

Student Senators Praise Senate's 'Open Arms Policy'

by John Mckee

On November 13, 1,606 members of the student body cast their ballots and elected five students to the university senate from a phenomenal slate of twenty-three candidates. When we consider the amount of arbitration and heated negotiations which led up to the elections, the present "open arms policy" with which the one time bastion of student oppression has greeted the new student senators, comes as an anti climax, though a welcome one.

Student senator Gordon Church praised the senate members, stating that they "leaned over backwards to accommodate the students". Church and the other student senators, Debby Lyons, Peter Forbes, Chuck Attwater, Dave MacNeil and Dave Beck (Saint John campus), have attended three senate meetings. Church pointed out that during the first couple of meetings he and the other student senators, kept a tacit ear to the ground, following the commendable

theory that in strange surroundings it is better to look, listen and learn, rather than to stick out one's neck and risk having it cut off.

The senate is enabling the student voice to be heard in every facet of university administration by encouraging the student senators to have at least one member on all of the twenty-three committees open to students. Only the committee on student standing and promotion is closed to students, due to the personal nature of the information discussed at its meetings. This restriction is stipulated in the new "University of New Brunswick Act" although the act does permit up to 25% student representation on any of the other committees.

At present our senators have representatives on most of the committees, including two members on the nominating committee which deals with all university appointments.

Church felt that it was difficult and unfair to appraise any sort of definite progress towards student reforms at this

time since the past few months have been spent mostly in orienting themselves to senate procedures.

Although the topic has been tabled at other meetings the question of open senate meetings will be formally discussed at next week's meeting, January 13.

Discuss Food Complaints

A food services committee, requested by Versafoods management several months ago for the Student Union Building, held its first meeting this week.

The newly formed committee, discussed plans to meet with Versafoods representatives to air complaints about SUB food services.

Recent complaints made to SUB employees concern lack of staff during peak hours and lack of menu choice.

Terry Costain, SUB Versafoods manager, welcomes the committee. Mr. Costain said he had repeatedly asked for students to form such a committee to provide feedback of the building's food service.

He said that though students may complain among themselves, they rarely discussed their complaints with him. Several changes have been made in the Versafoods organization to deal with problems in catering to students, Mr. Costain said.

"Now some students complain that we don't have enough people cleaning off tables."

Mr. Costain mentioned also that, after seeing a Brunswick cartoon depicting a student bouncing a roll off the floor, he instructed the cooks not to buy rolls but to make fresh ones every day in the kitchen. Committee members expressed the hope that more improvements would come as a result of the committee.

Meanwhile, students are asked to write down their complaints and forward them to the SUB manager's office.



SRC President Mike Start stands firm after receiving a vote of confidence from fellow councillors for his decision in December to attempt to suspend publication of the Brunswickan. "We may have been remiss in attempting to do so," Start said, admitting that he had no legal power to attempt such a move but "the action was in the best interests of the students." Legal counsel for the Brunswickan pointed out that the SRC Executive Committee was in no way a legally competent body, but Start objected to the lawyer's remarks because he "had no right to speak because he is not a paying member of the student body."
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CBC Reporter Claims

UNB Can't Quiet Advance News Leaks

Dr. Alfred G. Bailey, UNB's former Academic Vice-President, resigned on December 31. The announcement was made by the University just nine days before, on December 22.

But a CBC reporter in Fredericton broke the story in August, along with the intended retirement of Arts Dean W.S. MacNutt.

The University vehemently denied the stories at the time, saying that the reporter's sources were misinformed.

According to the reporter, now working for CBC television in Montreal, complaints were made to the CBZ station manager about the story, University officials were

told not to speak to him, and he was effectively barred from coverage of campus affairs.

An alumnus of UNB and a former Brunswickan reporter, he said he has experienced a similar "conspiracy of silence" when doing research on a story involving irregularities in admission to the University of the son of a government official.

That story, he said, failed to materialize after repeated refusal to comment left him with insufficient evidence other than the student's unofficial admission of the truth of the allegation.

"At least it's gratifying to know", he said, "that my sources were reliable."

CFNB Exec Undermining Talks, Says Union

MONTREAL - The National Association of Broadcast Employees and Technicians has requested that Minister of Labor Bryce Mackasey form a conciliation board to inquire into the negotiations of a first collective agreement at radio station CFNB (Radio Atlantic Limited) in Fredericton, N.B.

A spokesman for NABET in Montreal, staff

representative Robert Bouchard, blamed CFNB Manager J.T.H. Fenety for the breakdown in bargaining talks conducted by federal labor department conciliator C.A. Ogden from Halifax.

Mr. Fenety is alleged to have refused to comply with a request by Mr. Ogden that he or another person in authority from the company attend future

bargaining sessions along with its legal adviser. According to Mr. Bouchard, Mr. Fenety personally advised Mr. Ogden of his decision to stay away from the bargaining table.

"Under these circumstances", Mr. Bouchard charged, "I have no other alternative but to accuse Mr. Fenety of showing nothing but contempt for the

authority of the conciliator and the Canada Department of Labor."

"By meeting the legal adviser alone", he added "we would only be undermining the conciliator's request that Mr. Fenety be there - and that's why, with the full authorization of elected NABET officers in Fredericton, we are now asking Mr. Ogden to recommend to the

Minister of Labor the formation of a conciliation board."

Mr. Bouchard also denied that a press release issued by NABET on December 3, 1969, in Fredericton was in any way a criticism of Mr. Ogden's services so far. "Mr. Fenety's accusation to this effect", he said, "is merely a diversion tactic to hide his own plans to try to wriggle the union."

SRC Hosts FASC, Refuses To Join

UNB hosted the conference of the Federation of Atlantic Student Councils from December 29 to January 3.

Delegates elected a new executive and established basic operational procedures.

The general goal of FASC is to establish a sense of unity among students so that they will be capable of dealing with some of today's problems.

SRC president Mike Start stated that UNB is as yet only "an interested observer". Only three universities - St. FX, King's College, UPEI - have made definite commitments to the Federation.

Start told council members at a recent meeting that he had decided to wait until he could see that the organization would be a success before committing UNB financially.