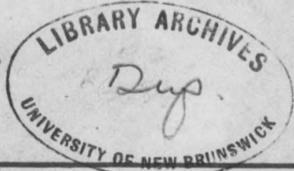


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## Computer account numbers abused

By Allan Carter

UNB Computing services received complaints from students that someone was using their computer account numbers during the middle of December last year.

According to a CHSR-FM news interview with David MacNeil, director of UNB computing services, an investigation commenced after the complaints were issued. It

was then confirmed that the complaints were valid.

The investigation determined that a pair of undergraduate students wrote a program to stimulate a 'log on screen' and trapped other user's account numbers.

Thus the computer system would present this screen and when a computer user typed in his/her account number the stimulated 'log on screen'

would trap the number for the two individuals who had created the stimulated screen.

MacNeil believes the matter is "quite serious", but the incident is not very difficult to prevent.

All an individual has to do in order to keep his/her account number confidential is simply "just turn the computer off and turn it back on again" to clear the screen before commencing

to use the system.

Though MacNeil believes it is a serious issue, the action is quite "juvenile and is "nothing new or original".

Nevertheless both students had computer privileges withdrawn for some time. One student withdrew from UNB and the other student has received certain privileges in order to complete work for

some courses in which computer usage is necessary.

Names of the students were not released as MacNeil feels it is "a private matter between the students and the university".

In the interview, MacNeil said that the account numbers stolen were used to harass other students but did not elaborate on that point.

## Friends of Meech Lake

By Marc Mercier

The Friends of Meech Lake campaign to save the controversial Accord rolled into the UNB campus last week.

Speaking to students and faculty at the law school, Wade McLaughlin, co-founder of the Friends of Meech Lake, warned the "story of the Accord's failure will be a failure of Canada and will lead to the realization of the visionless alternative: Quebec's separation."

The Friends of Meech Lake is well represented from both official language communities and is largely comprised of academics, businessmen and politicians of all colors. Their primary purpose is to depoliticize the Meech Lake debate and "to provide Canadians with a non-partisan voice in support of it", McLaughlin said.

McLaughlin said the Accord is about recognizing Canada's diversity as a nation "since it has always resisted the straight jacket of becoming a unitary state."

Somewhat jokingly, McLaughlin also had a message for President Mikhail Gorbachev. He said, "Canadian federalism should be used as a sample federal state for Moscow in dealing with their diversity."

McLaughlin warned the

audience that even if the Accord is passed, Canadians should not expect too much to change since its purpose is to "re-integrate Quebec into our Canadian federation." In 1982, Quebec refused to participate in the Liberal government's partition of the Constitution.

Among other things, the most contentious issues within the Accord are its recognition of Quebec as a distinct society, the opting out provisions that allow provinces to decide whether to participate in national spending programs and its unanimity amending formula.

"Meech Lake is a viable arrangement whereby Quebec can return to the Canadian constitutional family and it will give Quebecers (sic) the possibility to explore their peculiarity within the Canadian federal state," McLaughlin said.

Responding to a question respecting Newfoundland Premier Clyde Wells' opposition to the Accord, McLaughlin said Mr. Wells is afraid of the federal government's commitment to equalization." McLaughlin assured the audience "no social assistance plans will be affected by the Accord."

McLaughlin said if Canadians remained apathetic the Accord will drift on to non-ratification. The Accord must be ratified by June of this year.



Student emerges from the icy cold St. John river

## Cold plunge for good cause

Press Release

Combine 35 male students, a hole in an ice covered river and a good cause and you have the event that took place Saturday, January 27.

The Gentlemen of Bridges House took the plunge into the

icy river behind the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel on Saturday as part of Bridges House Week.

This year was the second annual Polar Dip for Bridges, and funds were raised as part of the event.

Contributions, which were collected from both the

private sector and business community in the Fredericton area, went to Fredericton Transition House.

Approximately \$1,500 was raised for the cause. Bridges House would like to thank all those who made contributions.

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