

# Student's council gets a quorum

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The Students' Representative Council was again unable to hold its regular Monday meeting this week. Due to a lack of quorum, 11 members of the council, the meeting was postponed to Tuesday night when exactly 11 members were present.

In the absence of quorum, the Monday night session was declared an Executive meeting. Faculty representatives in attendance sat in as reports were presented by President Peter Galoska, External Co-ordinator Warren MacKenzie, and Comptroller Chris Gilliss.

Galoska first presented for discussion a letter from President John M. Anderson. The letter informed council that the university's Board of Governors had approved an increase in tuition remissions to top-level student executives. A one-half tuition reduction was granted, raising the total remissions at the discretion of council to three. Council was informed by Galoska that they would have to decide at their next meeting to whom they would allocate these remissions.

Gilliss expanded on points of particular interest in a report of his summer employment by the SRC. His report explained that the yearbook for 1973-74 was sent in late and "some production problems were experienced due to problems of correspondence with the printing organization", but that he also felt "it would be one of the best Yearbooks ever put out by UNB."

Gilliss expressed concern that "the general administration of the Aitken University Centre was being lost to the student and taken over into administrative hands alone. Moreover, I feel that the Centre is one project which must be closely watched by the (Student) Union on behalf of all students."

Gilliss also commented that he had had several disconcerting experiences this summer with regard to the state of accommodations for students. McKenzie pointed out the injustices in the landlord-tenant act, and joined Gilliss in advising Council that accommodations was also an area in which they must become actively involved now, with a view to lobbying government in the future.

Gilliss and McKenzie also passed on information regarding operations of larger student councils in Ontario which they toured this summer. Their comment which was emphasized the most was that UNB's council was very isolated from the people it hopes to represent, by comparison to Ontario unions.

They strongly urged Council to adopt a policy of distributing information on all council undertakings to the students, rather than just keeping the Administration informed. To this end, McKenzie suggested the Campus Co-ordinator's post be altered to P.R. Officer. "This position would then be able to disseminate actual SRC policy, rather than just acting as a distribution centre for information of internal interest. It would make both students and outside agencies more aware of Council's operations and views. It would also give us a means to attract the attention of the press to matters which concern the people we represent."

Gilliss passed on to Council that former Dean of Students Frank Wilson had told him this summer the proposed student village is now economically unfeasible. "The recent increases in building costs mean it would now be cheaper for students to live in the Beaverbrook Hotel," commented Counsel Peter Forbes.

Council officially came to order Tuesday night, when a quorum was present for the first time this term.

At this time a motion was put forward regarding the allocation of the tuition remissions granted by the Board of Governors for student leaders. Passed unanimously, the motion allocated 1/2 fee remission each to the Brunswickan Editor, the CHSR Station Director (when one is elected), the SRC President, and the SRC Vice-President; and a full remission to the Comptroller. These allocations are valid for this year only, and must be decided annually by the Council of the time.

Galoska introduced letters from the university President indicating that two students were to be included in the Advisory Committee of the future Aitken University Centre.

McKenzie pointed out that the total membership of the committee will be thirteen, and more student

representation was necessary. He then proposed a motion "that the SRC President be instructed to write to the University President, urging the appointment of six students to the AUC Advisory Committee; the addition to be only to the extent of adding these students." The motion was passed unanimously.

Comptroller Gilliss presented the minutes of the Sept. 11 Administrative Board meeting. He told Council a letter had been received from 1973 Yearbook Editor Ken De Freitas requesting the second half of his \$500 honorarium. The Board decided since he did not fully complete the book, and his efforts were made extremely late, he would not receive the funds.

Gilliss said the AB Board could not endorse a set of proposed guidelines for granting SRC Honoraria. The guidelines included: "serving actively on two committees, attending 80 per cent of the meetings of the Council, and being actively involved with their societies." It was the latter guideline to which the AB Board objected, as it was considered too general.

Gilliss also informed Council that The Greaseball Boogie Band was available for a pub on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at a cost of one thousand dollars. Council approved a motion that the group be booked for that evening.

October 9 is the date of the annual fall SRC elections, at which time several vacant seats on the Council will be filled.

## Interested in photography?

Are you interested in the science of photography?

Are you interested in the art of photography?

Are you interested in the fun of photography?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you should join the UNB Camera Club. Why, you ask, should I join the Camera Club.

There are many reasons. The Camera Club has equipment: the club has maintained a darkroom for the use of its members, with two enlargers, an excellent print dryer, and the necessary tanks and trays for developing and printing. The club has a studio flash unit and background paper set up in a portrait studio in Memorial Hall. The club also has available to loan to members a camera-mounted flash unit, a tripod, and a slide projector.

The Camera Club gives training. The Club has run a course in elementary darkroom technique and has visited with professionals. You can also discuss your problems and ideas with the other more experienced members. The Club is also a member of the Canadian Association of Photographic Art, and, through this organization, can obtain slide shows on practically any topic.

The Camera Club has competition: The club has run two successful photography shows in the last two years. Club members can also enter national shows put on by the National Association of Photographic Art.

The Camera Club has many things to offer people interested in the photographic arts. The club is also no more, and no less, than what you make it. If you need help, or you want a darkroom, or you just like talking about pictures. You should come to the Camera Club meeting, Monday, Sept. 23, 1974, in Room 102, S.U.B., at 7:30

p.m. This will be an organizational meeting to elect an executive for the coming year. Since the results of this meeting will, no doubt, affect the directions the Club will follow this year, you should be there.

Further information, before the meeting, can be obtained by contacting Fred Hutcheson, in room 203 in the Forestry building.

Any interested member of the university community is invited to attend and participate.

## Students want representation

TORONTO (CUP) - The Ontario Federation of Students has requested student representation on the new Ontario Council on University Affairs (OCUA).

The council will advise the provincial government on policy concerning Ontario's university system.

Minister of Colleges and Universities James Auld may appoint students to the OCUA but has not committed himself.

OFS has nominated students anyway, choosing people with long experience in student affairs and university government.

They are former OFS researcher Paul Axelrod, now a graduate student at York University; U of T women's studies instructor Ceta Ramkalawansingh, a former student council member here and member of the old Ontario Committee on Student Awards; University of Western Ontario student council president Mike Janigan; and University of Guelph student activist Peter O'Malley.

The OCUA replaces the old Committee on University Affairs

(CUA), and was created in response to recommendations from the Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario (COPSEO).

The COPSEO report suggested the council be fairly autonomous from the government, but Queens' Park wants the new body to be close to the ministry of colleges and universities.

Final legislation establishing the OCUA is expected to pass the Ontario legislature within weeks.

The OCUA will serve as an advisory body responsible to the minister and the cabinet. It will recommend policy on such matters as eligibility of programs for funding, total funding requirements for universities and the allocation of funds. It will also hold public meetings and make annual reports to the legislature.

Former U of T political economy chairman Stephan Dupre has been appointed full-time OCUA chairman. Dupre stresses the advisory nature of the new council. The administrative responsibility will remain with the ministry.

## Free tuition drive started

CALGARY (CUP) - Free tuition for all students? Easily available grants instead of difficult to obtain loans?

If it sounds too good to be true think again. A University of Calgary graduate student, Paula Davies, started the drive for free tuition in early spring and since that time the idea has received widespread support.

"Free education for all" is the theme of the group. They are lobbying on the basis that in an oil-rich province like Alberta, no one with adequate academic qualifications should be stopped from getting a better education.

The group has proposed that the increased revenue, totalling millions of dollars, to be received by the government through oil royalties, should be used to pay tuition fees for all students in the province.

A full refund of tuition fees and a re-instatement of the grant system of student financing is being called for. A student satisfying a minimum pass level in their educational program would be entitled to the subsidization.

Research is currently underway by the group into other provincial financing schemes and the actual wealth of Alberta.

In a preliminary push for the scheme, the free tuition group received support from the undergraduate and graduate students' organizations at the University of Calgary, The Alberta Federation of Labor, the Students' Union at the University of Athabasca, and Faculty of the University of Calgary on an individual basis.

In the last week of August letters were sent to all the educational institutions in Alberta, professional organizations, and business associations. The group has received some letters of support in return and are waiting for further replies.

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