

# SRC questions honoraria granted to SUB Board

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Honoraria granted to members of the Student Union Building Board of Directors went under fire at the regular meeting of the UNB Student Representative Council Monday night.

The Board had earlier passed a motion adding new honoraria for the Treasurer (\$200), Program Officer (\$125), and \$100 for all other members. Four hundred dollars will remain the sum for the Chairman.

The Board, appointed by the UNB and St. Thomas SRCs, is in charge of the workings of the SUB, acting as a liaison committee with these organizations and the university administration.

The total cost of the honoraria will be approximately \$1325, retroactive September, 1973.

Councillor Margaret Miller asked SUB Board Chairman Peter Forbes how they could justify the expenditure.

Forbes explained that the Board does a tremendous amount of work in such areas as major expansion of the SUB, overhauling the generating system, the program facilities, the financial system and the food service in the building, and staff matters.

"If the Board did not see fit to recognize their own work then I had intended to take my honoraria and split it among them. It does seem justifiable if you consider the colossal amount of work the Board does. It takes a hell of a lot of time dealing with a hell of a lot of money," argued Forbes.

He continued saying he felt the money would encourage new members, as a token sum and would attract quality people to the jobs.

Councillor Keith Manuel questioned Forbes as to where the money for the awards would come from. The SUB Chairman said that it was well within the capabilities of the budget.

Forbes suggested that perhaps the SRC should look into granting honoraria for their members. "You deserve it and look at the number of vacancies and acclamations you have. I don't know why you haven't already done it."

SRC President Roy Neale said the body was set up to "keep an eye on the building" and Council had delegated authority to do so as well as appointing the members. He added he felt the SUB was overstaffed but not overpaid.

Neale said the Board has not shown a high degree of activity and as a body of the SRC has made no admissions on their work to Council.

Comptroller Fud Steeves said he questioned the motive. "I see both sides but I think it's a gutsy step."

A motion was passed by Council informing the Board they wished the case to be presented fully at the next meeting.

Neale introduced Jeff Bell, a member of the committee investigating the course loads at summer school and intersession.

Bell wanted ideas for solutions to problems that have arisen. "In recent discussions, the Student Standings and Promotions Committee has become concerned; firstly, because of certain records which have come to notice, in which it appears that those who attempt two credits generally do less well than they do other times even if they do not fail altogether; and secondly, because of possible implications which have been foreseen in the proposed new grading system and the grad-point average."

Bell said the possibility of lowering the number of courses has been discussed to help solve these problems.

Manuel suggested the tri-semester might be tried at UNB in which summer would be acknowledged as a third semester.

Neale said "the idea has been kicked around for the last two years but there has been negative feedback from the administration." He said costs do go up having to pay professors to teach all year around as one contract would be negotiated. He did add, however, that a number of universities such as the University of British Columbia and University of Guelph have adopted the system. Neale said perhaps the committee should look at the success or failure of the tri-semester system elsewhere first.

Steeves felt it would be a digressive step to cut the course load. "It should be up to the student and should not be cut just to cut down on flunkies."

Discussion followed concerning work standards of students influenced by teachers attending summer school and intersession classes.

Neale reported on his trip to Toronto for an Association of Student Councils (AOSC) conference, which is basically a travel agency owned by member institutions, which are only student unions.

He explained the requirement for a full list of people 60 days in advance to hire a plane has just about killed the AOSC charter.

He added that AOSC has brought an agency and hope to open offices across the country. He said they already have branches in Halifax and Vancouver but there will be few charter flights.

Concerning the summer travel program, youth fares and group fares will be offered, although youth fares may possibly be cancelled. Groups fares entail 40 seats with a tour package available at \$319.

Neale announced that the SRC can bring in Major Hoople's Boarding House Friday, March 15 for \$1,000 and Jason tentatively Thursday, March 21 also for \$1,000.

Councillor Alex Mersereau suggested Council might try to set up concerts for two nights, with both groups. The SRC passed both motions.

Councillors Phil Holland and Chris Gilliss presented a motion which would not allow the same person to run for a third term in the same position on the SRC executive.

Discussion followed the lines that a person may become stale in the job and, on the other hand, it was stated that any person should be allowed to run, the final choice being up to the students. The issue was tabled until next week. If the motion is passed it will not affect the upcoming SRC election, February 13.

Council passed the resolution to abolish the required 10 percent student vote for representatives at large. Reps at large will now be elected by majority like other councillors. The change will not be effective this election.

Councillor Barb Hill was appointed to the Student Services committee.

Mersereau reported as chairman of the concessions committee. He said the body had confirmed that the SRC had a right to carry on business like any other incorporated organization, but whether they have the authority to grant and approve concessions on campus is still up in the air.

Councillor Rod Doherty expressed concern about the future of the Co-op on Montgomery Street. As a resident there he said he was worried the complexes would be turned into women's residences only. He said he hoped that if this

was to happen that provisions for unmarried male students could still be made in one of the buildings as a co-ed residence. Council passed a motion as such suggesting this to Senate.

Council also decided to partially

sponsor three business students to attend a conference in Milwaukee based on a computer business game. The only other Canadian university to participate is the University of Manitoba.

One more telephone line will be

added to the systems of The Brunswickan, CHSR and the SRC; the new extra numbers being 4989, 4988 and 4954 respectively.

After the meeting was adjourned, Neale showed Council plans for the new multi-purpose arena.

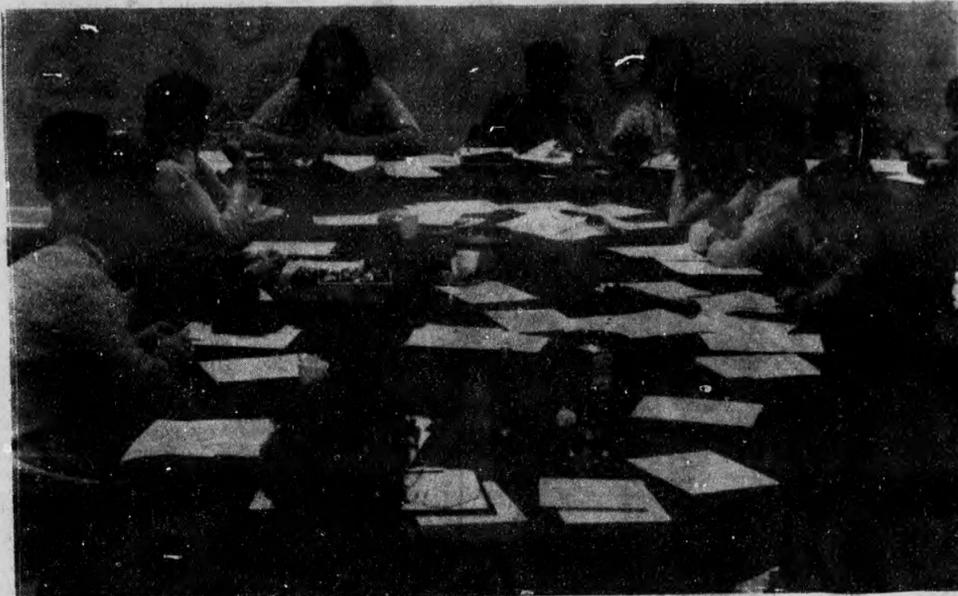


Photo by Jerome Kashetsky

During their regular Monday night meeting, the UNB Student Representative Council discussed new honoraria for SUB Board members as well as course loads at Summer School and Intersession. The SRC will soon hold their spring election, February 13th.

## Assault case dismissed by SDC

By KIRK GORDON

At the January 24th meeting of the Student Disciplinary Committee, one charge was brought forward by a senior SUB supervisor against Stephen J. Ritchie (a 3rd year UNB student) concerning an incident at a November 23rd pub in the SUB ballroom.

Ritchie, charged under sections 4, 5, 6 and 8 of schedule one of the SDC constitution, was represented by a third year law student.

He was alleged to have committed assault and battery on a St. Thomas CP; directly interfering with the CP while carrying out his duties; taken actions endangering, or having the effect of endangering the safety of other individuals and to have disobeyed the direct orders of the CP in the enforcement of his duties.

The incident occurred when Ritchie approached the entrance to a STU pub in the ballroom at approximately 12:35 a.m. and requested of the CPs on duty that he be allowed to enter without paying the admission. Contradictory testimony did not reveal if Ritchie had actually expressed a valid reason for wanting to enter. He maintained that he told the CPs that he needed to contact a friend

in the pub in order to obtain a drive to his home six miles away.

The one CP present at the hearing was not sure if Ritchie had stated his reasons. (The other CP involved was unable to attend the meeting.) Since Ritchie had been let in earlier (but was apparently unable to locate his friend), the CP refused him entry on the grounds of standard policy. A discussion then ensued where upon Ritchie proceeded to enter the pub. The CP immediately restrained him from behind and a "struggle" began. (The CP was also aided by his partner.) In a matter of minutes, Ritchie was pinned on the floor and carried by two CPs and three supervisors down to the SUB Office on orders from the senior supervisor who came on the scene. Here, (apparently taken aback by this show of force) he refused to show his student ID and was told he was going to be charged. His ID was then taken from him forcefully, after which another discussion occurred. After receiving his wallet he was told he could leave. At this point he left the SUB and walked home.

At the hearing, Ritchie strongly questioned the role of student police in hindering rather than helping a fellow student in a situation that Ritchie considered to be somewhat of an emergency!

His counsel also pointed out violations of Ritchie's civil liberties in the way he was handled, held against his will and had his wallet taken from him.

The supervisor stated that such methods had been used "to restrain Mr. Ritchie properly", and that he was charged due to his lack of co-operation with student police.

After receiving pertinent testimony, the committee found Ritchie not guilty on the endangering action charge, not guilty on the assault charge, not guilty on the disobeying orders charge, not guilty on the interference charge. Thus, a fine of \$25. was imposed with the right of appeal to the Board of Deans.

The committee felt the confrontation was an unfortunate one and were disturbed by the attitude of the CPs and supervisors for handling Ritchie in such a manner. They also said they felt that Ritchie should have lent some help to the CPs and supervisors by at least telling them his name.

There was also a motion carried by the committee that there be a revision of the constitution of the SDC and that those student police be set upon a demerit point system.

Mr. Ritchie said he is considering a counter-charge against the student police involved.

## Student employment looking good

By LORNA PITCHER

Employment opportunities for both graduating and undergraduate students are looking good for spring.

Mrs. M. F. McMillan at the campus Placement Office said "most permanent jobs being offered right now are in the fields of Business Administration and Engineering." Starting salaries are up "by a significant amount" over last year and are termed "very competitive."

The Placement Office has just begun to process job applications in the teaching field and Physical Education. However, not many demands have been received in these areas to date.

Summer employment opportunities are particularly promising in the fields of geology and engineering. There are also many positions open to students at camps and golf clubs, as well as the Grand Metropolitan Hotels in England.

The response to the European job offers has been "terrific", accord-

ing to McMillan.

OFY forms will be available within the next ten days for those interested in creating their own summer job.

Opportunities for Arts students are scarce at the moment, however, there have been some openings for sociology or psychology majors. Students are advised to keep in touch with the Placement Office, and apply early for all positions which interest them.