

Where have all the yearbooks gone?

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It appears that there is a great deal of confusion surrounding the status of the 1984/85 and the 1985/86 yearbooks, and the question being asked by many students on campus is: **WHEN WILL I GET MY YEARBOOK?**

Both editions have not reached the publishers, Jostens National School Services Ltd, and the company is having trouble fending off enquiries from those who purchased the books in advance over the last two years. "We are receiving calls from purchasers," they said in a letter to Comptroller Eric Semple, and "If advertisers start looking for proof of their advertising money, a lot of credibility will be lost and it will reflect directly on 'Up The Hill' and indirectly, on the University of New Brunswick."

The rivalry between the new Student Union under Steven Smith, and the old Student Union headed by John Bosnitch, seems to be at the root of the problem.

Dwight McMinn, Chairman of the UNB SU says with the support of Josten's letter that John Bosnitch is "holding the Yearbook 'in trust' for students of the University." Yet, although students have been complaining and have gone so far as to ask for their money back, "Bosnitch has refused to return the (flats). We have even suggested a neutral party which would collect the flats, but he has refused to comply. The only other possibility is through legal action, and we would prefer to avoid that. So far as we know, they are ready, we just need to get them.(the flats)"

On the other hand, Bosnitch, in an interview on Wednesday, claims, "Truly, I don't have them...Present some proof," he continued, "that (I) have the Yearbook." Any problems with it, he con-

tinued, "are a result of the 'palace coup' What I do know is that in early June, Helena Rojas, (editor of the 84/85 edition) who was entrusted with its production, surrendered the proofs to the current Yearbook Business Manager. Subsequently, I am to understand, the Yearbook personell were barred from office, refused funding, and not permitted to use the facilities with which to finish (it). The best course of action," he suggested, "is to consult the Business Manager."

However, McMinn believes that Bosnitch is using the Yearbook issue as political leverage, in order to make the present Student Union look bad in front of the students and administration. In reply, Bosnitch said Wednesday that "it's become more and more obvious that the Semple group is trying to manipulate the Yearbook for political gain." And, he added, "I think that's disgraceful!"

As to the status of the 1985/86 Yearbook, the situation is equally as fuzzy. Again, the proofs have not been

received by Jostens, and again, the credibility of "Up the Hill" and the University of New Brunswick is on the line.

According to Bosnitch, the problem is threefold. Unable to gain access to the Yearbook office after being denied entrance to the facilities, the committee is unable to produce the flats. As well, denied funding, they cannot feasibly produce the Yearbook for last year. Meanwhile, Steven Smith says that the Bosnitch-led SU never contacted him about problems with the yearbook.

McMinn says though, that the 85/86 Yearbook Editor has not returned to classes this year and "we are still looking for an editor who will hopefully take over the production of both (85/86 and 86/87) editions." For McMinn, the problem is not access or funding, but simply finding an editor.

Amidst all the rhetoric, it is unlikely that the situation shall be resolved in the near future...and the students will still be asking...**WHEN WILL I GET MY YEARBOOK?**

