

SRC Rechecks Impeachment Clause

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The newly elected Students Representative Council of the University of New Brunswick moved forward with renewed vigour on Sunday, and directed its constitution committee to reconsider a motion passed by the preceding council allowing the President to be impeached by the council.

The council discussed the Impeachment Clause which was passed by the previous SRC on February 7th the clause allows the council to impeach the President without the approval of the electorate.

"Can the council, act unilaterally without student ratification?" questioned President Bob Poore. "If the students elected the SRC reps shouldn't they be the ones to impeach them?" he asked. As it now stands the students can recall any member of the council, i.e. ask for a By-election by collecting signatures. The council can impeach only the President and Mr. Poore suggested that if the clause was to remain that it apply to all the executives body.

"We should have 2 alternatives: one through the students and recall and one through the council by impeachment because they supposedly know what is going on in council," said Martin Litchfield. The council finally passed a motion directing the Constitution Com-

mittee to reconsider the Impeachment Clause.

The council also discussed the Canadian Entertainment Conference being held in Ontario, March 14. Mr. Poore pointed out the advantages of our joining an Atlantic Entertainment Union to be composed of the nine universities east of Bishop's University, in Lennoxville-Quebec. In this way we could afford better groups for Winter Carnival and Frosh Week, by cutting out the expense of the middle man - the booking agent - and by hiring the same big-name groups as other Maritime universities; merely staggering the dates of our respective carnivals, he said. Mr. Poore put forward the motion that an Entertainment Director be appointed by the SRC for the purpose of obtaining, paying for and making all the arrangements regarding entertainment for campus organizations at the request of such organizations. The motion was carried 13:5:2. The President then requested volunteers to establish job criteria for the position.

Mr. Poore then informed the council that he was in the process of setting up a committee to investigate the pros and cons of a Legal Aid Fund for students involved in cases which they cannot financially afford to defend. If the com-

mittee decided it was justifiable to defend the case they would award part of all of the legal fees to the student. Just such a problem arose last week when the SUB Board of Directors cancelled a dance which the Brunswickan was sponsoring to raise legal fees for several students who had been busted.

The council also dealt with a report on the Course Evaluation Committee brought forward by the Vice-President Don Olmstead. Such a committee would be instigated separately from the one presently under discussion in the Senate.

Mr. Olmstead stressed, "A fairly subjective course guide such as that put out by Dalhousie University would be of great value, as our University Calender now gives merely the time span of the course, no information regarding the marking system, relative difficulty of the course or students' opinions. As McGill has shown (they have been investigating this idea for several years) no questionnaire or testing procedure is 100 per cent fool-proof. It is for this reason that we will not come official and part of University records. When the Senate's Course Evaluation system has been established we will drop our's and adopt the official form."



UNB-SRC President - Bob Poore

Poore is President!

Bob Poore, a third year Arts student at the University of New Brunswick, was elected President of the Students Representative Council in the elections on Wednesday. Dan Fenety, also a third year Arts student, was elected Comptroller for the upcoming year.

"Bob and I both are very happy to be elected," said an elated Fenety when interviewed in the Brunswickan offices shortly after hearing of his election to the Comptroller's Office. He attributed his election, along with that of his running mate, Bob Poore, to a more realistic platform than their opponents, Bob Elgee and Ron Gaudet, respectively.

Both candidates were pleased with the turn-out for the elections. Out of an eligible 4500, 1621 people casted their ballots. In the SRC elections of last fall, only 500 people voted. "I would have like to have seen more," commented Fenety, "but at least it's a step in the right direction."

The new executives are also "pleased with the new council." It looks like it is going to be an active one," said Fenety. Poore and Fenety fully intend for the council to "start working" on Sunday evening. Plans are in the works for the repealing of a motion council passed last Sunday which gave the council power to impeach the President. The new executives agree that "if an impeachment is going to take place, then it should come from the students."

Other than that, the new President and Comptroller intend to begin "step by step work on our platform."

FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A tentative timetable will be posted early next week:

1. on the Main Bulletin Board
2. in the Student Union Building
3. in the Old Arts Building

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