



The girls from Lady Dunn crowded around in their dining hall Wednesday to listen to SRC president Mike Start, Alistair Robertson, Dave MacMullin and others explain what censure will mean.
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Fact-finding committee is not witch hunt on Carnival

The SRC committee investigating Winter Carnival is a fact-finding committee, according to committee member Peter Heelis.

"The primary concern of this committee will be to propose constructive criticism and definite proposals for future Winter Carnival committees," he said.

At the March 2 SRC meeting some loose accusations were tossed around, said Heelis. He said the intent of the accusations wasn't directed at any one person or any one committee.

"The only reason we're focusing our attention upon the present Carnival committee is because we feel they are the best information source. They can offer the best criticism of Carnival organization," he said.

Heelis pointed out that any parts of the March 2 motion setting up the committee which had implications of a witch hunt were rescinded at the March 4 meeting.

The March 4 motion read:

"Whereas earlier in the meeting a resolution has been passed establishing a committee to investigate alleged mismanagement and possible graft and fraud as regards Winter Carnival '69; Whereas council passed this previous resolution in haste and without due deliberation, and without specifying terms of reference; and

Whereas this matter is of utmost concern to the student body;

Be it resolved that:

1. The previous motion be rescinded.
2. Council hereby instructs the Administrative Board to set up a fact-finding subcommittee of the AB to investigate the deficit of Winter Carnival.
3. Members of such a subcommittee be only members of UNB and STU.

4. The AB give priority to council members who have expressed a desire to serve on such a subcommittee.

5. The subcommittee after determining the facts surrounding the deficit of Winter Carnival make a report to council of their findings and this report contain specifically:

(a) facts surrounding the organization and management of Winter Carnival.

(b) relevant financial figures to account for the deficit.

(c) any substantial evidence of graft or fraud.

(d) recommendations for future Winter Carnival committees as to a better system of handling financial affairs.

7. The administrative Board be allowed, if it feels necessary, to obtain legal advice."

Committee member Jim Muir said there would be an interim report at council's meeting Sunday night.

Heelis said that the present committee would apologize to any members of the 1969 Winter Carnival committee for

any alleged accusations or suggestions or mismanagement of funds.

The committee has had four meetings including one with the entire Carnival committee Wednesday night. It has also met with various members of the committee individually.

"There have been many constructive criticisms offered by these people (members of the '69 Carnival committee), mainly in the area of financial control, student participation and entertainment," he said.

"This is the main aim of the committee. This is the type of information we're after.

"Another reason for the committee was to educate new members of the AB so they will have an idea what's happening next year."

Carnival chairman Earl Brewer said he is glad that the purpose of the committee was cleared up.

"Because of the bad publicity in last week's Brunswickan there hasn't been one application for Carnival committee."

Today's vote cancelled

SRC's chief returning officer Debbie Lyons announced Wednesday that the re-vote for the vice presidency scheduled for today was cancelled.

The cancellation came after candidate Grant Godfrey dropped out. The re-vote required that the same candidates run as in last week's aborted by-election.

The re-vote was called because of several discrepancies

in procedure and suspected tampering of ballot boxes.

Godfrey had said earlier that he might drop out. He said that so few people would vote in this, the third election in a month, that the mandate wouldn't be conclusive or representative.

Since the bylaws state that no by-election can be held after March 15, the vice presidency will be vacant until the fall elections.

CAUT council meets tomorrow

The national council of the Canadian association of university teachers meets tomorrow to discuss censure of the board of governors of the University of New Brunswick.

The feeling on campus is that the university will be censured.

A CAUT press release issued this week said that the association regards the university's proposed settlement of the dispute unsatisfactory.

Last week administration president Colin Mackay wrote a letter to prof C.B. Macpherson of CAUT proposing non-binding arbitration but rejecting CAUT's other two demands of dropping the injunction against prof Strax and paying Strax's court costs, legal fees and damages.

In a letter to Mackay Monday, Macpherson says that CAUT is willing to submit costs to arbitration.

"It may be that by 'non-binding' the board meant only to say that . . . it would accede to arbitration, the result of which the board would regard as morally binding on itself. But that is not what

your letter says," said Macpherson's letter.

Mackay sent a letter to the CAUT earlier this week and he refused to disclose its contents saying it was "a personal letter."

Sources on campus say that the arbitration matter may be settled quickly if the board confirms that it will view the arbitration as morally binding.

The only contentious point in negotiations then is the injunction.

"I cannot emphasize too strongly that in our (CAUT) view an injunction is not a proper weapon for a university to invoke in disputes between a professor and the administration.

"The injunction . . . was thought by the board to necessitate a law suit . . . and the existence of a law suit has been used by the board to justify its inaction in granting an adjudicative hearing of the main issue.

"It seems not to have been realized that the university could discontinue its law suit at any time by agreement with prof Strax.

SORRY READERS.....

In last week's front-page story "Carnival to be investigated" there were several allegations and accusations made concerning Winter Carnival finances and management.

Although the Brunswickan has been assured that these statements are not libellous, after a review of the story, it is felt that it was unethical to print them without supporting evidence.

The Brunswickan, therefore, withdraws these statements until a time when they can either be fully substantiated or negated by the report of the administrative board subcommittee on Winter Carnival has been brought to council.

The Brunswickan apologizes to Earl Brewer (Carnival chairman) and other members of the Carnival committee for making these unsupported allegations.

Murphy sentenced to 10 days

By unanimous decision of the tribunal of the appeals division of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick sentenced Tom Murphy, Brunswickan columnist, to ten days in the York County jail after he was found guilty of contempt of court.

Alan Borovoy, Murphy's lawyer and a director of the Canadian civil liberties association, doesn't feel an appeal to the case necessary.

In his summary remarks to the tribunal of chief justice Bridges and justices Ritchie and Limerick, Borovoy made reference to an apology written by Murphy in the Fredericton Daily Gleaner. Because Murphy

purged his contempt, Borovoy said no punishment was necessary.

Borovoy indicated that although the apology wasn't written before the court case, he thought the accused shouldn't be punished for this. He informed the court that Murphy had taken it upon himself to write the apology, that he hadn't written it on counsel's advice.

Borovoy's final plea was for an act of mercy toward the accused. He said that in democratic countries less harshness would "make the institutions more respectful in this age of turmoil."

Prosecutor J.E. Teed based his remarks on the supposition

that the visible unrest of students on university campuses throughout Canada and the United States stemmed from propaganda infiltration from "other countries". He argued to the effect that Murphy wrote the article to be intentionally contemptuous. He went on to say that it was due to his "indoctrination" by the theories he had been studying.

Teed also stressed that the court should jail Murphy. His belief was that some organization would pay any fine and that the individual would not be punished for the offense.

He recommended a sentence of a few days to one year.