

**SUB board decisions**

**Keep a stiff upper lip**

By J. DAVID MILLER

The control of the policy and operation of the Student Union Building lies with its Board of Directors. Set up in 1968 it consists of fifteen members, eleven of whom are voting representatives.

As it presently stands, there are six representatives appointed by the UNB Student Council, three appointed by the STU student council and two appointed by the Board of Governors of UNB.

From the latter group of chairperson, vice-chairperson and treasurer are elected. It is the duty of this Board to ensure the maximum efficiency and utilization of the building within the context of an operating budget in the vicinity of \$100,000 annually. This is obtained from concessions, room rentals, and food service rebate.

The matter of space allocation within the building has been a touchy issue since the building was opened. STU has suffered losses in its allocated space or at least the last three consecutive years.

In last week's paper, it was seen that CHSR has requested additional space to meet the demand for the various services it renders to the university community.

When the matter reached the SUB Board on March 17 the practical necessity of CHSR acquiring more space on the third level office wing was quickly turned into a political football.

Before discussion had taken place a motion was on the floor reading "B.I.R.T. the CHSR request for room 218 be refused." It was moved by Toner (a STU rep and treasurer of the SUB Board) and seconded by Mullin (UNB Board of Governors rep and vice-chairperson).

In seconding the motion, Comptroller S.S. Mullin stated that the Board should note that Saint Thomas students already consider the building a "white elephant" and that they do not get much use of it. Mullin went on to say that "to give more space to a UNB organization at the expense of a STU organization (the Aquinians) would be perhaps inappropriate." UNB representative Kevin Gar-

land pointed out that CHSR "serves both campuses" and that there were many STU students belonging to the organization.

Testimony from the members of the SUB staff, CHSR staff and the lack of response from STU itself as to the actual use of the room was not adequately considered when it was suggested by M. Hoyt, a UNB Board of Governors representative, that the whole thing be thrown into committee.

Several Board members agreed with this suggestion but the Treasurer and Vice Chairperson refused to allow their motion to be changed.

The matter then went to secret ballot. SRC and SUB lawyer Peter Forbes when contacted on the matter of secret ballot.

"For routine business matters it is inappropriate to go to secret ballot because it violates the basic democratic rights of the assembly," Mr. Forbes stated that as a matter of principle "your constituents have a right to know how



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you vote.

It is clear from the evidence presented that the affair was handled in a highly questionable manner by the SUB Board.

After much debate, the original motion was modified to allow the possibility of further action on the request of CHSR at the pleasure of the SUB Board.

**Nova Scotia students march on legislature**

HALIFAX (CUP) -- Students from across Nova Scotia will march on the legislature Friday to protest the recent government decision on funding of post-secondary education, student leaders decided in Truro on Saturday.

"The government has acted irresponsibly by not increasing funding by the 11.5% recommended by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission," Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) official Susan Kenney said Monday.

The Council of Maritime Premiers will only increase university operating grants by an average of seven percent.

"The universities need at least the 11.5% increase, just to maintain their present standards, to say nothing of trying to catch up with central Canada. Without the increase, students will be faced with further tuition hikes, larger classes, less new books in university libraries, few new courses, and less teaching staff," she added.

Low-income students will be "even less able to afford the already high cost of education."

"Maritime faculty are already the lowest-paid in Canada, and if the universities can't pay them what they deserve, the faculty will look elsewhere. New faculty won't

even consider teaching in the Maritimes," Kenney concluded.

Dr. Ronald Baker of Charlottetown, chairperson of the Association of Atlantic Universities, said in a telephone interview with the Chronicle-Herald Monday that students are "premature" in their protest.

"I think protest is premature until we know the size of the provincial government's grants to other government agencies."

"If the cutback is equitable, that is, if everyone is being held back funds, then it is hard to make a special case for us."

"Once the other budgets are known and it turns out that

universities are being treated worse than other government agencies, then there will be reason for protest."

Miguel Figueroa, National Union of Students (NUS) Atlantic fieldworker called upon the government "to prove that they're not insensitive to the needs of post-secondary education. This march should prove that students are vitally concerned with what could happen if universities weren't funded adequately."

Dalhousie Faculty Association (DFA) president Dr. Roland Puccetti said that he would take part in the march, and that it was "quite likely" that the DFA

executive would support the march. The march organizers have asked for the support of faculty and university support staff.

"Plainly and simply, it's wrong for the government to reduce the quality of education in Nova Scotia. We want the support of the public to make this point to the government," Figueroa said. He asked "everyone concerned about the quality of education" to write to Premier Gerald Regan and Education Minister George Mitchell in support of more adequate educational funding.

**CHSC meeting: good things happening**

By TOM EVANS



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The College Hill Social Club held its annual general meeting on Monday, March 21, 1977. Approximately 35 members were in attendance. The President Kim Murdock presented his Report. A major concern of the present Board is the need for a shift from "tavern" atmosphere to a more well-rounded and truly "social club atmosphere."

This shift would entail the expansion of programs directly involving the membership-at-large of this club. The board has appointed an activities co-ordinator to expand the activity programs of the past. Although restricted by money and weather, the programs were on the whole successful. Some of the activities last year were tennis, golf

tournament, the Super tube, the bowling competition and the formation of a Social Club Hockey Team.

The club had a somewhat large turnover of staff and three new directors had to be elected in January to serve an interim period.

The CHSC redefined its relationship with the Student Union Building. A new lease was negotiated resulting in (1) A rent established on gross bar sales, (2) a manager solely responsible to the Board of the Club, (3) a greater autonomy for the club as an independent leaseholder.

The CHSC engaged a chartered accountant Mr. A.J. Bourque, he suggested setting up a new controls on liquor and a revised accounting system. The Board after some problem with managers, hired Mr. J. Giles whose performance has been very satisfactory.

The club's financial position was

not that impressive but at the present has shown a net profit of approximately 9% of gross sales (2 months).

The meeting passed a motion to authorize the Board of Directors to engage in negotiation with the SUB for relocation of the club to the room now occupied by SUB Terrain. The move would cost the club approximately \$40,000 but would improve activities to its members which are not possible at present due to its limited size.

The Board of Directors was re-elected. Kim Murdock is President, Charles Ackerman is Secretary, Harry Quinlan is treasurer and Robert Potter and Dave Campbell are directors.

The shocking results of last year has served its purpose. The present Board of Directors has a firm grasp on the club's management through John Giles. Thus the benefits of the Club will be turned back to the student body.