

SRC takes liability for coat thefts -- this time

BY MILTON THOMAS

The theft of two coats during a pub last fall has lead the Student Representative Council to absolve themselves of all responsibility for any future losses at campus events.

The action came Monday evening during council's weekly meeting and followed a lengthy debate on the question of liability for thefts or losses at social functions.

The entire issue was brought to the fore by the disappearance of two coats last October 4 during a pub sponsored by the Business Society. Though the Campus Police were expected to be in attendance at the event, they failed to show up because C.P. Chief Gary Godwin forgot about the affair.

The two individuals who lost their coats, one valued at \$140 and the other at \$40, took their cases to the Student Discipline Committee last Thursday in an attempt to reclaim at least a portion of their losses.

At the sitting, the SDC decided that the Business Society, the Campus Police and the two individuals who had their coats stolen should all bear mutual responsibility for the unsolved thefts. They therefore decided to request the Business Society and Campus Police to each reimburse \$60 of the total \$180 value of the coats. The remaining \$60 would be

proportionally made up by the two who owned the coats.

However at the council meeting, law student John Rocca brought to council's attention Section 3 of the SDC constitution which stipulates that the SDC can only deal with individual students, not campus organizations.

Rocca pointed out that the SDC has "no power to fine any organization involved" and were outside their jurisdiction in assessing the \$60 fines to the Campus Police and Business Society.

He then turned to Section 1B of the SDC constitution which states that the SDC can make a recommendation to the SRC that restitution be made but they cannot, in themselves, take any action against the organizations involved.

At this juncture, discussion on the issue turned from the particulars of this case to the overall concept of who is responsible for thefts occurring at events.

Discussion arose on such questions as the role of the Campus Police and the responsibilities of particular groups organizing events. From this, discussion lead to the eventual responsibilities of the SRC since they financially support most campus groups.

Much of the stimulus for the debate was provided by Rocca, law student Jonathan Marler, SDC

member Bert Jungstrom and Don Vincent, one of the individuals who lost his coat.

SRC meeting chairman Peter Forbes urged council to give careful consideration to the issue because "it's a question that is going to effect all future events on this campus."

After almost an hour of debate between the council and those in the gallery, it was decided to make a decision on the overall question of responsibility.

A motion was put forth and carried that the council inform the student body and the various campus organizations that the SRC will not be responsible for theft or loss at any SRC sponsored event.

Council then turned its attention back to the cases of the two stolen coats and the SDC decision of the previous Thursday.

When it was suggested that the SDC decision be turned over to the Administration Board for further consideration, Vincent objected on the grounds that he has been trying to have something done since October 4 and he did not want concrete action put off any longer. Jungstrom also wanted support shown for the SDC.

Comptroller Fud Steeves said that since council has learned a lesson and the previous motion had settled the overall question of liability, restitution ought to be made in this case.

A motion was then put forth that the recommendations of the SDC be accepted. It was carried and the Campus Police and Business Society will pay their \$60, though the money comes from SRC coffers in any event.

In other council business, the question of what to do about yearbooks was raised. Currently, the SRC subsidizes the yearbook to the tune of \$3000 a year. This enables the student price to be \$5.

Comptroller Steeves, however, told council that with decreasing sales "we just can't afford to subsidize it anymore."

He then asked council to sound out student opinion on yearbooks "to see whether they are willing to pay more for a thick, quality yearbook or want it scrapped or what."

Council decided to take the sounding process one step further and passed a motion authorizing a referendum on the issue. The questionnaire will ask firstly whether the students want to buy a yearbook or not and if "yes" would they be willing to pay more for it.

SRC President Roy Neale informed council that a food committee was being formed to review Saga Foods SUB contract. He emphasized that this process would concern only Saga's operation in the SUB and does not include any consideration of their

residence activities. Neale said that the committee will be made up of two representatives from the SUB, probably Kevin McKinney and Bill Bancroft; two representatives from UNB; and one from St. Thomas.

Neale asked council that he be appointed to the committee because "he was interested in the present food services and wanted an audit of Saga's books done. As well, Jonathan Marler expressed to the council his desire to serve on the committee."

A motion to the effect that Neale and Marler be appointed to the food committee was put forth and carried.

Neale then told the council of plans to sponsor a performance by "The Perth County Conspiracy Does Not Exist" at the end of March. He labelled the proposal "an SRC show to end off the year." Tentatively, the show will be in the Playhouse and, said Neale, "there won't be any cost to the SRC if we can run it properly."

Vice-President Steve Mulholland informed council that Mike Richard "has taken the course evaluation from the theoretical level to an administrative set-up."

Now that the plans for course evaluation have taken on a much more tangible nature, Mulholland urged the entire council to work at making the actual evaluative process occur.

Flanagan and Jaeger win election

By JAN MOODIE

In the SRC by-elections on Wednesday, February 28th approximately 800 students turned out to exercise their franchise.

Patrick Flanagan received 724 votes, well over the 10 percent of the student vote required for a seat as representative-at-large.



Flanagan



Jaeger

the UNB SRC constitution. The constitution requires a 3 week prior notice of by-elections with no by-elections being held after March 15th.

Next October when the term of the present postgraduate representative, Nhu Bick Le, expires, UNB postgraduate students will be without SRC representation until the spring elections.

Fran Owen was named secretary of the Graduating Class of 1973. This nomination came from the graduating class executive and was passed at SRC meeting on Monday, February 26th. Miss Owen fills a post left empty in both spring elections.

There will not be an issue of the Bruns next week due to March break. March 16 will be our last issue this year.



Photo by Bob Boyes

Yesterday was the first day of work for our new President, John M. Anderson. He arrived twenty minutes late for work at his office in the Old Arts Building, where this picture was taken. Anderson arrived in one of our city's taxis loaded with other people. No doubt he was given one of their infamous tours of the city, which might account for his 8:50 arrival.