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# CAMPUS POLITICAL CLUBS?

## AS WE SEE IT! STUDENT OPINION REQUESTED AS WE SEE IT! Those For . . . . . ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUE . . . . . And Against

Probably the most obvious reason for the establishment of political clubs on the campus is the demand. A considerable number of students feel the need for the recognition of political clubs within which they can study, discuss, and generally become more aware of Canadian political institutions.

Canada's leaders to-day acknowledge that the young people of this nation are far more politically conscious than in previous years and that political clubs in other Canadian universities contribute largely to this consciousness.

Canada's leaders and statesmen come from all walks of life. In the confused world which exists to-day Canada, as a mature democratic nation, in order to preserve her democratic institutions must have in her leaders the best. Surely it is from the university that she can reasonably expect to secure these leaders.

Participation in political activity is a necessity for good citizenship. Denial of the right to participate in political activity within the community, particularly the university community, is denying the citizen not only of one of his rights but of one of his responsibilities.

In this issue of The Brunswickan is the constitution which has been adopted by all three political parties, the Progressive Conservatives, the Liberals, and the C.C.F. It should be noted especially that members of ALL three political parties have positively expressed their desire to have the recognition of campus political clubs.

Veteran students, generally, have been the moving spirits in the political clubs which already exist. The veteran students who in so many ways have added the zest and sparkle to university thought will soon be leaving our universities.

Unless the Students' Council recognizes political clubs as official organizations the younger students will be left without the medium which tends towards the development of political maturity.

Since political clubs have not been recognized by the S.R.C. members of these political groups have been meeting behind closed doors in secrecy. Recognition would elim-

### S.R.C. Secretary



### YORK EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Dave York, popular S.R.C. Secretary, will probably resign his position at the student council meeting Wednesday night. Stating his reason as lack of time for academic studies Dave was elected last spring to the secretarial position on the slogan "VOTE FOR DAVE—THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE" and was elected by a large majority. Although Dave will probably be asked to reconsider his resignation because of the sincerity with which he has taken his job Dave is determined to resign.

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inate this undesirable practise.

Recognition also would permit a reasonable amount of publicity in the way of notices of meetings doing away with the necessity of clubs sending letters to members. Recognition would also greatly increase membership in all three political clubs. Recognition, furthermore, would also eliminate the problem of finding meeting places and unnecessary expenses to the students who are members.

## DRAFT CONSTITUTION FOR ALL POLITICAL CLUBS

NAME: The name of this organization shall be—

PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES: The purpose of this organization shall be to further the study and advancement of among university students.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall be open to all students, undergraduate and post graduate, of the university of New Brunswick. Membership in any political party is not required.

FEES: Membership fees shall be per year.

OFFICERS AND DUTIES: Officers shall be: president, to chair all meetings of the club and the executive and to be ex officio member of all committees; Vice-president, to act in the stead of the president in case of absence; secretary, to keep the records of all meetings

and deal with all correspondence; Treasurer, to accept and disperse all funds.

ELECTIONS AND ANNUAL MEETING: Officers shall be elected at an annual meeting to be held between Christmas and Easter, and shall act for the entire year. S.R.C. FINANCE: This organization shall at no time request financial assistance from the Student's Representative Council.

PUBLICITY: 1.) Shall be on an equitable basis.

2.) Limited to (a) 1 advertisement in the Brunswickan per week, maximum size 6 column inches. All advertisements to be paid for. (b) 1 poster on maximum of three campus bulletin boards. Posters shall be used to advertise meetings only. Posters shall not exceed 12 x 15 inches.

### THREE PARTIES SUBMIT SAME CONSTITUTION

S. R. C. President, Rod MacLeod's opening statement that the 'members remember that they are representatives and forget their own political affiliations' pointed up the major issues for discussion at last Wednesday's S.R.C. session. In the course of the verbose exchange that followed there was aired many valid opinions on the subject of political clubs.

#### MAJOR FIGURES

Major figures in the discussion that eventually involved all members were Julian Guntensperger, who demanded concrete objections, to campus political clubs, and Jim Chapman, whose final comment was: "If our political leaders do not come from our universities, where in the name of heaven will they come from?"

It was Jim Watson who opened the loose discussion by asking for a break-down of the question which would explain their mode of operation and advantages to be had from the clubs.

There followed a statement by Guntensperger which outlined the constitutions, and pointed out that (1) the constitution would stipulate that no financial assistance would be asked of the S.R.C.; and (2) that there would be controls on the amount of publicity which any club could seek.

Chapman arose to re-affirm the statement made, and remarked that the clubs would be an asset in their educational value. Virginia Bliss then offered the open statement that the politically minded should have the right to pursue their interests.

#### NO PARTICULAR DOGMA

Stan Jobb had a constructive suggestion. Basing his opinion on a personal canvass of a number of students, he advocated a coalition of the three clubs to form a political club, so that students who come to college with a liberal mind need not be warped to a particular political dogma. Jobb's remarks led up to the major decision arising out of the discussion, which was to present the picture clearly to the student body through the Brunswickan and to solicit some expression of opinion based on that.

In opposition to any such measure, Dave Higgs maintained that although the issue was controversial, "we're the reps, and we should make the decision." Moreover, he remarked that to his knowledge, the opinions expressed had not been personal with regard to the speakers, but the opinion of the student body. Gerry Bell, in consideration of statements made after Jobb had broached the subject of going to the students, pointed out "in answer to the young gentleman's remarks, that if you haven't asked the students, the opinion is nothing but personal". Jobb replied "I'm way ahead of you fellows." This latter statement met with general approval.

#### IRRATIONAL BIAS

Despite Glencross' opinion that an irrational bias was prevalent among the students, and Jobb's report that they considered a schism would result, Bernie Biddiscombe's motion that the issue go to the student body met with general approval. (continued on page 8)

### Offers Advice



B. R. BIDDISCOMBE  
... more than perturbed

### Charges Unfounded, Biddie Gives Council Members Advice

Disgruntled by indirect reports published in the Brunswickan's last issue of criticisms levelled at the athletic association and the athletic department at last week's S.R.C. meeting, Bernie Biddiscombe appeared before the council on last Wednesday evening to answer charges arising out of the supplementary budget submitted by the association, and turned down by the council. The note most stressed in Biddiscombe's remarks was to the effect that the "charges were unfounded" and made by "people who know nothing about the athletic department and its mode of operation." In addition, his parting shot of advice, "that subjects about which you know nothing be left alone", showed that Biddie was a little better than perturbed.

Fellow council members were not prone to agree entirely with his attitude. It was Jim Watson who suspected a subterfuge beneath hidden by the small-talk centering around ping-pong bats. When informed of the agreement existing between the department and the S.R.C., providing that the council buy the expendable equipment, suspicious members even intimated that by merely shifting the line which separated the expendable from the rest, the department might shift an unfair amount of the burden to the Council.

#### PINNED THE BLAME

In response to Treasurer Ron Stevenson's charge that Bernie should have attended the last meeting, thereby dispensing with the need for all this bantering, Biddiscombe managed very deftly but nonetheless decisively to pin the blame for the entire affair on the Treasurer.

The athletic department, through Pete Kelly, made known that the incident was a very regrettable one and one arising out of a misunderstanding. He also stated that in order to provide against such in the future, there would be necessary a closer liaison between the Council, the Brunswickan, and the department. He denied that any policy aiming at taxing the Council

The most important argument against political clubs is the fact that there would be a tendency for members of the various political groups to attempt to place candidates in important student executive positions on the campus.

Friction between the three parties might produce "hard feelings" amongst the students.

When veteran students leave there will be no further interest in politics and the clubs will deteriorate.

Political clubs are organized off the campus anyway so there is no valid reason for the introduction of these organizations on the campus.

The recognition of such political organizations would only serve to increase the number of numerous organizations on the campus.

It is held by many people that politics is a corrupting influence on the student.

In the heat of an election campaign students of the various political clubs on the campus might involve the university in a manner detrimental to its best interests.

Freshmen entering the university from high school might prove to be easy victims to political persuasion before giving full consideration of the platforms of all political parties.

### PRE-MEDS HOLD OPERATION

A very "illuminating" meeting was held in the Electrical building with "chief-surgeon" Rideout in the chair (... not electric). Due to the (usual) absence of the secretary treasurer the report on the case history of the last meeting was brought in by "Anastheasiast" Kanter. It was decided that all consultations on new cases be delayed till next meeting (Jan 12th, 1950). It was noted that many new "interns" and "internees" ... (that's plural for a future woman doctor), of the freshman class were present. It is hoped that for the first meeting of the new year all the pre-meds on the campus will be in attendance. By pre-meds we both medical, dental and nursing candidates.

The highlight of the evenings 'operation' was the showing of a film on X-ray, its history and its important adaption to the various fields of medicine and also in the industrial field. At the close of the operation—all throats were sepiately treated with cakes and sandwiches.

with any further burden had been practiced or even conceived of by his department, and that answer to any further questions in the mind of the council should be sought from a member of the department. In addition to denying the fact that they were opposed to a Mount A. Train, Mr. Kelly made clear that the department would favor such a venture, but because of innumerable difficulties in arranging a four-team schedule to the benefit of all concerned as an economy measure in both expenses and time involved for players.

Mr. Kelly stressed the attitude which the department felt toward such misunderstandings and expressed a hope that such would not occur in the future.