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Clark defends policy

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On Wednesday, November 24, the Right Honourable Joe Clark gave a public lecture in Tilly 102 at 2:30 p.m. The event was organized by the Political Science Student's Association (PSSA) and attracted a capacity crowd, even turning away many students from the auditorium.

Clark opened with remarks on Canada's actions towards the issue of apartheid in South Africa. He then answered questions from the audience, ranging from apartheid in South Africa, international economic development, and Canadian sovereignty to export-import policy. Mr. Clark was witty, straightforward and sincere in his comments and answers. It proved to be an informative session without partisan propaganda.

Apartheid in South Africa seemed to be the subject of primary concern to those who attended the lecture. Mr. Clark stated that Canada is pursuing a step-by-step system of applying increasing pressure to South Africa through condemnation and sanctions. The venue, where Canada can most apply influence to South Africa, is the Commonwealth. But Clark said that because of certain countries in the Commonwealth who have large economic ties to South Africa, the pressure applied to South Africa is not as much as Canada would like.

The PSSA was very pleased with the lecture and the obvious interest in lectures of this type, and will try to have more similar events.

In other news concerning Mr. Clark and the External Affairs Department, it was revealed Friday, November 21, that it had spirited five Russian Army defectors from Afghanistan to Canada. Clark said that the defectors were smuggled out in a secret operation which was undertaken for

humanitarian reasons only. Moscow has not condemned or condoned Canada's action in helping the deserters. A Soviet spokesman sidestepped the issue Tuesday by saying "war has its own peculiarities."

Meanwhile at a news conference in Toronto yesterday, the five defectors said that they will not return to the USSR under any circumstances.

South Africa and Afghanistan hot issues

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, announced today that, as of November 7, 1986, the Canadian Embassy in Pretoria would no longer issue visas to applicants wishing to visit Canada.

Acknowledging that "the Commonwealth cannot stand by and allow the cycle of violence to spiral, but must take effective concerted action", Canada and five other member countries of the commonwealth agreed on a number of measures against



photo by Jamie Aitken

South Africa and commended them to the rest of the Commonwealth and the international community generally.

One of these measures is the following:

"the withdrawal of all consular facilities in South Africa except for our own nationals and nationals of third countries to whom we render consular services".

Accordingly, prospective visitor's visa applicants in South Africa (including students and temporary workers), will no longer be able to obtain visas at the Embassy in Pretoria. Persons wishing to visit Canada will have to apply for visas to other Canadian missions abroad.

South Africans wishing to establish permanent residence in Canada will continue to have the services of our Embassy in Pretoria available to them. Consular assistance normally extended by the Embassy to Canadians visiting South Africa will continue to be available.

Debate a step backwards

By TIM PORTER
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Student Union President Larry Hansen has refused to debate with John Bosnitch on any issue concerning the Student Union.

In a discussion between Hansen and Bosnitch on Tuesday, Nov. 25, Bosnitch challenged Hansen to debate the merits of the S.U. takeover, the legitimacy of the current governing council, and the legitimacy of Hansen's claim to the presidency.

Bosnitch said he would debate Hansen anywhere on the campus or in the city, over air at CHSR-FM or in an interview with Brunswickan reporters; Hansen refused every suggestion.

"When you have two groups

claiming to represent a student government, and when you have less than 15 percent of the students participating in a so-called election... it is the responsibility of people to debate and discuss the issue," Bosnitch said.

"Our mandate is to rebuild the student government on this campus, to move forward, and attempts by him (Bosnitch) to draw me into the past aren't legitimate," Hansen said.

Hansen believes that Bosnitch should debate "the people he has issue with," such as Stephen Smith and Eric Semple.

In the meeting, Bosnitch pointed to some possible problems in the new governing councils constitution, notably there are no provisions for impeachment.

"It's impossible to impeach them," Bosnitch said. "Council can't impeach them, you can't impeach them by petition; under no circumstances can the students of this University remove the members of Downey's governing council." "Add that to the problems in seating Tony Tracy," Bosnitch continued, "and it really leads you to ask some questions about the operation of that government."

Hansen said that his council is working under a constitution "that has been just introduced and I guarantee that it's under review right now, and before the end of our mandate there will be a provision for impeachment."

With respect to Tony Tracy, Hansen said his council "has

not chosen to seat him at this time because of the ongoing (audit) investigation."

Hansen said his executive will be meeting, before the council meeting this Monday, and they will formulate some recommendations to council on the seating of Tracy as comptroller.

"I've been speaking with the executive and we are going to try and do something to see that he is seated as quickly as possible," Hansen said.

Hansen says that "the Administrative Director (Brian Walsh) is doing many of the duties that were traditionally done by the comptroller." He says that now the comptroller is seen as a person who is mainly concerned with planning for the next year.