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Yearbook controversy continues

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Since last week's front page story exposing the status of the 1984/85 and 1985/86 Yearbooks, a lot of controversy has been raised which points to one question. Who is responsible for the mess that the Yearbooks are in?

Basically, the story has not changed much. To recap, the problem with the yearbook is rooted in the rivalry between the Student Union under Steven Smith and the old Student Union headed by John Bosnitch.

As seen last issue, both sides seem eager to blame the other, bringing a resolution of the issue that much further away. But a recent interview with Steven Smith lends credence to the possibility that the problem may soon be solved.

Both Eric Semple, Comp-

troller and Smith, plan to come to a consensus on the issue by early next week. On Monday night at the Student Council meeting, the SU budget is being planned and in this meeting the Yearbook will be given a monetary outline. However, its form, time of publication and fate depends entirely upon the amount of money given to it by the SU.

As of this week, the Yearbook is still without an editor, so it may be some time before its publishing becomes a reality.

Eric Semple said that he has plans to give a press release by the end of next week and that it would be "premature of Steven Smith or me to mention when the yearbooks will be coming out".

On the other side of the coin, advertisers in general,

are not pleased with what they see. The manager of the UNB Bookstore commented that "of the last advertisement I sent in, a couple were never published!" He even went so far as to say that "I won't put another advertisement in until I know things are working."

The local news media have

expressed interest in going on at the Yearbook. On Wednesday, ATV was on campus interviewing various persons connected with the issue, and the Telegraph Journal as well is intending to do a story on the handling of the case.

Nevertheless, media exposure only serves to bring

facts to light and it is up to concerned students to carry through if they are truly interested in seeing a resolution of the problems plaguing the Yearbook.

Yet the controversy remains, and the question has still to be answered.

Semple wants inquiry

by TIM PORTER
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Falling just short of quorum, Student Union Council was unable to hold a formal meeting this week.

However, the council was able to hold an informal meeting consisting of a question period and the weekly communications announcements.

Comptroller Eric Semple would not reply to questions on whether the Student Union will seek legal council to retrieve the "flats" of the 1984/85 yearbook, referring the question to other members of the executive.

Semple was able to say that the 1985/86 yearbook will be published if an editor can be found.

"I would like to see some sort of board, such as the Student Disciplinary Committee, look into the 1984/85 yearbook

situation to see if the pages still exist before we (council) start any action," Semple said.

Semple said that two or three advertisers have approached him on the status of the two yearbooks.

"It's just like any other business ... if you buy ads in a publication, and that publication doesn't come out, you start to ask questions," Semple said.

After the meeting, President Stephen Smith said that council will be seeking legal advice in the coming week on how to retrieve the 1984/85 yearbook flats.

In the last week, it has come to the attention of the Brunswickan that Cynthia Lim, Business Manager of the 1984/85 yearbook, was handed the 1984/85 yearbook flats by Editor Helena Rojas, and that was the last time the flats were seen.

In other council news, Smith

said that council is still looking for a permanent Chairman.

Dwight McMinn, who is not a student at UNB this term, has been acting as Chairman in the absence of other applications for the position.

With the Oct. 22 General Election fast approaching, Smith said he is considering running for president of the Student Union.

"I have some personal things that I have to get out of the way this week, and if I am able to do this, I would love to offer as president," Smith said.

It was announced at council's informal session that Melvin Vincent will be the Chief Returning Officer in the council election.

Vincent, a third-year Arts student majoring in political science, will hold the position for one year. He takes over from McMinn, who was holding the position on an interim basis.

Fees up 11%

By GERRY FLECKNELL
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Registration fees for the 1986-87 school year are up 11% over the previous year, and students are concerned over this fee hike, which the Administration says is justified.

The system which ultimately decides the amount of fees is a complex one, but the final decision is made by the university Board of Governors. The reasons behind this year's increase according to Assistant Comptroller Hartley Moorehouse is the increasing cost of salaries, heating and lighting, contracts for cleaning, and general up-keep of the campus.

The level of funding from the Maritime Higher Education Committee determines to a large degree what fees will be in a given year. Mr. Moorehouse said "We did have one of the higher increases of fees this year." He indicated that, due to limited increases in the previous three years and estimated declining enrolment of 3 to 4 percent, fees had to be increased. In calculating fees, one must balance between the goal of remaining competitive with other schools and covering your costs.

Meanwhile, students are complaining that the fee hikes

are unfair, and they have expressed their dissatisfaction in the following comments to the Brunswickan.

"I am not very pleased with the increase," commented Steve Clements (BA IV). "How about an increase in facilities, for example. Anthropology or Phys. Ed., both could use an increase to make them comparable with other universities." Commenting on this year's increase to \$1575.00, Jackie Hathely (BA III) said, "I hate it. How can it double in four years? I know that out West it is almost half what we pay." Several people felt that the increase will mean hardship for some. "It's unfortunate that students are bearing the brunt of increased fees. Ideally, it would be beneficial if Universities could become self-supporting," stated Kathleen Simpson-Boss (Educ I).

There were those more sympathetic to the fee increase. "It's reasonable, because enrolment is down and compared to \$10-20,000 tuition in the States, we're not bad off," replied Ted Debertin (EE V). More time before a fee increase was suggested by Wallace Chow (BBA IV). "I think it's not fair and that it should be announced a year before the increase to give some time to the student to appeal."

Problem is 'mushrooming'

By MIRIAM DEBLY
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The "Magic Mushroom" season is once more upon us, but Fredericton City Police are warning students that the fungi is considered to be an illegal drug and that anyone caught in possession of Magic Mushrooms will be dealt with accordingly.

The fine for possession ranges from \$50 to \$100 depending on the quantity.

Magic Mushrooms, or Cylocibin as they are known scientifically, are a restricted drug which are listed under Structure "H" of the Food and Drug Act; the same structure under which LSD or "Acid" is listed. Elaine Campbell, of the Drug and Alcohol Dependency Clinic in Fredericton said "Cylocibin has severe chronic

effects" such as causing "genetic damage" and that research into the drug and its effects are still under way. However it is known that the drug has many similarities to LSD, plays havoc with the central nervous system and possesses psychoactive properties which in turn effect behavior or consciousness.

Some immediate adverse effects of the drug are nausea, dizziness and fainting. Heavier dosages have been proven to cause psychic changes and alterations in spacial and body images. Apparently, every year at this time many individuals arrive at Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital displaying symptoms of the drug's use.

Users report the drug as changing their "mood" and as

giving them a "euphoric feeling". They describe it as an "intense experience" which can be controlled according to the amount used.

Although the 'Mushrooms' are readily available in our surrounding environment, caution should be practiced if one intends to forgoe the warnings of specialists and the police. Many similar looking mushrooms are in fact poisonous, and thus their after affects are not only more extreme but often dangerous.

There are reports that students have been fined for obtaining the drug around the city. Therefore, everyone should be aware of all consequences associated with its possession and use.