

Full Time Secretary?

by W. Pierce

There is a suggestion going around with in and without the SRC for a permanent full-time executive secretary. The recent financial scandals, particularly with the Rod and Gun Club, the Winter Carnival Committee and the now-notorious Entertainment Committee has led many thoughtful to wonder if a more satisfactory organization wouldn't reduce the drain on their pockets or at least ensure that their hard-earned dollars are not mis-spent.

Mrs. Peters, the present secretary is apparently doing an excellent job, but she was not given any say in financial matters, the most important aspect of student government. For the first time this year, an auditing firm is laboring through the books. Auditors though, can do little about un-wise spending and what's more, the SRC books don't contain details of Winter Carnival or Brunswickan revenues or expenditures.

Most non-profit organizations in Canada have an executive-secretary (like the U-NB Alumni) who handles the business of the organization and need only go to members for crucial decisions. Such a man, of good abilities, could be had for perhaps, \$6,000-\$7,000, a great saving considering the losses sustained this year.

Perhaps, too, there is a need for a good long look at our Student Government by The Council. A neutral committee of competent administrative experts no doubt would come up with some useful recommendations — a kind of Royal Commission and (Student) Government organization.



140 boys and girls from Champlain Heights School, near Saint John, visited the UNB campus last Friday. The four classes of grade seven students wanted to see the Provincial Capital as part of their civics course, so their teachers brought them here to see the Legislature, the University, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and the Fredericton Playhouse.

SRC Super Survey

The Students Representative Council (SRC) took the initiative to study the problem of Student Centre dances, which have recently been losing money. The dances generally are sponsored by University organizations, and the SRC felt that if they could uncover the reasons for the financial failures then it would lighten the burden of small clubs on the SRC treasury.

A short questionnaire was distributed during dinner hour one day last week. The response was high, and the results showed that, of those who replied about 80% had been to fewer than 4 dances. About 80% either disliked or didn't care about Student Centre dances, and yet more than 80% wanted as many or more dances. This seems to suggest, according to the Brunswickan analyst, that students are not satisfied with the present dances. Slightly more than half of the people who replied thought McConnell Hall should be used. The Student Centre and the Gym were about even second choices, with about 20%

each. Almost 80% wanted a live band, with about two-thirds of this group wanting a rock 'n' roll type.

The Science Undergraduate Society is the lucky group which will try out the new scheme, rock 'n' roll band, McConnell Hall, and all.

Red on White

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A fresh snowfall traditionally seems to release a special wild spirit at the University of Tennessee. The sprawling campus at Knoxville becomes no man's land in an exuberant snowball fight. Six inches of snow dropped on Knoxville last week and battlelines quickly formed.

Some 300 students pelted each other, then began bombarding automobiles stopped by a traffic light. A snowball hard as ice shattered a car window, others broke windows in a loaded bus. A produce truck halted at the stop light. Dozens of screaming students charged the truck, heaving chunks of snow. It seemed like the season's biggest battle.

It was. Suddenly a pistol cracked. Marnell J. Goodman, an 18-year-old freshman, pitched forward on his face, dead of a .22 bullet that entered his eye. The snow under his head turned dark red. Angrily, a group of students charged the man who had fired the shot — the truck driver, William D. Willet Jr., 27. They grabbed his pistol, wrestled him to the ground, and pummeled him until a coed begged them to stop. Afraid: Willet, who faced

charges of second-degree murder told police he fired his pistol blindly only when students tried to drag him from his truck. "I didn't mean to do it," he said. "They threw snow in my eyes and I fired a shot to scare the gang away... I was afraid." Some students claimed that Willet took deliberate aim at Goodman.

While authorities pondered the conflicting stories, the students found they had still more to ponder.

Within 24 hours, handyman Walter Lee Yow, 55—who had tried to protect Willet from the students—was dead of a skull fracture caused by an ice-hard snowball that struck him behind the ear.

And Roland Lawson, 58, a factory worker was dead of a heart attack. He was found unconscious in his car. It struck a telephone pole just after he had gone through a snowball barrage.

Ironically, Tennessee students even bombarded Mrs. Lawson, too, as she rushed to the hospital where her husband was taken. They couldn't have known. Still, students knowingly threw snowballs at Knoxville police—even as they lifted Marnell Goodman's corpse into an ambulance.

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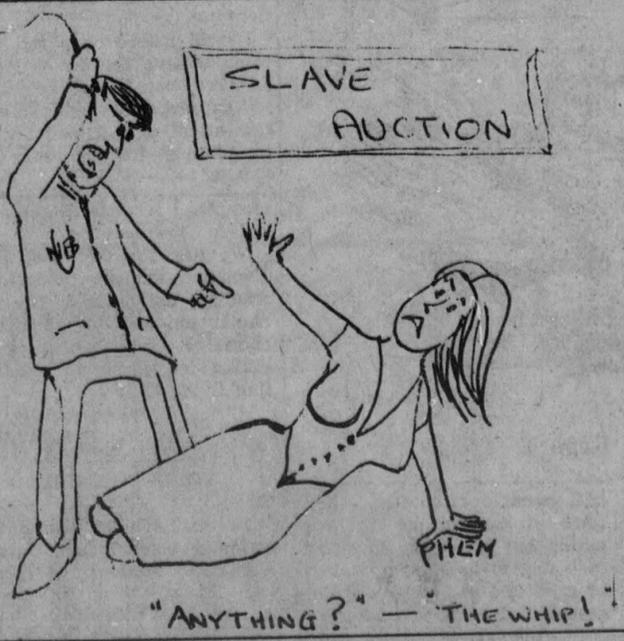
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