

## Fire eats up McConnell Kitchen



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The fire that occurred at McConnell Hall on September 2 at about 4 o'clock in the morning, caus-

ed heavy damage to the kitchen and extensive smoke damage throughout the building.

There were no injuries and the cause of the fire is unknown, but the fryer is the

first piece of equipment that started to burn claims John Duncan, the Food Service Director. An estimate of the costs to replace and repair the damage is not completed said the manager of the Physical Plant. They must wait for the clean-up and the adjusters to finish the assessment of the damage, he said. Sonny Maston, the Division Chief and the Fire Prevention Officer of the City, expects results of the complete investigation within a week.

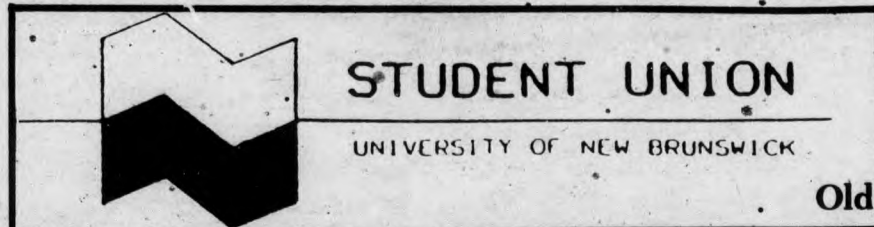
Duncan hopes to be serving food to the students in McConnell Hall by the end of the week. But because the kitchen will not be ready to prepare and cook food, other cafeterias on the campus will be splitting those responsibilities. The Student Union Building will be baking foods, the Dunn cafeteria will do the meal preparations and McConnell Hall will be able to



serve salads and other cold foods. In the meantime, students supposed to eat in McConnell Hall are eating in the Lady Dunn, the Lord Beaverbrook and MacLeod cafeterias.

There has never been a serious fire in the kitchen of any of the six cafeterias on the campus. The staff of McConnell Hall are now working at the other cafeterias until it resumes normal operations.

## Student Unions prepare for court



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As a result of a majority of Student Union (SU) Councillors deciding last April to have their Executive removed from office, then Vice President Academic Micheal Bennett, has brought legal action against the present interim executive and the Student Union Building Director, claiming their actions to be "illegal" and unjust.

Just as the last academic year was drawing to a close, S.U. President, John Bosnitch, amid charges of misleading Council and producing legally dangerous posters, withstood a call for his resignation, a failed impeachment attempt, and a petition signed by 1882 students calling for the President to be removed from power. But it wasn't until the night of April 16 that such an action was realized. In a dramatic move, SUB Director

Kim Norris, under request from the majority of S.U. Council Members, and backed by a contingency of Campus Police and Security, had Bosnitch, VP Finance Tony English and VP Services Hugh Brown, ousted from their offices with all their belongings.

In their place, Stephen Smith, Mark Lutes and Eric Semple were appointed President, Vice President, and Comptroller respectively. Their positions were interim and were promptly recognized by University President James Downey.

It's this association with the Administration and its president that has created the most controversy. Dubbing them "Downey's Contras", Bennett claims that Smith, Lutes and Semple proceeded with the "palace coup", with the intentions of later justifying "its actions on the grounds that it had university administration support and the support of a group

of student councillors."

The meeting itself is a contentious issue, with Bennett proclaiming it was "improperly called" making any actions arising out of the meeting contrary to the Union's corporate bylaws. There is a provision in the Union's bylaws stipulating the necessity of either seventy-two or forty-eight hours notice, depending on the circumstances. However, according to Smith, that argument should be dismissed, alleging that such notice was never given for any of the meetings that year.

The two parties have exchanged charges of non students being in their ranks. Former VP Services Hugh Brown will not be attending UNB this year, yet is one of the three listed as plaintiffs in this case. "Hugh Brown wants justice" explains Bennett. Brown will be flying in from Toronto for the case and, according to Bosnitch and Bennett, will remain here until the verdict has been decided. Furthermore the plaintiffs claim that if they win the case, and Union bylaws forbid non-students from holding office, Brown will relinquish his seat

to some eligible, until an election can be called. Over in the Smith camp, present chairman Dwight MacMinn sits while not being a registered student. This is to Smith and MacMinn, an irrelevant issue. Alleging that nowhere in any of the Union's constitutions, for the last twenty years, is there anything prohibiting non-students from holding the chair. Furthermore, "he was a student when he was appointed" states Smith, and thus should not be included with with earlier charges against the former VP Services.

Brown was also a student before the dismissal.

The lawyers, themselves, have become a source of controversy. Before the takeover the Union retained the legal firm of Mockler, Allen, & Dixon. When the new Student Union was put in place, the firm refused to recognize them and chose to continue to serve the Union represented by Bennett.

In addition to that, there's the matter of the retainer. Smith claims that the president's total budget does not exceed \$4500, and that Bosnitch had already significantly ex-



ended that before the takeover.

The retainer is reported to be \$5000.

Bennett has confessed to investing money from his personal funds.

Both sides appear confident they can win the case and Smith especially would like to see it over and done with. "The students don't care very much if Mike Bennett has any gripes, all they want is a Union that is sensitive to their needs, and that treats them justly and fairly. And we're doing that. Wake up and smell the coffee Mike."

To Bennett it's simply a matter of principle. "Canada is founded on principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law, not the supremacy of Downey and the rule of his student contras."

The parties are scheduled to meet in a preliminary junction, Discovery, on the 24th and 25th of September.