

# EDITORIAL

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At Monday's meeting the SRC passed a motion granting CSL \$53,000 to pay off its debts. To do this the Student Union will have to borrow that amount and would be wholly responsible for repaying the loan.

The motion read as follows:

That the Student Union arrange a grant for CSL in an amount equal to their outstanding bills (approximately \$53,000). Upon securing of such an amount through a loan to be repaid from the sale of the assets presently owned by CSL (approximately \$35,000) and through other means. The grant would be subject to the following conditions:

1. that the Student Union continue to operate at least three (3) photocopiers in the present location and that the stationery supplies owned by CSL be sold on a commercial basis by the Union.
2. that CSL agree to fold as soon as all creditors have been paid, and all outstanding debts have been collected to the satisfaction of the shareholders.

Ron Spurles, Vice President Services, introduced the motion. There were no abstentions, 16 voted in favor, and only 3 voted against (Jeff Fryer, Grad Rep, Doug Burgess, VP Finance, and Tim Norris, Law Rep).

**Was council in a position to make an informed decision? Did council consult a lawyer or a Certified Accountant to discuss the legal and financial ramifications of such a vote? If not, the SRC should have postponed voting on an issue of such magnitude until such consultation took place.**

There are problems with the Student Union's acceptance of the motion.

(1) To begin with, voting in favour of such a motion, whether the plan comes to fruition or not, made the Student Union liable for CSL's outstanding debts.

(2) What bank would lend money to a student organization, the Comptroller VP Finance of which, claims is, or is going broke?

(3) The plan for the Student Union to take over the Smoke Shoppe space in August is nothing but a pipe dream; the Board of Governors will not look favorably on an organization that poured good money after bad for an enterprise that was so poorly run that it had far more debts than assets, (not to mention UNB's threat to sue for \$10,000 and Travel Place's threat to sue for \$63,000).

(4) The idea of the administration guaranteeing a loan to help out the Student Union is absurd. If they went completely berserk down in the Old Arts Building and did grant a loan and by some miracle the Student Union DID get the Smoke Shoppe space, who would control it? Surely not the students...the University administration would have the upper hand.

(5) Why doesn't UNB's Student Union Financial Policy have a ceiling as to how much the Student Union can expend without going directly to the students in some form of referendum? ie. follow their own precedent which would require them to hold a referendum to approve an expenditure of this magnitude, (CHSR-FM's expansion capital.)

(6) CSL does not actually have \$35,000 in assets as the photocopiers were included in this figure. CSL does not own any of the photocopiers outright, therefore approximately \$11,000 can be deducted from the \$35,000 amount, thereby making the total assets \$24,000.

(7) In essence, the Student Union is buying CSL lock, stock and barrel and selling its assets for what it can get and paying off CSL's debts. Every company which faces financial ruin should have such good fortune!

(8) **THE BRUNSWICKAN** calls for a referendum to let the students decide whether or not they want \$53,000 of THEIR money to go to a company that has failed and failed miserably. If the students agree, so be it, however, with the wails of disapproval immediately after and since Monday's SRC meeting, it is doubtful the students would vote in favour of such an irresponsible expenditure.



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In Florida in the 1950's one of the dirtiest election campaigns in history made a victim of Rep. Claude D. Pepper. Mr. Pepper was described by his opponent as a "red Pepper" — this in the commie-baiting witch hunt era — and his sister as a "thespian," his parents, "masticators." Pepper's opponent used misleading vocabulary and scare tactics on an unsophisticated population, and of course Pepper lost — that time. He has since regained the seat and has become one of the longest serving congressmen the U.S.

At UNB in the 1980's one of the dirtiest election campaigns — and not even in the SRC race made a victim of Eric T. Semple. While running for President of the Business Society, Semple was described on unsigned posters as claiming to membership on CHSR, Orientation, Campus Police and Winter Carnival. The poster asked "When?" was he in these groups? The truth: Mr. Semple was a student here in the mid-70's and a member of all those groups at that time.

The poster claimed he was working for CSL during a scandal in 1976 when \$30,000 was lost in one day. The truth: he was working Security at a Roy Clark concert put on by CSL that lost \$50,000.

It was claimed that there were formal complaints about Semple's performance as a SUB staff supervisor. The truth: there is only one complaint against him. That being that he refused to let John Bosnitch and friends remain in the SUB office wing during the CHSC/SUB staff Christmas party. The building, by order of Kim Norris, was to be closed that night except for the Social Club and the ballroom — the sites of the party. Mr. Semple simply followed direct, unambiguous orders from Mr. Norris to clear the rest of the building.

The poster also claimed Semple is under investigation for violations of SU regulations. Larry Long, VP Administration, sent Semple a letter last term stating that there is no such investigation ongoing.

The poster says "It's not so..." at the top, has Semple's picture on one side, and sports the slogan, "Simple Semple" at the bottom. Catchy. But untrue. Eric Semple lost this election by 18 votes. I am hoping, desperately hoping, that no UNB Business student was sucked in by the poster. I hope the election results were unaffected by such dogma. The person or persons involved in producing this poster are disgusting.

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Shelly Clowater was misquoted in last week's Viewpoint. When asked, "What did you think of the media's role in the Hatfield trial, she responded, "I think they had him on trial, and assumed he was guilty before the charges were laid." Our apologies to Ms. Clowater (who, by the way, is a Conservative).

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I hope everyone has a fun filled, safe mid-term break. The next **Brunswickan** will be on Friday, March 8. See you then.