

# NEWS

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## Lawsuits getting expensive

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During a press conference Thursday morning John Bosnitch stated that the ousted SU may be forced to prepare to sue the University of New Brunswick and its President James Downey (as co-defendants) for one quarter of a million dollars.

Mr. Bosnitch says that he personally is more than willing to be a party to this lawsuit as he is no longer under any restrictions such as gag contracts.

Bosnitch claims that student fees were collected under the SRC name and that students were informed by the University that their fees were being paid to the SRC. Bosnitch claims that the name "SRC" belongs to the University of New Brunswick Student Union INC. as per articles of incorporation dating back to 1966.

Bosnitch said that "many students didn't know that the student government had been overthrown. It wasn't until the Brunswickan came out and other people started talking about it, maybe even in October, that the majority of students on campus realized that something had happened on April 17th. So fully 5 or 6 thousand students at least were paying their fees directly to what they thought was the government headed by the executive; me (Bosnitch), Tony English, Micheal Bennett, Hugh Brown and so on."

Further, Bosnitch alleges that "to take money from the students telling them that it was going to this group and yet give it to another group... would constitute fraud."

In a written release, which was read by Mr. Bosnitch prior to question period it was stated that an "Examination for Discovery hearing was held in January in which the proof of Downey's leading role in the lockout of the Student Union was established. This release also indicated that:

"As a result of sworn testimony given at Discovery in January, this dispute has acquired a criminal dimension. It has now been established that a member of Downey's "student governing council" participated in an illegal bugging of a May 9, 1986 meeting

of the Student Union Council held in the Monsignor Boyd Centre of the local Catholic church. The incident has been reported to the Criminal Investigation Bureau of the City Police."

The police, when contacted Thursday afternoon, would not comment.

Bosnitch has implicated a member of the "student governing council" and an employee

of the Monsignor Boyd Centre to the Police.

Bosnitch claims that a member of the "student governing council" has approached a member of the Student Union Inc. seeking a consent document for this "bugging" after the fact.

Consent was refused.

Bosnitch also said that on Sept. 23 that "their solicitor indicated to our solicitor that

they may have a tape of one of our meetings." "In our Jan. 7 and 8 meetings however, they admitted having a tape of our May 9th Council meeting. They admitted being of the opinion that a tape had been obtained through a taping through the P.A. system. (at Monsignor Boyd Centre)"

The release further stated: "The Student Union has submitted evidence of the bugg-

ing, including a document prepared by a solicitor for the defendants. Until we learned of this incident, we had not realized the lengths to which

the members of Jim Downey's "student governing council" would go to stay in power. We believe the bugging to be an infringement of our constitutional freedoms and a violation of the sanctity of the church."

## STU workshop on aging

St. Thomas University will host two one-day workshops on aging. The first will be offered at the university, Tuesday, March 3, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. in Edmund Casey Hall. The second will be offered in Saint John at the Saint John Regional Hospital, Wednesday, March 4 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. The workshops, titled "Validation Therapy and Aging," are offered as activities of the university's Chair in Gerontology.

The workshops are designed for those who care for the elderly. Sessions will explore techniques for helping persons 80 years of age and over to cope with the disorientation which is sometimes part of the aging process. A series of lectures, films, demonstrations

and discussions will focus on the aging process, the stages of disorientation, and the application of Validation Therapy, an approach to therapy which restores dignity to the severely disoriented.

Coordinator of the workshop is Prof. Penny Ericson, M.S.N. A member of the President's Advisory Committee on Gerontology at St. Thomas, Prof. Ericson is the Assistant Dean of Nursing, UNB Faculty of Nursing. Naomi Feil, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., Executive Director, Validation Therapy Institute Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, will serve as animator at the workshop.

Best known as the originator of Validation Therapy, Mrs. Feil is internationally

recognized for her contributions to the field of aging. She is listed in both *Outstanding Professionals in Human Services* and *Who's Who of American Women*. Her interest in the elderly can be traced to her experience of growing up in a senior citizens' home where her father was an administrator and her mother the social worker. A social work practitioner for some 31 years, she has served at various times as Director of Group Work Services with the elderly in hospitals, community centers and senior citizens' homes. Actress and writer as well as social worker, she is the scriptwriter and co-producer of a series of 9 award-winning documentary films on the disoriented elderly. Mrs. Feil's

workshops on aging have been enthusiastically received by hospitals, universities, and nursing homes throughout Canada and the United States.

## 50 Lashes With a Wet Noodle

By Christopher Nakash

Four university students, three of whom are from the University of New Brunswick have appeared in court in front of Judge C. Blake Lynch on charges of theft and public mischief. The four were; Russel Willis and Wayne Lamont of P.E.I., Craig Andrew McElroy of Sussex and Randall Raymond Mitton of Moncton.

Willis and Lamont were charged with the January 18 theft of Flags from Kings Place Mall and McElroy and Mitton were charged with public mischief involving an interference with a mailbox on the evening of November 11 and theft of gas station advertisement signs later that same night.

Each student was granted a conditional discharge if they completed an 800 word essay that dealt with the effects of a criminal record on a student. Lynch received permission from Willis and Lamont to print their essays in the *Brunswickan*.

However, Willis and Lamont will have to make restitution to the amount of 300 dollars (the value of the flags) in addition to writing the essays in order to have the discharge validated.



Turkey's and Tributes's of the Week are chosen by Brunswickan News Staff in recognition of the *Marvelous* and the *Moronic* things people say or do.

This week's Turkey of the Week is given to Wayne Carson, student council Engineering representative who said (more or less) "Why fund CHSR when no one listens to it anyway?"

Editor's note: We wouldn't make it through the day without good old CHSR!

### TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

This week's Tribute of the Week is given to Tommy Hennessy for his unique and diplomatic approach to Anglo-French relations.

Editor's note: Submitted by Mark Stevens who is hell bent on revenge.