

Student Party supported

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candidate in the party. Also it gets from the SRC for each member is contributing a certain amount of money personally. As well as the methods of campaigning above, pictures of all the SRC and Senate candidates are being put on two common posters, with the common platform.

Bosnitch is party leader, and Filip Vanicek is information secretary. Candidates representative is John Jerney, and in charge of action groups is Steve Osborne.

The CAUSE action group has received proposals on SUB renovations from some residences, Saint Thomas University, and some faculties. Among suggestions they would like to see implemented, are free student phones in the SUB.

The Solidarity Action Committee has three purposes: to make money for Solidarity by selling buttons, to make the name of Solidarity visible, and to spread the name of the Student Party. The buttons are being sold by party members at 50 cents, however, there were

reports of people reselling them at a higher price. All the money is being sent to help the Solidarity free trade union in Poland. The party hopes to keep the buttons associated with the Student Party, as Bosnitch said, "If President Finnan started distributing the buttons, we would have lost our propaganda effect." With 362 buttons distributed, the committee hopes to be able to send \$110 to Solidarity.

The original stated purpose of the party is, "to change the system where individuals are elected on what they did, to what they promise to do."

Student Party opposed

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Editor's Note: This is not a rejection of the Student Party or their platform; merely a presentation of the facts, as presented by the SRC president.

Gerard Finnan, UNB student representative council president, believes the whole idea of a political party on campus is dangerous.

He said the party would be able to block votes, and push anything they want. "It is scary, the amount of power they are trying to achieve," he said. The whole idea is totally irregular, said Finnan, and their platform has incongruent ideas. He attacked the platform of the party, on a point-by-point basis.

He said some of the platform ideas, such as the new constitution, came directly from his own executive report, on which a committee is working.

Finnan said political parties are against the financial policies of the Student Union; the money paid to each candidate is being pooled by the Student Party.

He called the party's attempt to have no increase in tuition fees unrealistic. This comes through the government, he said.

Finnan said that there is

already competition to show films on campus, and getting people out to concerts is a problem now. This was to rebuke the Student Party's proposals for improved entertainment. He acknowledged, though that improvements can be made, and intends to do so.

He said if any students have any problems with food, they can speak to their residence food rep., or to Claire Ward, the university food director.

The proposal to give students the cheapest possible prices, would be against the free market system, said Finnan; and he called the proposal to eliminate the bank monopoly on campus "totally ridiculous." He said the bank is completely a responsibility of the administration, pointed out, the Bank of Montreal is trying its best to alleviate the problems. Within the next year, Instabank will be installed on the campus.

Finnan said there are many jobs open to students, and called the Student Party proposal to push for student preference, tokenism. He said students are hired by Beaver Foods, the janitoria services, the residence system, and the SUB staff is made up exclusively of students.

Finnan said the SRC is trying to avoid deficit budgeting.

He called the Student Party,

"power-hungry." He said CAUSE is not representative of all students on campus, and does not have the same recognized status as the SRC, which is completely open.

The proposal to reduce and eliminate honoraria, would reduce the incentive for students to take up responsible positions in student affairs. He said students who put in 20 to 30 hours a week should be given some incentive to motivate them. He said the present honoraria would be nowhere near what a similar job in the real world would pay. He said they are in no way lavish, and are among the lowest in the country.

The Student Party wants a council of residence parliaments. In his executive report, Finnan had already proposed the creation of a residence representative seat, as well as two off-campus seats on the SRC. These would replace the present rep-at-large seats, said Finnan.

The proposal by the party to form a committee to investigate various aspects of the university was called a "witch-hunt" by Finnan. He said the university has a policy of directing student grievances to the appropriate body. Finnan said, "The university does look out for the students," and cited an example of where the board of deans had recently ruled in favor of certain students.

Finnan attacked the tenth point of the Student Party platform, saying, "I think the Student Union does not need prestige; it needs students committed to better serve the interests of the general student body, and who are not out to find fault. Students who are willing to be independently minded and guided so that we as a student union can work co-operatively and constructively together in solving many of the problems that students may, or are facing."

REACTION

BY

John Bosnitch

I hope that by now, most of you are ready for another episode in the SRC horror story...

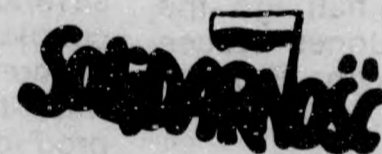
Not to dwell on one subject for too long, lets have just one final look at Orientation. All the numbers are now in and as usual our President and his Comptroller have lived up to everyone's wildest expectations...Not only is there an outright loss of over \$5000 but there is also a reference to "miscellaneous expenses" in the amount of ... brace yourself ... \$7000! All told, a seven hundred dollar supper at the Martinique and a missing receipt book don't even hold a candle to these newest revelations. If the name of the game is to waste the most money possible, Orientation 81' is winning, hands down.

When it comes to patting one's own back the SRC is really trying harder than ever before. Let alone the fact that the President now gets full free tuition and a \$2500 honorarium; the SRC just approved a 75 percent increase in honorarium for Andy Young, the comptroller. That amounts to another thousand dollars of student money paid out to people who supposedly volunteered for the job. To silence the rest of the councillors, the SRC then passed a motion entitling all of us to a solid gold ring if we accumulate a certain number of "activity points". Needless to say, the price of gold is going to make these rings a bit expensive... but who cares? It's only student money...

On Monday night of this week Gerard finally showed us what his "new improved" Campus Services Limited could do. The band Streethart played in the SUB to a lonely crowd of a couple of hundred who decided to skip their Tuesday classes. We haven't even begun to total the losses for the event yet and when asked for a copy of the contract, record of revenues and earnings Finnan responded, "the public has no right to see those details". Well, if that's improvement and progress I can hardly wait for more!

Most important of all, the STUDENT PARTY is gearing up for the elections with candidates in seven seats. If we're lucky this vote should see the end of SRC "popularity contests" and replace them with a clear choice between platforms, promises and policies. The time has come for the students of UNB to decide once and for all if they want a say in the Student Union and operations of the University. Regardless of what happens in the voting the SP refuses to give even one inch on its principles. The decision is yours to make.

See you at the polls...



With the ever growing popularity of the Solidarity pins, more and more students are becoming interested in the issue of Solidarity and the future of the Polish people.

Solidarnosc (Solidarity in Polish) was created in Gdansk in 1980 to represent the voice of the workers in a Communist totalitarian state. The movement quickly gained wide support and eventually organized the first major strike in a Communist country. The movement immediately gained overwhelming nation-wide support and worldwide attention. Solidarnosc soon became the only real voice of the Polish; almost every working man and woman opposed to the Communist government joined its ranks. This membership constituted almost 12 million, or practically the entire working nation. With such mass support, Solidarnosc demanded that the people have more freedom.

It was Professor Gloss of the Surveying Engineering Department who suggested to some of us that we distribute logo pins in moral support of Solidarnosc. We then decided to organize a Committee to initiate awareness of the Polish tragedy, to provide an information pool for interested students and other citizens and with any profits from the sale of pins, we have pledged to send Contributions to the Solidarnosc office in Toronto, where the money shall then be forwarded to help those interned in concentration camps.

The Student Party is eventually planning to initiate similar campaigns on behalf of freedom for El Salvador. The Student Party believes that students should play an important role in the democratic system and participate in focusing public awareness on cases where human rights and freedoms are being trampled.

Attention! 1982 Graduates

Here is a reminder - Grad photos should be submitted to the Yearbook Office (c/o S.R.C. Office) by February 24, 1982 if you wish to have your pictures in the '82 yearbook.

The picture must be 2" x 3", and preferably black and white. Please print clearly your name and faculty on the back of your picture.

If you have any problems or questions, please call the Yearbook Office at 453-4972, Wednesdays + Thursdays, 7-9 p.m.

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