

SRC announces course evaluation quiz to be held

By MILTON THOMAS

An intensive course evaluation will take place during the next two weeks.

That word came at Monday evening's Student's Representative Council meeting from law student Mike Richard, co-ordinator for the project. He was present to solicit help from the councillors in distributing the forms for the evaluation.

The evaluation will cut across all faculties and departments. Few professors are expected to refuse permission for their courses to be assessed.

The forms which will be distributed in class, are made up approximately 50 multiple-choice questions referring to the course itself, the professor and the texts. Richard said the choice of answers allows a wide degree of approval or criticism.

The results will be tabulated by computer. Courses examined will then be described in detail from the results and published. No comments will be included, only the results as shown by this year's students in a particular course. A copy will be sent to returning students, hopefully with the pre-registration kits.

Richard told council that course descriptions incorporated into the present calendar are inadequate.

They are either obscure or do not realistically reflect what the course is about.

It is hoped that through this present project, students will be able to more objectively choose their courses. Richard said as well it might point out to professors certain inadequacies in their teaching methods.

The opinions of professors will be taken into account as well. "If a professor feels he has an entire class of dummies," said Richard, "he will have an opportunity to say so."

The course evaluation has been a big task said Richard. Months in the preparation stages, it was financed with \$1200 from the Board of Governors and \$1200 from the SRC.

Richard said the completed work received in the mail by students "will be about the size of an 80-page BRUNSWICKAN."

During the short meeting, a brief was received from the Student's Athletic Association. The SAA requested that their officers be elected in a similar fashion as the SRC and at the same time.

SAA Vice-President Bob King told council that publicizing and carrying-out SAA elections was a problem, monetarily. "We have a lot of money at our disposal but we can't get at it because of the

Athletics Board," he said.

The SRC approved a motion providing for joint elections.

It also appears the Scuba Club is experiencing financial problems. The club needs \$1500 for a compressor or they must cease functioning next year.

The money apparently will not be forthcoming from the SAA, the organization which usually deals with the financial aspects of athletic clubs. The club now plans to draw up a constitution, a necessity for clubs desiring SRC subsidizing.

SRC Comptroller Fud Steeves said, however, that council probably would not accept such a constitution because the club should, by right, be supported by the SAA. He suggested the club first find out why the SAA refuses to allot the funds before asking the SRC for a grant or loan.

SRC President Roy Neale told council negotiations are still being held with Saga Foods for the SUB contract. He will give council a report as soon as an agreement has been reached. The talks so far are still cloaked in secrecy.

Neale said the SUB "is trying to dictate the best possible terms to Saga without going elsewhere." He did say such things as cleanliness and speed of service were being discussed.

Comptroller Steeves asked council "to tentatively think about the possibility of granting token privileges to SRC members next year to induce people to run for office."

As an example, he mentioned councillors "getting free admission to SRC sponsored events . . . or something like this."

Neale also told council that the contracts with "The Perth County

Conspiracy" have been signed. They will be appearing at the Playhouse March 23 at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be \$2.50.

Council will hold two more meetings this year, next week and the week after. At the last meeting, Dean of Students Frank Wilson will present the Health Report. Also, a report on the proposed student village and the Housing Report will be heard.

Flanagan appointed

By MILTON THOMAS

Patrick Flanagan has been appointed Student Representative Council Assistant Comptroller, the position previously called Finance Chairman. The appointment, announced by SRC President Roy Neale Monday evening, March 5, did not come without difficulty, however.

Flanagan was chosen prior to the meeting by the SRC executive. Council was to ratify the decision by a two thirds majority. When Neale brought the subject up, Councillor Lee questioned him on the procedure for selecting Flanagan over four other candidates - Alex Mersereau, Peter Galoska, David Gamble, and Rod Doherty.

Neale said he could not give a step-by-step breakdown of the selection process nor could he get personal as some of the other candidates were present. Some councillors did not know who the candidates for the position were.

When council seemed hesitant to give ratification without more information, Neale said that selection of such posts was a vested right of the executive and council was duty bound to respect their judgement.

Meeting Chairman Peter Forbes said Neale was right, constitutionally, but he allowed the debate to continue because of the issue involved.

Ex-councillor John Rocca told Neale, "You have all the power and you've delegated it to council. They are a rubber stamp."

After more debate, a motion for ratification was forwarded.

Flanagan got the required two thirds majority with 11 for, zero against and seven abstentions.

In other council business, Comptroller Fud Steeves said the Administrative Board has decided to study the President's salary, recommend salary allotments and report to council when plans are finalized.

He said, however, that Neale's salary "will not be the standard \$110 a week."

Steeves also gave council the results of the yearbook referendum. Four hundred sixty-nine students said they wanted a book while 251 did not. Four hundred fifty-seven would be willing to pay more while 226 would not.

Though this represents only 17 per cent of the students, Steeves said the results "show a lot of support for the yearbook and we are not going to cart it away without a chance."

He suggested order forms be included in pre-registration kits and an intensified sales campaign be implemented.

Neale told council he has had a lengthy talk with UNB President Dr. John Anderson. He said he could not reveal to council the exact nature of their discussion. He did say, however, that fees were discussed. He told council that "indications are that tuition and residence fees will remain static. It looks like we're going to be able to hold the line this year."

The constitutions of several campus organizations were accepted by council. As well, minor amendments to the Campus Police and SRC constitutions were approved.

Student Senators sponsor

Three motions before senate

By JOHN BALL

Student senators sponsored three motions put before the university senate at their monthly meeting last Tuesday.

Motions allowing for candidates for senior SRC positions to be allowed to speak to classes during lecture periods was passed. It was stressed that only candidates for president, Comptroller and vice-president were those to receive such consideration from the faculty. Prof. Sharpe was the only senator who voiced strong opposition to the motion. He felt that facilities were available to candidates over CHSR, in the BRUNSWICKAN, and at rallies in the SUB to meet all the students who were interested in student government. He did not see why professors should be asked to provide captive audiences for student politicians. The motion was easily carried.

A motion encouraging faculties to include students on their councils and in "appropriate committees" was also passed. The intent of the motion was to get students onto academic committees. Many faculties are now doing this but it was hoped by the student senators that others may be encouraged to do so.

The third motion put forward by the students resulted in a request that the Senate Committee on Standings and Promotions consider the adoption of a uniform marking system for the whole

university for multiple choice examinations. Feelings were mixed on the motion because it was

felt that the academic freedom of the professors may be hampered by being forced to follow a guideline which limited their prerogatives. However, most of the "nays" were appeased when it was pointed out that the committee would only be considering the possibility of such guidelines.

The Senate accepted the recommendation of the Senate Undergraduate Scholarship Committee that three more undergraduate scholarships be accepted and forwarded to the Board of Governors for acceptance by the university.

The scholarships are the John Aubrey Allen Memorial Scholarship for \$500.00, the IODE Valcertain Chapter of Saint John Bursary for \$250.00 for a student at UNBSJ, and the Florence L. Murray Memorial Scholarship for up to \$700.00.

Dean of Students Wilson noted that the scholarships were all classed as undergraduate rather than entrance scholarships. He said that the area of undergraduate scholarships was one in which the university was weak and was glad to see it filling up somewhat.

Vice-President Pacey put forward a motion that the title of Distinguished University Professor be created. He said that such titles were conferred at other universities and would afford an honour for serving professors. He noted that the title Professor Emeritus was reserved for retired professors and it was felt that some sort of title could be awarded for those professors who have or are

giving outstanding service to the university. The motion was accepted with the deletion of the word Distinguished from the title.

A recommendation from the Department of Business Administration and the School of Graduate Studies that Prof. William J. Reddin be appointed Honorary Research Associate on his retirement from the university was accepted. Reddin has been on leave from the university for three years and although he wants to keep some link with the university he does not wish to return to full or part time teaching duties. The position would allow Reddin access to the library and the computer, and he would be available to help with research or to give special lectures on occasion.

In other business, a report of the ad hoc committee on Academic Support Services concerning support services at UNBSJ was tabled; a recommendation that the Committee on Standings and Promotions "examine and report on the number of course credits students in the various degree programmes should be allowed to register in each year" was accepted; recommendations, re the university appointments on the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education were accepted; the proposed structure of the Faculty of Education was accepted; recommendations of the Nominating Committee for the Chairmen of the Department of Business Administration and Department of Economics were accepted; and a report of the Honorary Degrees Committee was accepted.