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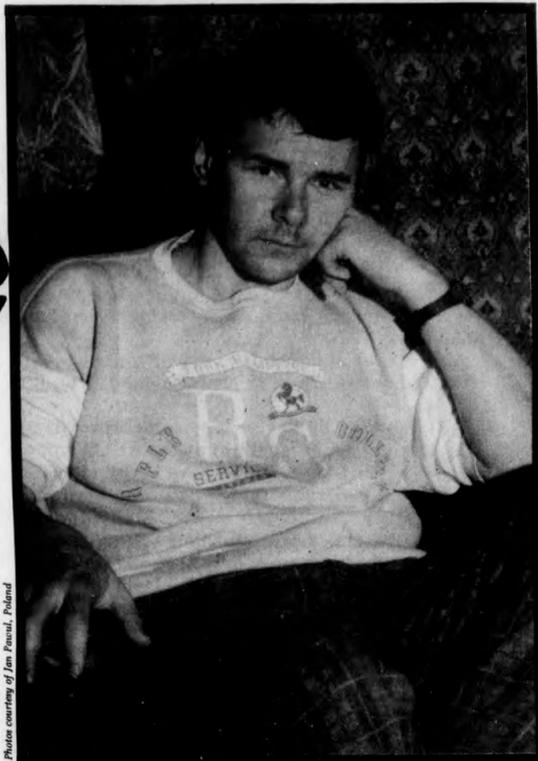


Photo courtesy of Jan Pawul, Poland

By MELYNDA JARRATT
One need only look into the eyes of this man to realize the depth of his conviction to leave Poland. For over five years now - since he first came to North America for a brief visit - Jan Pawul has conducted a

tireless but secret campaign to emigrate from what he considers an "oppressive regime" in Communist ruled Poland. For the past two years he has been writing to *The Brunswickian* as well as to the music industry's trade

magazines across North America telling his story for all to hear.

The most recent letter we received from Pawul was apparently smuggled out of the country by a friend and then mailed Priority Post to various points across North America by a contact in New York. Photocopied and stapled together, this eleven page document seems to indicate that he has reached the breaking point in his attempts to emigrate, and that he is willing to risk arrest as well as a possible jail sentence to get out of Poland. The story that follows is written in the faint hope that someone will hear his desperate cry for help.

JAN PAWUL ISN'T A FAMOUS DISSIDENT and neither is he a particularly important person when it comes down to the east-west bargaining table. He is simply an ordinary man with a very interesting and extraordinary tale to tell the West. In the Priority Post letter received last week, he gives a surprisingly frank description of life in Poland, of his hatred for the Communists and the way he feels they are destroying the very fabric of Polish society. Filled with shocking revelations about Communist oppression as well as government condoned violence and crime against its vocal opposition, this story by Pawul lifts the veil on an otherwise impenetrable Iron Curtain country which has been criticized widely throughout the west for its

human rights abuses. His comments are by no means an academic analysis of conditions there but they do provide a layman's point of view detailed in honesty and desperation.

By his own definition he is "an outsider" in his own country. "I am an absolutely different Polish man," he explains, and this different character has spelled trouble for he and his wife Barbara. The father of two children,

profession certainly doesn't evoke sympathy in upper circles of the Communist party. On the side he runs an import business specializing in Western tapes and records and in a country where Western ideas and music are curtailed it is not surprising that this combination gets him into more trouble than he should be willing to risk.

Indeed, Pawul is taking a monumental risk simply writing these words. He realizes this, and he knows that he may be arrested for telling the truth about Poland. "Someone must write the truth. Why not me?" But, he adds quickly, "I hope that if the Communists arrest me and put me in jail, you will ask questions, write about me and never forget. I can only count on you because my countrymen are too weakened by fear to protest. If there is no answer from me - check it out please. Maybe they have arrested me because of this letter, and this will prove that they violate human rights and freedoms in Poland."

He comments bitterly on his lack of personal freedoms - the freedom of speech and in particular the right to be protected by police whom he believes are in cahoots with Polish criminals. The police tolerate violent crimes against dissidents such as himself with the hope that violent intimidation will shut him up. He says that they can even create false

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Included in his last letter, was a compilation of articles written about him world-wide.

Peter 8, and Eva 12, Pawul is afraid for their future because of his ideological differences with the Communist regime.

"Life is hell here," Pawul writes, "Everything is upside-down, normal life is impossible and I have no future in Poland."

His own work as a professional disc-jockey is on the sidelines of the economy - and in a country where everyone is expected to make a contribution through their labours, this

UNB receives increase in funding

By Nujma Yaqzan

As far as universities are concerned--U.N.B. included--the 1988-89 New Brunswick budget is something to be welcomed, because they are to receive a \$7.977 million increase in funding during the next year.

As well, Finance Minister Allan Maher has allotted 2.1 million extra dollars for improvements in the student aid program.

The increase in funding should please students since there will now be more dollars accessible for bursary money. According to Maher, this will be advantageous for students with families, as well as those enrolled in costly study programs. It should also help more students who apply for scholarships directly awarded by the universities.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission initially requested a ten percent increase in existing funds available to it, but is satisfied with the 6.8 percent hike it received. The Commission now has an estimated total of 117,914 dollars to work with. The Department of Advanced Education and Training will receive approximately 79,007 dollars, and the Department of Education is anticipating an estimated 491,978 dollars.

The University of New Brunswick's vice-president of finance, James O'Sullivan, comments that with "this kind of budget, this increase is encouraging."

UNB Student Union president Jane Arnold says she has to "congratulate" the government on

its new budget as far as higher education goes.

The new budget has also lowered the minimum level of debt for students to become eligible for rebates on parts of their Canada Student Loans. The level is now fixed at \$8000. Many students apply yearly for these loans and this decrease should lower the financial pressure somewhat for them.

Indirectly related to universities, but directly related to students, is the fact that the province plans to invest \$5.6 million in its Youth Employment strategy. And after reviewing this strategy in Ottawa, this figure could rise to as much as \$13.5 million. Under this program, approximately 10,000 "youths" will be able to receive services like educational upgrading and counselling.

The Department of Labour is planning to spend 19.3 million on work experience programs to include students. With this extra money, the province hopes to provide numerous job opportunities for its students that would not normally be offered. According to a local Canada Employment official, "we should be able to employ every student in this province who wants a job." However, he explains that although there will be enough existing jobs to cover everyone, everyone does not necessarily possess the required credentials to be chosen for a particular type of work, nor would they necessarily be interested in an opportunity that might be presented to them.

The 1988-89 budget has been unveiled and is not likely to

change. In a recent article in the *Daily Gleaner*, it commented, "The province's 1988-89 budget is good for universities, students, and northern New Brunswickers, so-so for nurses and municipalities, but disappointing for the poor." This

Sexual harrasment skirmish continues

By MARK STEVENS

The fog of legal rhetoric that is obscuring the recent skirmish between James Taylor and the Student Union still hasn't lifted.

After Taylor announced that he was considering legal action, S. U. President Jane Arnold still isn't sure what's happening.

Taylor contends that his character was defamed following an ad hoc committee investigation into allegations of sexism at the *Brunswickian*. He has subsequently directed his lawyers to obtain all the documentation relating to the investigation.

A number of letters have been exchanged between Jane Arnold and Taylor's lawyer, Robert De Witt. But Arnold says that to date, no specific actions have been brought against the student union.

"What action?" she asked. "As far as I can see, nothing has been done yet. Also, the facts are very much in dispute. Everyone seems to have forgotten that Taylor isn't even a student."

Arnold is also upset by an article that appeared in last Friday's *Brunswickian*. "The news article presented a very biased opinion. It ignored the other side of the argu-

statement was made based on comments by representatives of each of the aforementioned groups.

Although some people are not totally satisfied, universities and students around the province have reason to be. The increased

ment. Some of its claims were silly; first of all the argument that Mr. Taylor was an employee, and secondly that statement in regards to sexual harrasment."

Arnold is referring to Taylor's claim that he was an employee of the *Brunswickian*, and also his contention that it is impossible to sexually harras a person that "you have never met or spoken to."

According to a letter written by De Witt to Arnold, council is of the opinion that Mr. Taylor did not have, "by any definition either proper notice of the proceedings or of an opportunity to present a fair and responsible defence... we are unable to conclude that you (Arnold) exercised proper jurisdiction, or procedure, in the arbitrary manner in which the case of Mr. James Taylor was processed.

Failing all of the above, it appears that my client would have no option other than to pursue his legal remedies in the matter since there does appear to be some indication of an implied defamation of his character by the S. U., Ms. Braun and others."

Because no concrete action has been taken, Jane Arnold is not sure what her next move will be. "I'm just going to reply to De Witt's letter, and wait," she said.

funding will not only heighten the availability of bursaries and jobs for students, but will also allow for improvements at the university level in general including libraries and campus buildings.

CARAL Forms

A meeting held Tuesday evening, March 29, 1988, has resulted in the formation of a Fredericton Chapter of the Canadian Abortion Rights Action League, CARAL.

CARAL is a nationally based pro-choice organization lobbying to ensure the freedom of choice in Canada. In Fredericton, this group of concerned women have joined forces with a coalition group called CHOIX-NB-CHOICE, which has affiliates in Moncton and Saint John.

The recent Supreme Court of Canada decision that struck down the old abortion law has created a controversial nation-wide anti-choice movement which CARAL and CHOIX-NB-CHOICE perceive to be a threat to constitutionally guaranteed access to abortion in Canada. These two groups want to ensure that access to safe medical abortions exists for every woman in the country who chooses to have one.

CARAL Fredericton will begin a letter writing campaign immediately to provincially and federally elected officials. This campaign will inform Members of Parliament and Members of the New Brunswick Legislature that the majority of Canadian women will not allow hard earned gains to be taken away from them.

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