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Bugging under investigation

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Fredericton City Police have confirmed that they are investigating a complaint about a possible unlawful bugging of a meeting held by the former Student Union Executive headed by John Bosnitch.

The meeting, which was held May 9, 1986 was the first of its kind called after the Union was locked out of its campus offices by the UNB Administration on April 17.

According to Lana Grimes (VP Administration Student Union Inc.) in a recent examination for Discovery concerning legal actions between the two parties (UNB Student Union and the former UNB Student Union Inc.), defendants Stephen Smith and Eric Semple testified that they received a tape recording of the May 9 meeting from Andrew McAllister.

In an interview with the Brunswickan, Eric Semple questioned the illegality of the bugging. He said in a written

statement, "If a crime was committed; that will be up to the Provincial Crown Prosecutor to determine; in making that determination he will have to consider if there was any criminal intent - in my opinion, there was no such intent, except that it should be considered another college prank, perhaps similar to Mr. Bosnitch's (possibly) libelous poster campaign."

In a separate news release dated March 3, 1987, Grimes continued further to say that the UNB Student Union Inc. would be holding elections on March 25, 1987, with or without the cooperation of the UNB Administration.

Grimes says there will be a full slate of referenda questions for the student to vote on, in addition to the posts for Executive and faculty representatives. Included in the referenda questions posed by Student Union Inc. are:

• Should the University provide birth control pills as part of the health insurance plan? and;

• Whether or not the University should allow condom machines on campus.

• Also, application forms will

be available for students to begin the process for rebate of their \$30.00 student fees.

When asked to comment on

Grimes' press release, Larry Hansen SU President said, "They've flipped their collective biscuit."

Students victims of fire

By MARK STEVENS
 Features Editor

Five UNB students were made temporarily homeless at the beginning of the spring break after a fire swept through their apartment building on the corner of Regent and Brunswick.

The fire - first reported by acting Platoon Chief Lawrence Burden early on Saturday morning, February 21 - completely gutted the house. According to Fredericton Fire Chief Tom Powell, the blaze was so fierce that the "potential for loss of life was tremendous."

Alastair Scott, a first year mechanical engineering student, said that he was only able to leave the apartment with little more than the clothes he was wearing - and the cat. However, after the fire had been extinguished, Scott managed to salvage several thousand dollars worth of stereo equipment, records and tapes. But on a desultory note, Scott added, "The loss of my books and furniture was pretty substantial. It's simply a hassle that I don't need to deal with right now."

Scott's roommates lost almost all their possessions in the blaze. Rick Parker escaped the fire with a few clothes, losing four year's worth of engineering notes and textbooks. Andrew Hillier had returned to St. John for the spring break, but was able to recover some items of clothing.

Scott said that Student Aid has been helpful. "Rick, Andrew and I have each received a two hundred and fifty dollar voucher to replace the tex-



Firemen attend the blaze at 154-156 Regent Street which left five UNB students temporarily homeless.

Photo by Micheal J. Schofield

tbooks and stuff. But I guess photocopying all those notes is going to be expensive", he added.

In addition, Scott and Parker have both been awarded an extra two hundred and fifty dollars to help them get back on their feet. Hillier says he will be compensated by his insurance company.

Rick Spacek, currently writing his PhD thesis in English, and his wife Joanne, an education student, also lost everything in the fire. "Unfortunately", said Spacek, "we are not covered by insurance. But, had it not been for Lawrence Burden, the acting Platoon Chief who first noticed the fire, things could have been much worse", he added.

In response to the emergency call sent out by Burden at 7:15 am, the Fire Department sent twenty men manning four pumpers, a ladder pumper and

an emergency first aid vehicle. Police set up barricades at the corners of Carleton and Brunswick. As a result of the fire, thirteen people were left temporarily homeless.

Van Wart Realty, the corporate owners of the building, immediately returned the five hundred dollar damage deposit to Scott and his roommates. All the students in the building have since found alternative accommodation.

Allison Woodside, the Manager of the College Hill Social Club said that she intends to raffle several bar tabs on the afternoon and evening of March 20 - the proceeds of which will go to the students affected by the fire.

The Fire Department have still not determined the cause of the fire, but are expected to make a statement some time this afternoon.

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