

Winston Fubara Bellgam sits at the microphone and listens to a question from the audience during a discussion on the Biafra-Nigeria situation. Bellgam, a Biafran, was the main speaker. Other panel members are economics prof McKinnell (left), English prof Boxill and Michael Fubara (far right). (see story on page 9) brunswickan photo by dave macniel

## Versafood workers turn out to discuss union formation

members during the summer

Several of those taking part

in the discussion voiced

concern at the idea of the

part-time student workers

having a voice in union

Booker noted that dues of

lay-off.

matters.

The employees of Versafoods Services Ltd. are in the process of considering a proposal to unionize. Last better off. Sunday evening Phil Booker and George Evans, representing the Canadian Union for Public Employees, and some 60 employees of Versafoods here Fredericton met for a preliminary discussion on the in subject.

Booker began the proceedings with a small talk which outlined the situation as he saw it. He noted that 4 or 5 years ago Versafoods was paying its employees only 85 cents to 90 cents per hour but now CUPE members have recently signed a contract for

working for UNB have no not in personnel or direction rights under the N.B. Labor positions. Relations Act but that

CUPE has 120,000 members across Canada, with four full-time representatives in Fredericton. Versafoods was quoted in The Financial Post as employees of Versafoods were Following this the floor was open to questions. The workers being the largest growing company in Canada last year. At this time it is not known seemed mainly interested in why a union was needed, the if the proposed union will in fact be formed.

chances of losing their fringe benefits, and the ability of the union to "take-care" of its

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR FAMILIES ARE NOW ON CAMPUS

## brunswickan, friday, march 7, 1989 3 **Committee report** accepted by council

## by glen furlong brunswickan staff

Faculty and student members of the Student Senate Committee on Representation were at the SRC meeting Sunday to discuss a brief on student representation. The brief will be presented to the UNB Senate this week. The committee has been

operating unofficially since November and officially since December.

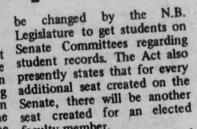
Registrar D.C. Blue, speaking in the brief said, "The brief has been agreed to by all members of the committee as well as the UNB-SJ-SRC, but it has not yet been discussed by the Senate. We have no idea what the Senate's reaction will be and we can only guess."

The brief makes a proposal for 7 student Senators, 6 from UNB-Fredericton and one from

Blue outlined further proposals of the brief. "The 6 Fredericton members will be elected at large by the student body and it is suggested that the conduct of the elections will be handled by the SRC. A Senator will take office every year on July 1st for a term of one year. It is also recommended that Senate meetings be open meetings which means that any member of the academic community may attend as an observer, but they will not have the right of

speech," he said. Blue also said that since much of the work in the Senate is done by committees, at least 25% of each committee

will be students. Professor P.C. Kent clarified this and said that it would be acceptable for students to sit on committees concerning issues of faculty in principle, but not when a specific faculty member is being discussed, especially when it concerns appointments, promotions, tenure, salary, etc. The UNB Act will have to



faculty member. Arts Rep Bob Hess asked Blue what he thought Mackay's reaction to the brief would be. "He only has one vote," answered Blue.

To be eligible for election to the Senate the only requirement is that the person is a registered student. Senators will be subject to recall by 20% of the student body. "If the Senate and SRC

both agree to this brief, this year the student Senators will be elected and will serve until

July 1, 1970," said Blue. He said the reason why the brief wasn't brought up at the last Senate meeting is because there was not enough time for distribution of the brief to all Senators before the meeting.

Vice president chosen by flip of a coin

Grant Godfrey was elected vice-president of the SRC after a flip of the coin, Wednesday.

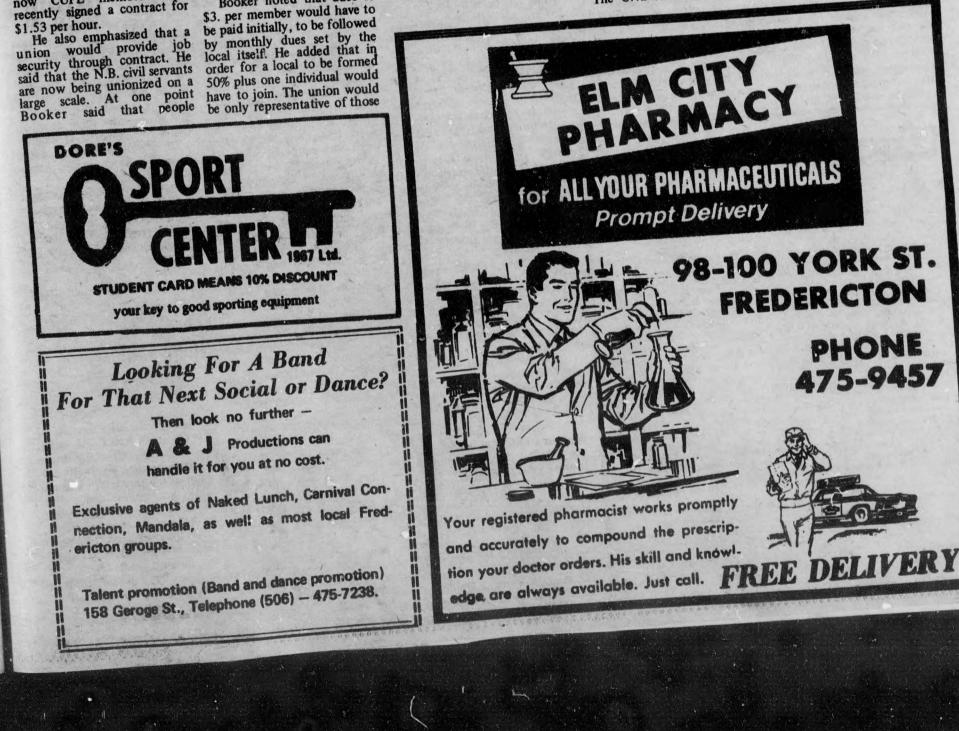
Godfrey, civil engineering 4, and Kevin McKinney, arts 3, were tied with 432 votes each at the finish of ballot counting. Third candidate Don Thomson had 133 ballots.

There was a recount. It was still tied and the coin was flipped. Godfrey won.

Newly-elected SRC president Mike Start said it was unique

"I imagine there will be a for nim. request for another recount."

he said Wednesday night.



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