# Profs favour patriation but disagree with process

By KEN CUTHBERTSON Brunswickan STaff

A panel of UNB political science professors favors the idea of patriation but disagree with the process that Trudeau is using to bring the constitution home.

Professors Allen, Bosnitch, Llambias, and Pobihuschchy expressed their positions on the method used to patriate the Constitution in Britain last Friday at the panel discussion on the patrtiation of the constitution sponsored by the department of political science and the Political Science Students Association.

Professor J. Allen started the discussion, basing most of his argument around the Pittfield Memo, a top secret memo from the Liberal Party which introduces the Liberal game plan on the constitution. He said Trudeau's "particular approach is not only tp patricate the constitution but amend it before it comes to Canada," and by a joint resolution, is a legal way of bringing about that change.

Allen reiterated on the Pittfield Memo, saying certain events have already happened in the House of Commons. He referred to the committee to study the proposed resolution in that the "whole idea is to prevent the committee from becoming a committee of inquiry" and that there was a "careful choice of government leaders." He went on to say a deadline had been given, proceedings would not be publicized, Premiers were not given any money to travel, and that submissions would not be accepted.

Allen continued his attack on Trudeau, saying he has decided on a change which is acceptable to his own and not open to the Canadian public, and he is using

the courts to his own advantage by trying to get the Constitution approved in Britain before it reaches the Canadian courts. As part of his game plan, Allen said, Trudeau would consider it meddling if Britain refused to patriate the Constitution and he would have an excuse to go to the people on the question.

As closing remarks, Professor Allen stressed that the Canadian press and people should be focusing on the process of patriation and remarked "I think the process is bad."

Professor Bosnitch said he was in favor of patriation but objected to the procedure, the form and drafting, and the content. Constitutions are here to prevent the abuse of power, he stated, "but this one offers us an empty basket." Trudeau is doing what he wishes and is not accountable to anybody, he said.

In dealing with the charter of human rights, he continued, the amending formula excludes Indians and other minorities and is "holding the people in total contempt." What is even worse, he stressed, is that there are no channels or procedures to do anything about it and is a direct consequence of Trudeau's personality, which is not unlike his predecessors.

"Trudeau was one of the few educated people who got to the top", Bosnitch noted. "He read a lot of Plato but did not attend the School to Make Men Wiser."

Bosnitch also said the preliminary Bill of Rights proposed was unacceptable and there is a missing link in education resulting from Canada not having a ministry of education which is causing Canada to stagnate. He concluded that we had a choice between the "lesser of the two evils."

Professor Llambias gave a brief history of the attempts to patriate the constitution, saying it was not a new problem but an old one. He concluded that a reoccurring theme is that everybody wants to make the constitution Canadian and the only new things added are the entrenchment of human rights and regional disparity.

Professor Pobihuschchy said there had never been an amending formula that established such nationalism and regional disparity. He said there was "a little bit of betrayal in the amending formula" because the periphery is to provide labor, and to sell and dump central goods.

During question period Pobihuschchy was asked what was a proposal that could counter that Proposal. He answered by saying that "we should have policies that will be applied to balanced economic growth." Professor Allen said what we need is development of institutions from the regions in the centre: "A constitution that does not direct itself to institutional change, does not direct itself towards the people," he said.

When asked if our rights should be decided by our elected government, Allen replied "Unless the government wants to give us access, we have nothing to say. That is why we are using to courts. The worst way is doing it through elected members" because they are worried about how many votes they can get, he said.

When asked, why are we asking Britain for patriation, Prof. Llambias replied "It is a law Canadians have chosen to keep. Canada was one of a group of countries that did not want a complete legislation."

### Hatfield speak

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Premier Richard Hatfield is scheduled to speak to students November 28, according to Professor Wilson, chairman of the political science department. Last Friday UNB students were faced with the absence of the Premier at the panel discussion on the constitution. Hatfield's office said there had been a mix-up and the Premier was to speak to students but did not agree to a panel discussion on the constitution.

Professor Wilson said the confusion had been the department of political science and the political Science Student Association and not Hatfield's. Wilson said Hatfield had been given an invitation to speak and it had been the political science department and the PSSA who decided on a panel discussion, following which Hatfield's office was notified. Premier Hatfield, who had other engagements including just arriving back from Brazil, preferred to give a lecture over a panel discussion and wished it postponed.

## **WUSC NEWS**

Today I shall introduce the Ethiopian refugee the WUSC committee is sponsoring in the upcoming year. His name is Abdella Abdour and he will be arriving at the STU campus sometime in December.

He began studies in the faculty of science at Addis Ababa University in 1978. Unfortunately after just two months of attendance the university was closed due to disturbances and killings on campus. The situation in the capital Addis Ababa, and the nation was equally bad as a reign of terror had started and spread. This was the time the now head of the military regime staged a coupe with the help of Russia. The result was a horrible situation, not unlike that of Nazi Germany.

Abdella comes from a family of ten children. The change in political systems brought starvation to his family and the father began openly denoucning the regime. As a result he was arrested and tortured for a year.

The university closed and the infamous Red Terror started. To make a long story short, Abdella was jailed along with his sisters. They were all severely tortured. Suffice to mention that one of his sisters was raped and subsequently shot to death. Abdella managed to escape. Disguised as a pries, he walked for six months the 600 kilometres to Djibonti over mountains, forests and deserts. Here he received asylum and has stayed until the present time, teaching, studying and learning English.

Through WUSC he now has a chance to study here in Canada in order to better aid his own people thereafter.

We are holding a Rich Man/Poor Man dinner to raise money for Abdella's stay here with us in the coming years. It should be informative and interesting as well as supportive for our refugee. It will be held November 20 at 8 p.m. at the Holy Cross Residence, STU. Tickets are \$3.50 and only a very limited supply are available, so hurry and get yours.

### **Blood donor** clinics set

The following blood donor clinics are being held in the area the week

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	QUOTA	SPONSOR
Monday Nov. 17	Monsignor Boy Family Centre Regent Street	d 1:00-4:30 6:00-8:00	250 D	Fredericton etachment RCMP Fredericton City Police
Tuesday Nov. 18	Monsignor Boyd Family Centre Regent Street	1:00-4:30 6:00-8:00	250 D	Fredericton etachment RCMP Fredericton City Police
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#### Evans

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"Rule 40 states 'The company does not guarantee immunity from interuptions, mistakes, delays, and interception. This is provided that the company shall make a refund for interupted services if they exceed 48 hours,"

Labor problems resulted in an interruption in services," Stephenson said. "It's my view that (despite this), rule 40 establishes the principle that a subscriber is not refundable for any interruption that does not exceed 48 hours.

The three separate occasions Mr. Evans has described do not prove continuous interruption. In the absense of further evidence, Mr. Evans' suit is dismissed."

#### polling stations listed By ANDRE DICAIRE **Brunswickan Staff**

Nominations extended

The deadline for naminati been extended until Wednesday November 19 for the byelection of Wednesday November 26.

This was announced at the November 10 SRC meeting in the vice-president's report. In his report, Vice-President Lloyd Tozer moved that Donna Sturgeon and

Heather Morrison be appointed deputy returning officers for the upcoming byelection. This was d by Lynn Chaplin, Phys. ed rep, and passed by council 12/0/0.

A second motion introduced by Tozer, seconded by Engineering Rep John Caldwell, and passed by council 12/0/0, had the following polling stations and times ratified for the byelection.

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