

Grads act for break from SRC

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The graduate student association is fanning a long-smoldering issue.

Since the association formation in 1966 there have been continuous negotiations with the student representative council to determine if the grads should have financial autonomy or get a grant from the total SRC budget.

Last week the SRC defeated a motion to allot the association \$15 per grad student of the \$35 activity fee outright and allow GSA control over the rest.

The association met the same night and passed a motion putting into action a plan to give the association \$13 per grad. By the plan each grad would pay his fees minus \$13 at the registrar's office.

He would give a \$13 cheque to a GSA representative at the registrar's and get a receipt which he would present to the registrar. The action was to have begun yesterday.

University comptroller Chester Mahan said the university intended to pay the SRC \$35 per student regardless of GSA action. The university collects SRC fees and turns them over to SRC.

Mahan also said the administration felt the conflict should be solved at the student level.

Alistair Robertson, GSA president, said he would like

to see the GSA as an autonomous body receiving a per capita cut of the SRC fee.

SRC president Dave Cox said Sunday that any organization applying for an SRC grant must present a budget and become subject to other SRC-controls, such as a compulsory annual report.

"The SRC is still willing to negotiate with the GSA," he said.

"The division of funds presented in the motion last Sunday was not negotiated with the SRC."

The motion said that \$15 per student go toward the SUB and that GSA have control of the remaining \$20 to support various organizations, help pay SRC administration costs and support GSA activities.



Several students tried to break the hold SDS-Students for a Democratic Society maintained over Liberated Area 130 last week. Dean of men Brent McKeown and history professor Stephen Patterson held back the angry students. McKeown, shown above speaking to students, and Patterson, at door, urged students to avoid taking the law into their own hands. The mob, ready to forcibly remove SDS members from Liberated Area 130, gave as one reason the fact that they were "too proud of their university to let the SDS stay there." McKeown and Patterson eventually dissuaded the group from violent action.

Students bust meeting

Active students are circulating a petition protesting the dismissal of Norman Strax, Professor of nuclear physics at UNB.

The petition urges the Board of Governors to reconsider Strax's suspension and that no professor will be suspended or fired without a fair hearing.

Six UNB students attended a closed faculty meeting at Head Hall Saturday. UNB alumnus Nelson Adams, group spokesman, asked to speak a motion by philosophy Prof Perry Robinson to this effect was defeated 85-73. The students refused to leave unless they were heard. Mackay suggested that since the vote was close, Adams be allowed to speak.

Adams urged the faculty to favour Norman Strax and try to have a fair hearing set up to look into his suspension. Half a dozen of the faculty present left the meeting while Adams was speaking.

Strax was delivered a summons last Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. in his office (Liberation

130). He was ordered to appear in court in Saint John last Wednesday. UNB the "plaintiff" in the case had applied to have Strax stand committed to the York County Jail for his contempt of court, in failing to obey an injunction order, delivered to him the day before, forbidding him to trespass on UNB property.

Al Boone, head of the Physics Department, signed an affidavit which stated that the injunction order was ignored and "the defendant Norman Strax... continued to remain upon the plaintiff's lands and premises and particularly Room 130 in the Physics Building, owned by the plaintiff herein."

Thursday administration president Mackay, issued a press statement giving the reasons for the suspension.

The statement said that Strax was suspended for "disrupting the normal work and activity of the university, especially the operation of the library". It also stated Strax "did not have the right to counsel others to break university regulations".

The statement explained

that the suspension came as a result of the "advice and recommendation of members of the faculty". Dr. Strax was not consulted at any time prior to his suspension. Mackay said the reasons were withheld because of the legal actions that might have followed the suspension of Dr. Strax.

After the press conference the students of "liberation 130" held their own conference in reaction to Mackay's meeting. Lawson Hunter and Tom Murphy, spokesmen for the demonstrators in 130 released a statement which severely criticized Mackay. "The reasons given by the administration are not substantiated, and because they cannot be substantiated, they cannot be true". Murphy particularly contested the statement that Strax consulted others to break university regulations. Hunter condemned the procedures used in the firing of Strax. "He was asked to appear before a trial-like hearing yesterday to defend his actions—without being told what the charges were."

Hunter was referring to the three-man faculty fact-finding committee.

Pig trial over after 7 months

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Moncton Mayor Jones didn't like the cardboard box delivered to his door, Feb. 15. It contained a 10-pound pig's head. City police arrested University de Moncton students, Jacques Belisle, 21 Terrebonne, PQ and Jacques Moreau, 22, St. Saveur, PQ and laid a public mischief charge.

It was the beginning of a crusade to make New Brunswick and Canadian courts bilingual.

Ten days ago the two students pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct in a public place.

Moncton attorney Roger Savoie represented the accused at the first preliminary hearing March 29. The students elected trial by judge and requested

the proceeding be conducted in French. The court continued in english and a plea of not guilty was entered.

At the second preliminary hearing May 1, a crown writ of error was presented against judge Murphy's decision, indefinitely staying the proceedings. An application for appeal was presented to the NB Supreme court. In early June, the Appeals Division of the Supreme Court headed by Justice L.M. Ritchie, rejected the application of Savoie's clients.

The law places jurisdiction for criminal proceedings in Canada under federal authorities, with the exceptions of Quebec courts. Provincial governments cannot legislate use of any language in criminal proceedings. An act passed in 1650 in England stated that all common law courts would

conduct themselves in English—a binding precedent until such time as the federal government legislates any change.

Savoie and U de M student president Omer Robichaud visited Ottawa July 24. Associate Deputy Minister of Justice Rodrigue Bedard assured them that federal legislation to insure the use of french in NB courts would be introduced in the next parliamentary session. Prime Minister Trudeau announced in August that a language bill would be brought in by his government this fall.

The second preliminary hearing didn't resume until Sept. 27 with the receipt of necessary documents from the NB Supreme Court. The charge was changed from public mischief to disorderly conduct. Disorderly conduct carries only a summary conviction and no criminal record.

sorry readers!

Apologies to Roger Fountain. It wasn't him you saw "gesturing vehemently" on 12 of last week's paper. It was Terry Hollohan, arts 4. Sorry Roger, for the misinformation.

Three freshmen in ceremony SUB cornerstone to be laid

A cornerstone-laying will climax several years of co-operative planning between UNB, STU and TC students.

The cornerstone of the Student Union Building will be laid Wednesday morning, said SUB board chairman Gary Davis Sunday.

Davis described the SUB as an achievement through co-operation.

"There has been cooperation between students and administration and cooperation of students from all three schools," he said. Each school is contributing \$15 per student to the building.

Three freshmen, one from each school, will set the cornerstone in place. Davis said this would be symbolic of his hope that the cooperation will continue.

The new SUB will house offices and meeting rooms for organizations from all three colleges. A large cafeteria, several retail outlets, service centers, a ballroom and lounges are included.

The office wing will open late this term and the main area will open in January, as originally scheduled. Lack of furniture prevents an earlier opening of the office wing.

The two million dollar building began as a \$100,000 addition to the student center. When Saint Thomas and the

teachers' college became part of the campus, the plan was scrapped and it was decided to build the SUB.

Sir Max Aitken, University Chancellor, former member of the SUB committee and various dignitaries from the three schools have been invited to the ceremony. A building tour will follow.

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