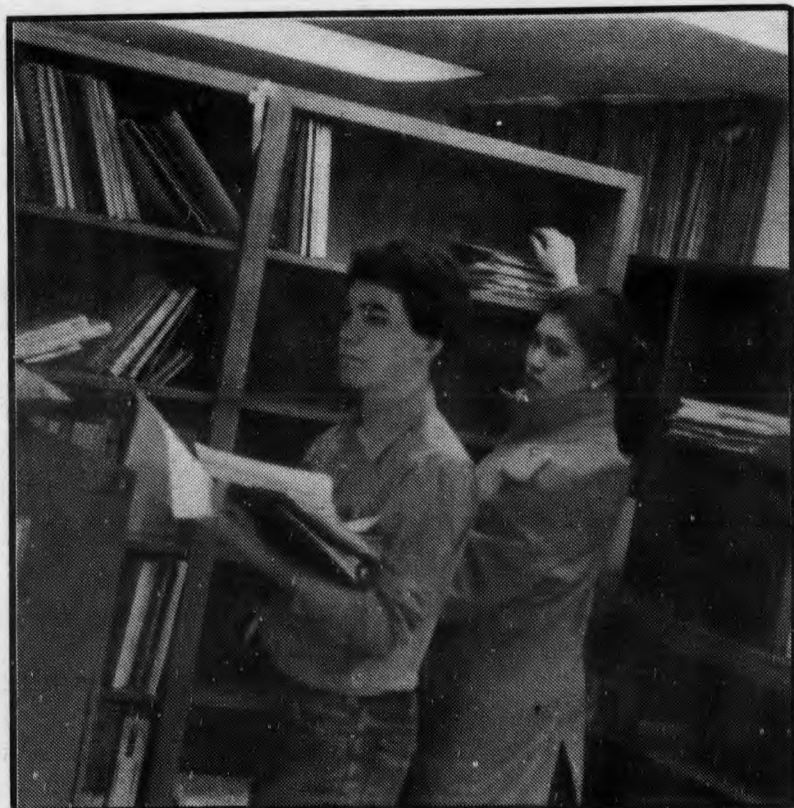
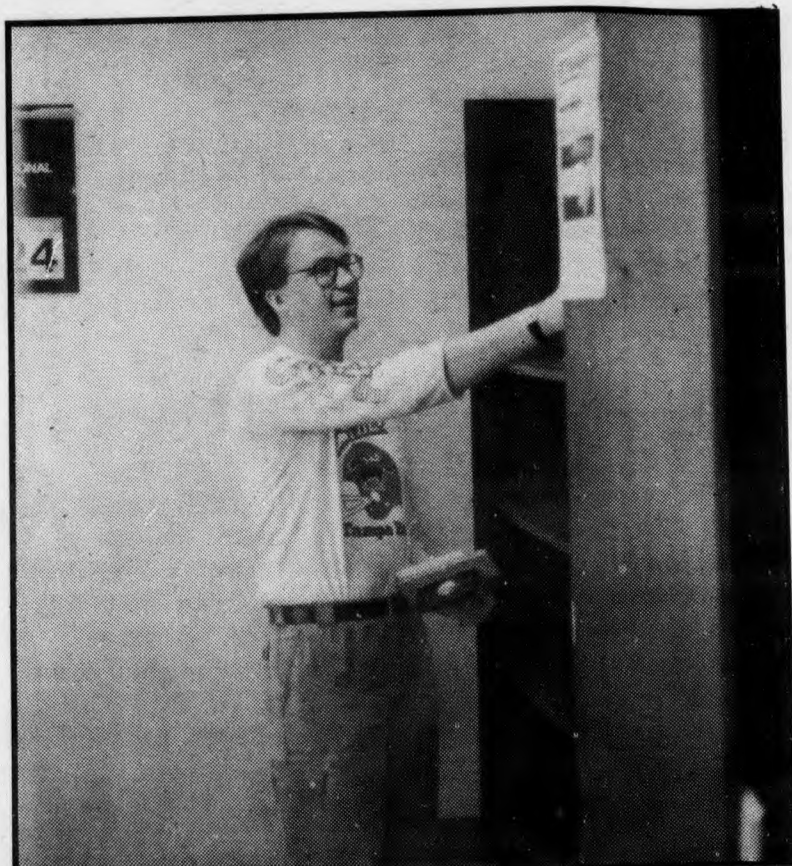
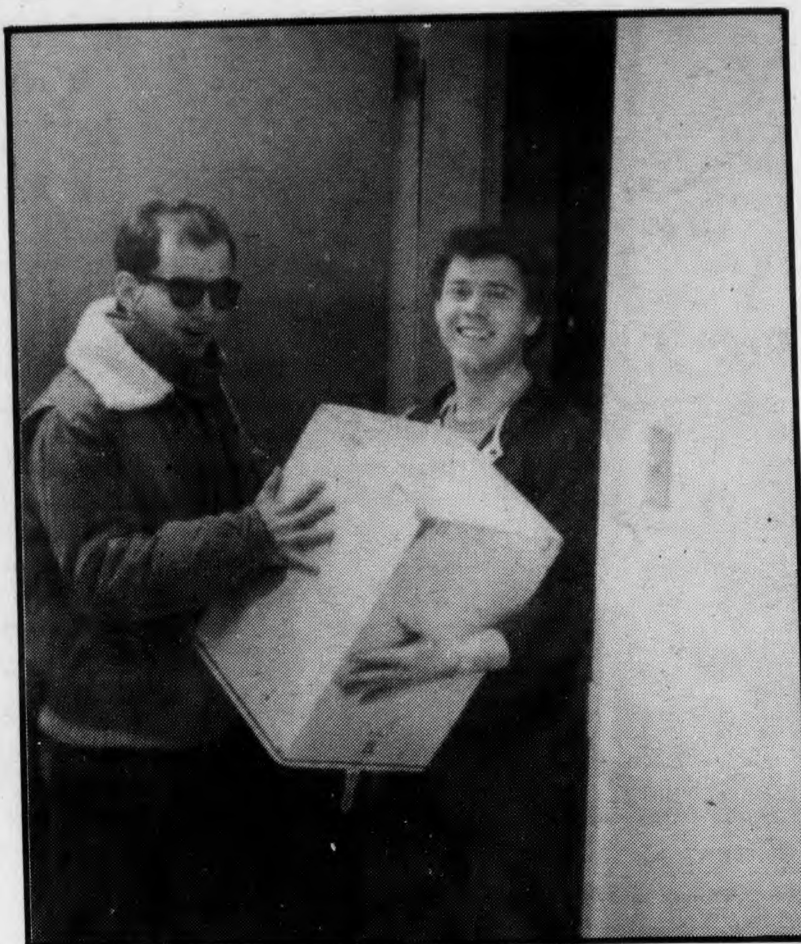




Commentary on SRC

By Jeff Fryer

The UNB Student Union. A union is an organization formed to advance its members interests but using this definition, the UNB Student Union hardly qualifies. At Monday's meeting, while CSL is going bankrupt and the provincial government plans further cuts in university spending, the UNB SRC spent much of its time talking about a major student issue—who gets what office in the SUB. A problem, that started when John

Bosnitch gave his two buddies, VPs Mike Bennett and Larry Long, his office just before he handed power over to the new president, Larry Fox, that has

never been solved. Now \$1000 has been spent by VP Finance Doug Burgess and Fox changing the locks. Can't the executive sit down and talk things over by themselves?

A funding dispute involving the Malaysian students also occupied a considerable amount of time at the meeting. This could have been easily solved if Burgess could communicate more easily with people before he throws them out of his office. I also suspect political opponents of Burgess wanted this to come up before council to discredit the VP Finance.

So on our executive, we've got Doug Burgess and Larry Fox lined up against Larry Long and Mike Bennett. And neither side is talking to the other. And where is the leadership? I would have thought our president would provide some. But he just throws up his hands and says, under the Bosnitch-revised constitution, that he has no duties. Well, Fox had better find some or quit.

And what about John Bosnitch? Despite the students saying they don't want him on the council, and despite council twice voting that they don't want him on council either, he's still there. His predecessor, Gerard Finnan, resigned because a majority voted non-confidence in him. Finnan had some honour, does John Bosnitch? Bosnitch is the guy who is still running council, not Larry Fox. And now, after surviving an impeachment attempt last semester because the rules make it nearly impossible, Bosnitch is proposing changing the rules to make an impeachment easier. I wonder which member of the executive

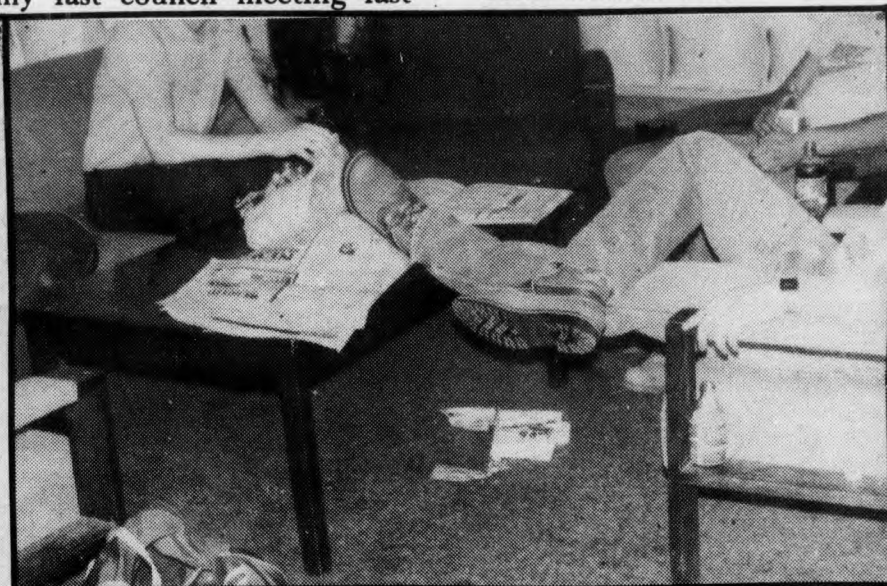
he is after.

As for the councillors, most are merely a collection of sheep following their selected leaders. They just follow along never second guessing what they've been told. After two years of sitting on council myself, I find I am sickened watching the whole process. I sat through my last council meeting last

night as a member, and I don't think I'll ever go to another.

The SRC representing the interests of the student union?—no way. The executive is a collection of bickering egos who can't agree on anything while the rest of the council follows their leaders mindlessly to the slaughter.

Some student union.



Norris may close Lounge

By CALUM JOHNSTON
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Kim Norris, Director of the Student Union Building, told the Brunswickan Tuesday that he would close the Blue Lounge if its present state does not improve.

'It's disgusting,' said Norris, 'I've brought in extra people to educate students and police the area, I've brought in more garbage cans, and put up many posters on the subject of keeping the Blue Lounge clean.'

The Blue Lounge is popular with off-campus students as a place to meet with friends, study, wait for the next class, or just to sit and watch television. It was partially paid for by UNB students when the SUB was built in the late sixties, and was completely refurbished last year.

Garbage being thrown on the floor is the worst problem. It's ground into the carpet by other students walking over it. Cigarette butts are found lying on the carpet inches away from an ashtray.

According to Norris, the SUB staff would clean the lounge and a half hour later, it would be dirty again. Norris says there is no reason for the Blue Lounge to ever be in such bad condition and if the situation doesn't improve, he'll cordone off the area for two or three days. 'I hope that if I do have to close the Blue Lounge,' said Norris, 'the students will realize that it's being ruined, and that the lounge has to be kept clean like everything else.' The closure wouldn't be a punitive measure, it would be done to make people aware.'

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"You can't shake hands with
a clenched fist."

—Indira Gandhi

