

# Personalities clash at meeting

-Forbes claims both parties going about it all wrong

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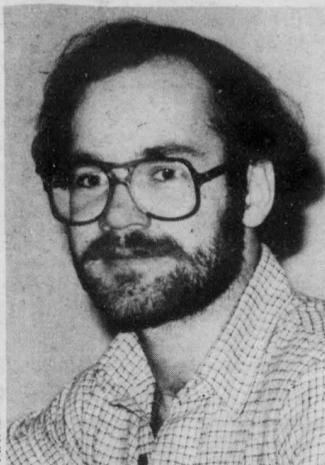
Personalities have replaced facts and figures, honest communication and a fair hearing for everybody, charged SRC lawyer Peter Forbes at Monday night's SRC meeting, which was broadcast live by CHSR.

He was referring to what had become virtually a confrontation between the SRC and the university media. The meeting was well-attended by both Brunswick and CHSR staff.

The comment from Forbes to CHSR station director Doug Varty's being asked by SRC President David Bartlett to attend the October 22 meeting of the SRC to discuss the responsibilities of his office, a letter Varty had written to SRC funded clubs, and the CHSR budget with regards to their pending FM expansion.

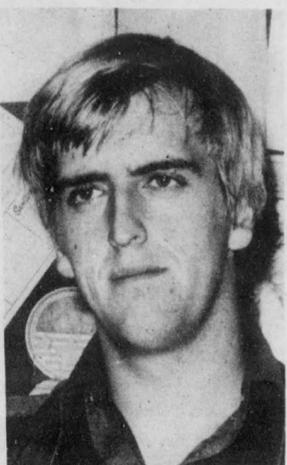
In his letter, addressed to all UNB SRC-sponsored organizations, Varty referred to what he called the "atrocious behaviour of the Administrative Board." He wrote, "The excuse that CHSR's move to FM broadcasting justifies the reduction of your budget is simply not true." He accused SRC Comptroller Scott Cronshaw of trying to build up an unnecessarily large budget surplus with the aim of "enhancing his personal reputation, with little or no regard to the interests of the students of UNB."

Varty ended the letter with his



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Scott Cronshaw



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Doug Varty



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Peter Forbes

belief that no student "should have to accept that kind of abuse from those we elect/acclaim to office."

Soon after this letter was sent out, Varty received a memo from SRC Administrator Ted Hudson, asking Varty to meet with him concerning the letter. In his reply, Varty wrote that he was willing to meet with Hudson should there be errors of fact in his letter, but further elaboration of the content was unnecessary. He added, "that you apparently have a copy is neither my doing nor my

concern", but expressed his feeling that private letters should remain private.

Hudson then went to see Brunswick Editor Kathryn Wakeling, asking her not to publish Varty's letter to the SRC-funded clubs. He said that he would personally see that something was done about it.

SRC President Bartlett said he didn't know why Hudson had said this, remarking that short of resigning, there was nothing Hudson should do. He added his belief that Hudson is frequently

used as a scapegoat.

Monday night's meeting opened with the reading of the president's report by David Bartlett.

Bartlett censured the Brunswickan for what he called "bad reporting", pointing out the Oct. 12 editorial that estimated this year's budget surplus should be in the region of \$39,000. The actual surplus he said is \$35,197. The editorial also said that as of April 30, 1979 the SRC had \$79,00 in the

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## Clark outlines programs, policies

By GORDON LOANE

Prime Minister Joe Clark was

the special speaker at the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Party's annual meeting held Saturday in the SUB Ballroom on

the UNB Campus.

Before a crowd of nearly 1,000 the prime minister outlined several programs and policies the new government has enacted since taking office last May 22, and in passing took the opportunity to poke fun at his political opponents, to the obvious delight of the Conservative party faithful. The prime minister thanked his supporters and voters on New Brunswick who helped "make me Prime Minister last May 22". He also expressed confidence in Minister of State for Transport and York-Sunbury MP Bob Howie for the work he is undertaking "to clean up the mess in the Federal Transport Department."

Prime Minister Clark said he felt Canadians "voted for a change on May 22nd." Canadians gave the Conservative party "a mandate to change the very direction of our country Canada," the PM said, "and during the 4½ months since we formed the government we have begun in solid ways to keep that commitment to the people of Canada."

"We have begun to change the system," the Prime Minister continued. Changes to increase the power of parliamentary committees and give more scope

to individual MPs were two steps highlighted in the Prime Minister's speech. Clark said dissent from individual MPs in the Conservative caucus will be allowed and welcomed. "When the Liberals were in power the caucus was a caucus of sheep and that will not be the practice for a Progressive Conservative government because we support the right of individual members to represent their constituents," Clark said.

The Prime Minister highlighted several changes which have occurred since May 22. A new freedom of information bill is to be introduced to Parliament this week and Bob Howie, as Deputy Conservative House leader is, working closely with House Leader Walter Baker on this legislation according to Clark. Government expenditures are being brought under control and cabinet ministers "have a responsibility to deep spending in line," according to the Prime Minister.

A top priority of the new government is the emphasis on job creation, Clark said. The government must create an atmosphere whereby permanent jobs in the private sector will be created. Tax relief, especially for small business, is also a high

priority, Clark said.

The prime minister stressed that the new government is placing a high priority on regional development in Canada. "I seek strong regions in this country and I want regions which are partners in Canada," Clark said. A strong equalization system is important for the country according to the PM. There is "potential for a strong and wealthy Atlantic Canada. Our responsibility as a government is to help you realize that potential." The PM outlined three areas of regional development concern, claiming we need more flexibility in our DREE programs. To this end, the existing legislation is now being amended so that more general development agreements can be negotiated, Clark said. The forestry and mining industry have a position of importance in this province, Clark said, emphasizing the fishing industry has "enormous potential in this region" and its special problems were of concern to the government.

An industry which has "great potential for this region and for Canada" is the shipbuilding industry, the PM said. Shipbuilding

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## Girl assaulted

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A female student was attacked Tuesday afternoon as she walked through the underground tunnel connecting the Harriet Irving Library with Kierstead Hall.

The second-year student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she was walking from the smoking lounge about 3:30 Tuesday, and was unpleasantly surprised by a man "who grabbed at me" as she was about halfway through the tunnel.

The attacker, a 17- or 18-year-old male, was not masked but "had a turtleneck or some kind of collar" up over most of his face, she said.

While it was nothing really serious, the girl said she screamed and tried to hit the man, who "took off after he poked me." He ran off toward the library.

She said she didn't think it was a joke although the library lounge was full of people so she didn't think anything as serious as rape was intended.

"From now on I think I'll take the long way around," she said.