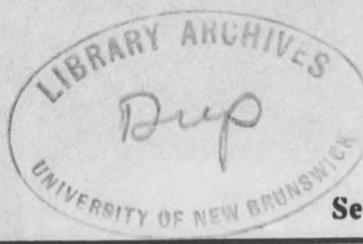
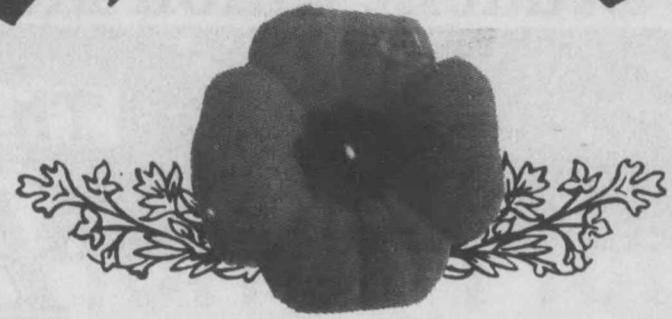


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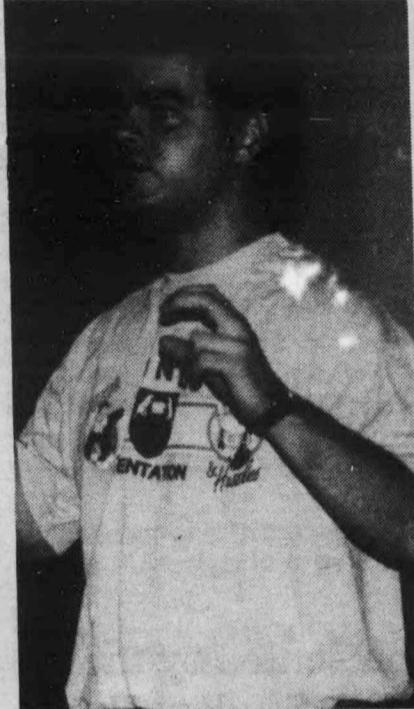
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Three hour long debate:

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Kevin Bourque: SU president



Randy Hickey: Chairperson of the CHSC's board of directors



Matt Harris: CHSC manager



Marc Braithwaite: SU appointee



Beth Galley: member of the CHSC board of directors

SU unveils proposal for restructuring CHSC board

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The audience clapped, booed, and roared as members of both the UNB Student Union and the College Hill Social Club debated the Student Union's proposal of restructuring the CHSC Board of Directors.

Over 200 people showed up at a meeting on Tuesday night at MacLaggan Hall. The meeting was organized by the Student Union and chaired by Mike Comeau.

SU president Kevin Bourque stated that the SU was not interested in taking over the CHSC. Both Bourque and Marc Braithwaite, a SU appointee who is spearheading the campaign, argued that the present Board of Directors of the CHSC is not a legitimate representative of the UNB Student Union.

They stated that the SU's proposal would guarantee that the Board of Directors from the club would be selected from a larger pool of students and through the forum of the Student Union General Elections.

The Board would be made up of representatives from the GSA, St Thomas, two elected Students-at-large from the UNB Student Union, the Vice president Finance and the Vice President Entertainment of the SU Executive, the manager of the Social Club, and a representative from the UNB Administration.

According to Braithwaite, the

later was included because the SU building is owned in part by the University and they would be an important resource on the Board.

The current Board of Directors consists of one alumni, a graduate student, a part time student, two full-time students and Matt Harris, the manager, is a non-voting sixth member.

The Student Union argued that the Social Club's approach to the election of officers to the Board is not satisfactory. Braithwaite argued that notices of the meeting were not published in *The Brunswickan* during the Spring of last year. He supported this with a pile of *Brunswickans* that covered the period.

The Brunswickan was unable to locate an ad, although Matt Harris, Manager of the club stated that the ad was placed in the paper.

In addition the SU feel that with an average turnout of about forty people, the annual general meetings are not representative of the membership of the Social Club which is estimated at above two thousand individuals.

The Student Union further criticized the Social Club for not having minutes of their Board meetings since 1982.

Kevin Bourque also stated that the Social Club's unwillingness to comply with the Companies Act, which demands that membership lists should be made available upon request to members, reflected their inability

to carry out their responsibilities as Board members.

He argued that their failure to present this list is what prompted the Student Union to call for a public meeting.

According to the Student Union's proposal, all undergraduate students would be automatic members of the Social Club. However there would be a "preferred membership" status granted to those who pay a membership fee. These preferred members would have all the privileges that current members have.

In response to these comments, Randy Hickey, chair of the Social Club's Board of Directors argued that the Student Union's proposal sent to the club in the summer was in fact a take over bid and was therefore rejected by the Board.

He argued that the Student Union was seeking to introduce politics into the running of the club. According to Hickey, the management of the club would be altered and that would threaten the licensing of the establishment.

Matt Harris, club manager, claimed the club would "not exist" if it were taken over by the Student Union. He said the proposed constitution of the Board spoke for itself in light of the presence of SU executives and an Administration representative on it.

Harris stated that when the Social Club was in financial

trouble some years ago the Student Union was unwilling to help. He says the club recovered and started to do well and suddenly the SU is interested.

In response, Bourque defended the Union's action arguing that the Union was not going to help bail out a business that it had no say in. He equated the issue to a taxi company in Fredericton making the same request of the Student Union.

Beth Galley, a member of the Social Club Board of Directors insisted that the SU was interested in a take-over. She argued that it "takes two for a merger" and "this is not a merger."

Galley questioned what the whole point of the SU's proposal is. She wondered that if the SU was in control of the club, and there was a bad year, can the SU insure members that the club will continue to exist.

While the Social Club directors and audience members who asked questions maintained that the Student Union's interest was in a take over, Bourque and Braithwaite argued that such was not the case.

When asked why the wording of the advertisement in *The Brunswickan* seemed to suggest that the SU was interested in gaining a controlling interest, both Braithwaite and Bourque stated that the wording was merely a reflection of the rumors that had been circulating.

They stated that the first proposal was a working discussion paper and the Social Club was unwilling to discuss. The current proposal, they argued reflected the true intent of the Union. At no point did either gentleman state that the Union had changed its proposal concerning their interest in the club.

Questions, predominantly directed at the SU representatives and in favour of the Social club were aired.

When asked if the Social Club Board of Directors would put the current proposal to its members, Board Chairman Hickey questioned why the SU had not put their bid to their members.

He stated that if the membership demanded a meeting through a petition that included the names of a quarter of the membership, such a meeting would be held. After over an hour of questions, the meeting was adjourned with the promise that another such forum would be organized.

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