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Campus Entertainment has Financial Difficulties

LIVE Entertainment DIES

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On recommendation from Campus Entertainment organizers, Student Council voted this week to postpone its concert series indefinitely.

This action follows the flop of last week's "Ballroom Bonanza" featuring *The Randyeters* which only 50-60 people attended. The event took a loss of around \$3000.00. According to Student Union President Dean Frost, only nine tickets had been sold at 10:30 pm.

In addition, a \$3000.00 piece of sound equipment belonging to the band was stolen from the locked ballroom sometime on Friday. The case is under investigation by the Fredericton City Police Crime Unit. At this time, it is not clear who will be held liable for the loss.

Vice-President External Carl Burgess, who organizes Campus Entertainment, along with Campus Entertainment Director Marc Braithwaite, says that he decided to recommend the cancellation of further live act presentations because "we have spent a lot of students' money on entertainment and they obviously don't want it."

Frost says that Student Council is tired of losing \$2-\$3000.00 on every event. The Hallowe'en Bash featuring Andrew Cash, will go ahead as planned, but that will be the end.

The dismal attendance of this year's concert series is in stark contrast to last year's successes, which had an average of 600 students at each event. Burgess is at a loss to explain the turnaround. "Marc and I are beating our heads against the wall trying to figure out why. We are doing the same stuff as last year, but people just aren't coming out."

Burgess believes the root of the problem may be the simple fact that UNB students go wherever the cheapest draft is to be found. They feel no duty to patronize Campus Entertainment events (and pay more for a beer) out of loyalty to UNB.

The other two elements of Campus Entertainment's program, the movie and lecture series, continue to be well-attended. They are free to students.

Given the lack of interest in the concert series, Burgess says "we might as well give every student back three bucks and

say we're sorry, but we can't. We'll rechannel the money into something else." Possibly into the lecture series and/or "into having a real winter carnival for once. Maybe even bringing in a big-name band for a free concert."

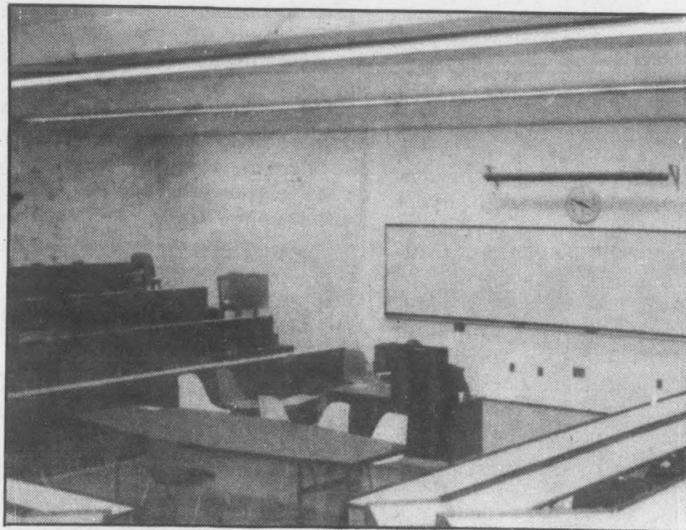
Burgess rejects the idea that this year's events have failed

because he isn't pulling his weight or because of poor advertising. He says "we've been promoting the hell out of everything, but people just don't notice."

He notes that almost every other university in Canada has a full-time entertainment programmer.

According to the UNB Constitution of 1986, the task of organizing social events falls to the V-P External. As the Student Union moved to expand its activities through the creation of Campus Entertainment, this job has become increasingly more complicated and time-consuming.

UNB BOG Commits a 'Violation of an Elementary Rule of Natural Justice'



Board of Governor's Meeting Room

In July of 1987, the UNB Board of Governors passed a motion to remove student representative Susan Forestell from the B.O.G.

In May, 1988, Commissioner Adélarde Savoie ruled that this motion be declared null, void and of no effect and ordered that Ms Forestell be reinstated on the Board.

After being removed because of allegations that she did not obey the Board's Rules of Order and Procedure, Ms Forestell first sought justice through the courts, then finally through the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, Gilbert Finn in his capacity as

Visitor to UNB.

Lt. Governor Finn gave a Commission to Adélarde Savoie "to exercise the powers and authority to the Visitor.

M. Savoie said in his ruling that the Board had "conveniently ignored" its own Rules of Order and Procedure when it removed Ms Forestell. He also said the Board used surprise and intimidation and that it committed "a blatant violation of an elementary rule of natural justice."

The allegations against Ms Forestell stemmed from her actions protesting the Board's mailballot decision on the sale of Rosary Hall. She wrote to

the Board members asking that they consider the matter at a regular meeting. She also said she was also prepared to go to the media.

Citing that Ms Forestell was not respecting the decision of the majority, the Board then moved to remove her.

However, M. Savoie ruled that the mailballot on Rosary Hall was not a decision according to the Board's own rules. Thus, according to M. Savoie, the Board had "no valid ground and no valid authority to expel her."

When the Board was attempting to remove her, it did not give her an opportunity for a fair hearing.

M. Savoie also stated that the whole controversy might have been avoided if debate had been held on the sale and if the Board had followed its own Rules of Order and Procedure.

Although the present Student Union Executive were not in power during this time, current SU President Dean Frost is of the opinion that the Board did not act properly in removing Ms Forestell from the Board, but even in light of this, UNB students still had proper representation on the Board.

Treasurer Ernest Dunphy was a bit harsher with his criticisms. He fears that the incidence may be an example of a return to "the days of when

students had to fight hard to get any say in the affairs of the university." He stated as a further example the Board's decision in May 1987 that Ms Forestell had to be absent when the Board discussed matters relating to the Student Union and the SUB. Mr. Dunphy said that this situation is like professors being allowed to sit on the Board and still be active in their labour union.



Susan Forestell