

# NEWS

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## Court reserves decision

by Mark Stevens

Last Thursday, the New Brunswick Court of Appeal reserved its decision on an appeal by two UNB alumni and a fifth year arts student.

Michael Bennett, Hugh Brown and Tony English have been fighting a two year battle to have the courts declare that their removal from the UNB student union was unlawful.

Bennett, Brown and English — executive officers during the Bosnitch era — asked the Court of Appeal to overturn a decision by Mr. Justice David M. Dickson. On May 21, 1987, Mr. Justice Dickson ruled that the actions brought by the appellants (Bennett, Brown and English) against 13 former student councillors and a university employee, were childish and frivolous.

The grounds of appeal allege that Mr. Justice Dickson failed to exercise his discretion judicially and that he failed to disqualify himself from continuing to hear the motions on the basis of a reasonable apprehension by the appellants of a bias against them.

The thirteen former student councillors, and Kim Norris (Director of the Student Union Building) were being sued

because they took part, or acted upon, a vote to have the appellants removed from the student union office in 1986. In a telephone interview, English, a fifth year arts student, explained that though the governing executive had been physically removed from office, they had not been removed by a lawful, democratic procedure.

English also said he wasn't happy with the media coverage surrounding the appeal. He was critical of an article appearing in last Friday's *Daily Gleaner*, saying that their court reporter was responsible for several factual inaccuracies. "We may take our case to the Atlantic Press Council", English said. *The Gleaner* has already been reprimanded by the Press Council for apparent bias in their reporting of the 1987 court case.

Lana Grimes, president of the deposed student union, said that the appellants want the court to recognize the illegality of their removal from office. "We'll fight as long as we have to", she said.

Bennett, Brown and English are relying on their own resources to fund their ongoing legal battle. "However", said

Miss Grimes, "our opponents are having their bills paid for them. And where are Mark Lutes, Eric Semple and Stephen Smith? They don't even have the decency to show up in court."

SUB director Kim Norris said that he was sick and tired of the whole affair. "The thing's been going on for two years. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then."

But Lana Grimes and her col-

leagues in court are determined to continue with their struggle. "We're doing what we're doing because we believe in student's rights. Believe me, I'm not selling hot dogs because I like the image."

## SUB still smoking

By NATALIE FOLSTER

Lighting up in the Blue Lounge is a no-no, but that has not deterred the hopelessly addicted.

The decorative cement ash urns have been removed, and no-smoking signs adorn the walls, but a cruise through the aftermath of lunch reveals cigarette butts under tables and matchsticks on the window sills.

Smoking has been banned in the Blue Lounge, Room 203, 103, Room 26, and in about half of the SUB cafeteria. This is phase one of a plan to make the Student Union Building smoke-free by next year. The University Administration requested the designation of non-smoking areas across campus. The policy has been enthusiastically carried out in the SUB by Director Kim Norris. He notes that most universities across the country are now pursuing similar policies.

Norris says feedback on the new rule has been mainly positive. Most of the complaints he has been getting are from people objecting to the smoke.

SUB staff member Don Dickinson admits that the

policy is difficult to enforce. It is impossible to watch everybody all the time. Someone caught puffing in a no-smoking zone is asked to extinguish the offending material or leave the building. Failing

that, they are relieved of their I.D. card and escorted from the premises by Security.

Regardless, the new policy will push forward. Ultimate goal, according to Norris: A smoke-free university.

## Off we goto UMO

by Eleanor Stunden

Seven University of New Brunswick students never dreamt they were on a diplomatic mission when they visited the University of Maine for a fact-finding tour as part of a US/Canadian exchange program.

The trip was engineered to introduce Canadian students to campus life at the University of Maine at Orono. Situated three and a half hours southwest of the Maine/New Brunswick border, Orono offers students the warm community spirit of a small American town.

The exchange group was greeted by an enthusiastic welcoming committee. This heralded a weekend of activities: a reception; a tour of campus; social events and

muct to their surprise, political panel discussions. These discussions ranged in content from the upcoming US Presidential election to US/Canadian relations.

The International Students Committee at the U of M hoped that through much discussion the bond between the US and Canada would be strengthened, "establishing a leadership role in interpreting the growing interdependence of the United States and Canada."

In a theoretical arena, one Canadian exchange student felt that the friendship she had been shown at the U of M symbolized the bonding. Jacqueline, a third year education student from Fredericton said, "I love it here. In many ways, I don't feel like coming home. I've made so many friends."

## This is the Law?

Ontario researcher/writer Robert Pelton has found an astounding array of laws on the books in Canadian communities. There were laws passed by old county councils, municipalities and even provincial governments many years ago AND THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN REPEALED! Although no one is known to have been charged under these laws in recent years nor is there an explanation readily available for why they were enacted in the first place, it is interesting to know they are still there.

In Londonderry, N.S., for instance, it is illegal for "a farmer to be seen in public riding an ugly horse".

Raymond, Alberta has an offence on the books making it a fine of \$1 for taking a hen into a church and a \$2 fine if the fowl afoul of the law happens to be a rooster.

Summerside, P.E.I. has a statute stating that no farm woman "may be seen feeding chickens or doing other farm chores while wearing a nightgown".

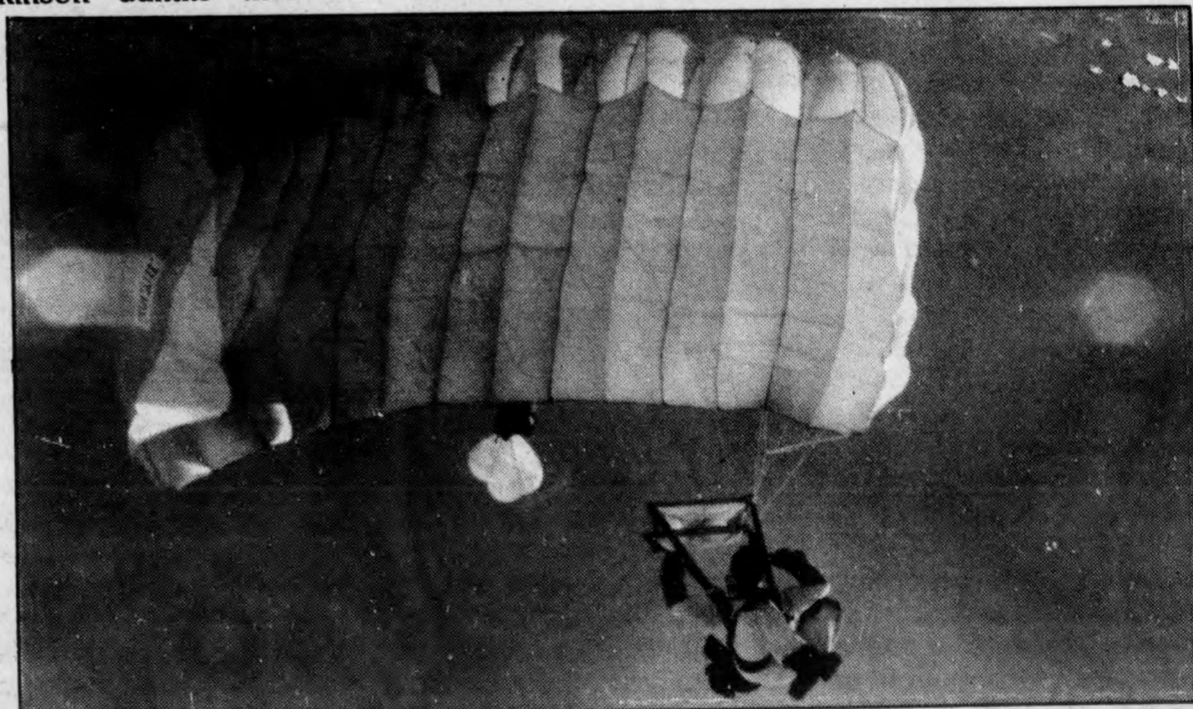
At Clifton, N.B., it is an offence and a fine can be levied for "sticking out a tongue at any cow or other farm animal."

In Jasmin, Sask. it is legally required for a rooster to "step back 300 feet from a house before crowing".

Perkins, Quebec, farmers that develop a bit of a thirst must take a note of permission along to buy a bottle of brandy. The note must be signed by the wife.

And in East Pine, B.C. it is legal for a farmer to sleep with his pigs, cows, horses, goats or chickens as long as "he is not caught doing so after the sun rises in the morning."

The next time you see something and think there "ought to be a law", take heart. There probably is one on the books somewhere.



The C.P.s displayed some of their new crime fighting equipment last Wednesday in front of the SUB  
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