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The battle rages on...

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For the first time in U.N.B. history, a student representative of the Board of Governors and a member of the Senate has been suspended from the University.

On Friday the 23rd, Micheal Bennett and Barry White, members of the Board of Governors and Senate respectively were issued identical notices of suspension, signed by the President of the University, James Downey. According to the notices, the reasons for suspension included "unwarranted interference with Student government on the Fredericton campus, and 'Spurious, malicious and interperate remarks... concerning my (The President's) actions in respect to student government.'"

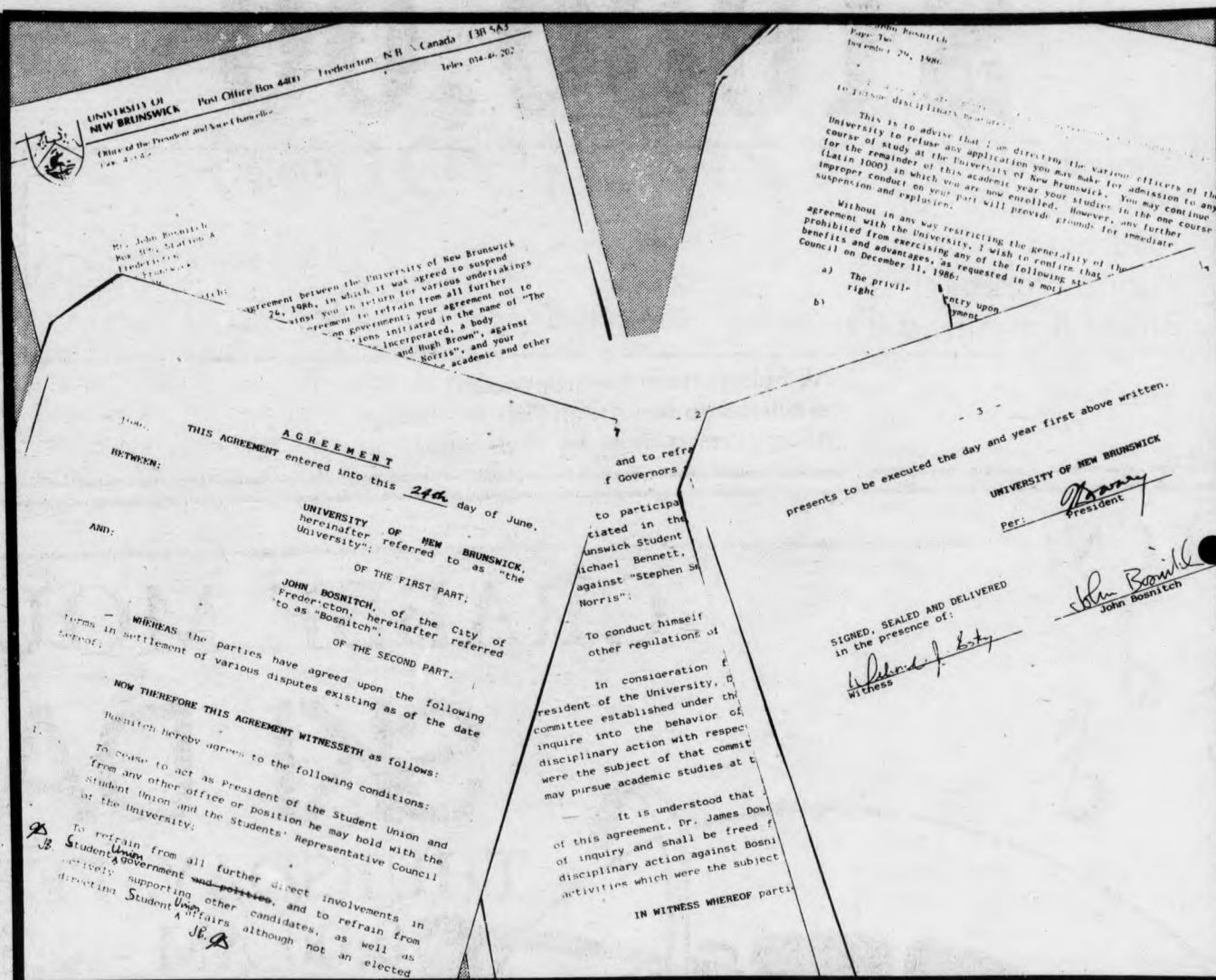
As a result of the suspensions, neither White nor Bennett are allowed to attend lectures or related activities nor are they allowed to utilize University facilities or services for 30 days.

The battle continued yesterday with the Board of Governors of UNB voting to remove Mr. Barry White.

Mr. White was judged to have failed to disclose a potential conflict of interest at the board's Nov. 28, 1986, meeting. The potential conflict involved the board's consideration of a loan to the current student government.

The Board of Governors reached its decision after considering the committee's report and hearing representations from Mr. White and his solicitor.

As a result, John Bosnitch, who now attends McGill University but still claims to be UNB Student Union Inc. president, issued an ultimatum to Dr. Downey. If the suspensions are not rescinded and the legitimacy of the Student Union Inc. recognized,



Bosnitch said, "we will be forced to begin the process of removing him from office."

Mr. Bosnitch made the comments during a press conference last Monday at the Monsignor Boyd Family Centre. Both Mr. White and Mr. Bennett attended the press conference but declined to answer any questions in order to protect themselves from further action.

Responding to Mr. Bosnitch's ultimatum, Dr. Downey commented to the effect that when John Bosnitch starts demanding my resignation, I know I must be doing something right.

In addition to issuing an ultimatum, Bosnitch also released copies of a previously confidential "gag-pact" in which he agreed to:

cease to act as Student Union President and from any

other office or position he may hold in the SRC and SU of the University

- To refrain from all further direct involvements in Student Union government... and to refrain from the work of the Senate and Board of Governors of the University

- Not to participate in legal action against Stephen Smith and Co. on behalf of the SU Inc.

To conduct himself in accordance with the academic and other regulations of the University.

In return for these concessions, the University would drop disciplinary action and an inquiry that resulted from Mr. Bosnitch's behavior. This would ensure that Mr. Bosnitch could complete his degree requirements at UNB. Mr. Bosnitch graduated at Christmas and subsequently entered the Masters of Political Science program at McGill.

Mr. Bosnitch claims that he was forced to sign the agreement "under duress."

What Mr. Bosnitch did not present however, was a copy of the letter of statement from Dr. Downey identifying alleged breaches of agreement on the part of Mr. Bosnitch.

In a letter to Mr. Bosnitch dated December 29, Dr. Downey stated that he was advised by legal counsel that Mr. Bosnitch was in breach of at least two points of the secret contract.

His attendance at the discovery process in the legal action by UNB SU Inc. against Stephen Smith and Co.

Complaints were received from members and employees of CHSR-FM as well as a resolution of the Student Council requesting his removal as a student.

As a result of this breach of agreement, Downey advised Bosnitch that he had instructed

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Tracey finally seated

By KAREN MAIR

Nearly a hundred days after Tony Tracy was elected as comptroller of the UNB Student Union he was permitted to claim his seat at the Student Union Council meeting on January 27, 1987. In spite of his seating Tracy has not assured Council that he will drop the injunction pro-

ceedings and he will be meeting with his lawyer today.

In a report made by Student Union President, Larry Hansen, a letter from Chartered Accountant and Student Union Auditor was cited. Weatherhead indicated that the "unauthorized payments" cited in the 1985-86 Student Union Audit as being received by Tony Tracy

were justified. He added that the payments were made to Tracy for labour performed at the Copy Center in the Student Union Building last year. Tracy received 6 cheques totalling 98 dollars during the months of March and April of 1986. Weatherhead said that it was a justified and valid explanation for the payments made to Tracy.

Student Union President, Larry Hansen said that "it appears that the original problem with Tony Tracy's seating has been resolved and if he (Tracy) had co-operated initially, there would have been no reason for Tracy to have engaged the legal services of Norville T. Getty and file a motion before the Court of Queen's Bench to request an injunction."