

Administration threatens to expel UNB student president

By SAMANTHA BRENNAN

In a move to censure student union president John Bosnitch for "improprieties" and "unacceptable behavior," University of New Brunswick president James Downey has threatened him with expulsion from the university.

In a Sept. 28 letter, Downey said that should Bosnitch commit any further improprieties he would recommend to the Board of Governors that he be dismissed from UNB.

Bosnitch is outraged at the administration's actions.

"It appears that at UNB when

you disagree with the administration, that's unacceptable behavior," says Bosnitch. He says that nowhere in the letter does Downey specify what he means by "unacceptable behavior."

"He appears to be ordering me to change the way I do my job," says Bosnitch.

But whatever Downey intended by the letter of warning, Bosnitch says he has no plans to change his ways.

"I have to continue to do my job as a student advocate and question the administration," he says.

Bosnitch also says that the university administration is threatening to hold back student union fees from the UNB student council.

According to Bosnitch, one area of dispute between himself and the president is his reaction to the death of a child who fell from a university residence.

Bosnitch says he went into the university official's office and demanded an explanation as to how this could happen. After causing a scene he was removed from the building by university security.

The other disagreement between the council and the administration is capital fund donations refunds for students, says Bosnitch. The administration made students pay \$10 towards a capital fund drive for the university, although students could get their money back by applying to the student union. Bosnitch claims the university took over

eight months to give the union the \$50,000 owed to them. Now the university is withholding student union fees until the student union gives unclaimed funds back to the administration.

UNB President James Downey was unavailable for comment.

Conflicts at UNB are already meeting with reaction from other campuses.

"It's dangerous when a university administration directly involves itself in the affairs of a student council," says Dalhousie student union president Alex Gigeroff. "Although I disagree with Mr. Bosnitch's political philosophy, I'm concerned about the implications that this move has towards the autonomy of student councils."

This is Bosnitch's second term as student union president at the University of New Brunswick. He gained notoriety with his first campaign by running with a slate of candidates who called themselves the "Student Party." Their style of campaign and dress reminded one of neo-nazism, although the policies of the student party did not match this image.

Student unions boycott South Africa

By JANICE WALSH

McGill University student council has refused to allow three major Canadian banks to publicize their services in the student union building because of investments in South Africa.

The student union denied the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce's request to promote a special student account, the Bank of Montreal's request to install an instant teller and refused to grant space to the Royal Bank under a previously arranged agreement.

The Dalhousie Student Union also observes sanctions against

South Africa in certain areas. Vice-president external Caroline Zayid says the student union has boycotted entertainers who have performed in South Africa.

The South African boycott does not extend to the student union's banking practices.

DSU treasurer Neil Ferguson says the student union account is at the Royal Bank, one of the three boycotted by McGill.

"I'm not sure about past councils but the present council has not discussed boycotting these banks," says Ferguson.

"If we did not have our account in a chartered bank, our main option would be a credit union,"

says Zayid. "The complexity of our accounts makes it difficult for us to use smaller operations."

Yat K. Lo, vice-president external at McGill, says that boycotts can make students aware of the problems in South Africa.

"The South Africa issue is drifting to the background," says Lo.

Companies who invest in South Africa are often boycotted because of that country's policies of apartheid government. South Africa is governed by an all-white minority while the country's black and coloured populations have been denied virtually all freedoms.

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