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The Voice of UNB

COUNCIL PRESIDENT INDICATES FEES MAY RISE NEXT FALL

In his post-holiday report to the SRC, Students Representative Council President Ken Carty said there is a chance that fees will increase again for next year.

Carty said he had spoken to the President of the University, Dr. Colin B. Mackay, who told him there would be no increase if the recommendations of the Bladen Commission were implemented this year. Otherwise, the decision would be up to the senate, Carty reported.

Carty also indicated that residence fees may go up. He said that the President told him that residence fees are expected to rise in other parts of the country.

One observer said that because the Bladen Commission was not a Royal Commission, he saw little reason for the Government to implement its proposals. "I expect fees to go up about \$25, or maybe \$50," he said.

SRC President Carty said the University would have a deficit of a million dollars if more money did not come from somewhere.

Mental Health

Activity on problems of mental health at UNB indicates improvement in the situation, Carty said. He seemed optimistic about the near future.

"I think we've convinced them that there is a need for more and better counselling. I

think we'll get some action," he said.

Loan For Carnival

The SRC approved a loan of over \$1100 to permit the Winter Carnival Committee to make a deposit on further entertainment for the Carnival. The loan will traditionally be paid out of "first receipts" from the sales of carnival passes. Unfortunately, as one source admitted, the SRC is responsible for any debts incurred by the Carnival, so the condition is pointless.

Party For Workers

The council also approved to allot \$350 for a party to be held for those on the SRC, Radio UNB, the Yearbook, and this newspaper, who contributed this year. It was felt that some reward was needed for these people, and no one voiced much disagreement.

The SRC saved \$2000 this

year by eliminating honorariums, formerly awarded to student executives. This party will serve to reward all the people in these organizations.

President Carty said he felt that "honoraria have to be considered again," after he discussed the matter with executives from other universities.

Radio UNB Still Off The Air

Radio UNB is off the air again. This time the station claims it is having repairs made to it, and that the executive are awaiting the list from the registrar that will dictate who may and who may not participate this term. This was the statement made by SRC Vice-president Jerry Gadd.

"I don't think they have that much of a good reason," said Gadd.

Radio UNB was about three weeks late in starting in the

fall, and they went off the air, except for the early morning program, early in December. The late start was blamed on the large failure rate the organization suffered last year.

Meanwhile, residents of MacKenzie House are awaiting the first sound of Radio UNB. Club officials said the speakers will be installed 'soon'. There was some controversy involving the Dean of Men's Residences with regard to the red and black material the club uses as a speaker cover.

Radio UNB officials said the speaker boxes are being assembled, in advance of installation.

Other Council News

In other news brought up at the council meeting, it was learned that the Slave Auction, sponsored by WUSC, was being held Saturday. This came as a surprise to most of

those in attendance, because of the marked lack of publicity for the event.

Premier Robichaud wrote a non-committal letter to the SRC in reply to their suggestion that New Brunswick recognize two official languages. Now New Brunswick does not recognize French as an official language. Because of this, all business, including civil court cases in French parts of the province, is conducted in English. The Premier said he awaited the report of the B & B commission with interest.

In another letter, he acknowledged the SRC's letter demanding that he apologize to the students of UNB for trying to interfere with their rights. This refers to the incident in October when the Premier allegedly tried to stop students from demonstrating in front of Prime Minister Pearson, who was campaigning in Fredericton. His letter made no mention of the incident, or of any apology.

Jerry Gadd accepted responsibility for dealing with the Ricker Conference on Canadian-American Relations, about which almost nothing is known. Students interested in the conference should contact him.

University Atmosphere Corrupts Fredericton Youth

Father Barry, of Fredericton's St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Church, has advised parents of high school age

children not to allow their daughters to attend St. Thomas as University dances.

According to Mr. John Kennedy, STU Student Council President, Father Barry approached him and asked that all high school age girls be banned from the St. Thomas dances.

Father Barry told Kennedy that he did not feel that the 'college atmosphere' was suitable for Fredericton's youth.

Kennedy says that it would be virtually impossible for the dance organizers to discover if girls attending their dances were in the high school, college or working classifications. He stated that if Father Barry could give the dance committee either names or a means of detecting undesirables, they would attempt to keep these persons from attending.

After this rebuff, Father Barry again warned Fredericton parents, making the point clear that if any of their daughters got 'into trouble' they would know where to turn; presumably the corrupting university atmosphere.

There has not been any noticeable drop in attendance at the two dances held after Father Barry's warning, said Kennedy.

(See Editorial)

Council Nominations Close Saturday

Nominations for positions on the Students Representative Council, the Life Executive, the Senior Class Executive, and other positions to be contested in the annual election will be accepted until noon Saturday.

The announcement was made at the SRC meeting Sunday night.

SRC President Ken Carty made it clear that if positions were not contested, then nominations would not be reopened, and positions not contested would remain vacant.

To run for non-executive council positions, students must submit nominations signed by a nominator and a seconder. Those running for President and Vice-president must have a nominator, seconder, and a list of nominees.

Details on these and other procedures should be obtained from the SRC constitution.

Candidates should note that there are not any revised editions of the constitution in general circulation, and details should be obtained from the

SRC office. The office is open every afternoon. Otherwise, they should get in touch with members of the SRC executive.

Some Candidates Declared

Some students have stated their intention of running. Expected to run for president are Lawson Hunter, Alfred Brien, and John Trevors. To date there have been only rumours about most positions. Most observers agree that there will be a great number of students offering in this election, in spite of the lateness of the announcement of nominations.

"This indicates an unusual interest in student politics," one student noted.

Nominations for council seats are open to students in Arts, Engineering, Science, Nursing, Education, Forestry, and Business Administration. Details on the number of seats available in each faculty are not available because they have not been calculated yet. There will be at least one representative from each of the above faculties, however.

THE VILLAGERS



The Villagers: It has been announced by the Winter Carnival Committee that The Villagers, a well known group from Montreal, will be appearing at this year's UNB-STU Carnival. Also included in this year's entertainment will be the Brothers Four, Kathryn McKinnon and the Womenfolk. This year's Carnival officially opens the night of February 3 and continues to February 6th. Carnival passes will be going on sale shortly and they will be five dollars and cover admission to all events.