

YEAR IN REVIEW

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Part one in a two-part series, looking back at some of the things our present Student Union has done: so get ready for the good, bad, and the ugly.

Photocopiers lacking

"I feel the service provided in regards to photocopying and typing must be improved in order to accommodate the number of students wishing to use them."

This was one of the goals Jane Arnold had when she began her campaign for the position of SU President. Now, one year later, her ideas of adding more photocopiers to the Help Centre in the SU have not been realized.

Arnold admits she was not aware of the expense of installing new photocopiers when she first ran for office.

"I guess I just assumed it would be easy to walk out and buy 3 or 4 photocopiers and it's not," she said, "It costs ten cents a page to run the machines so we are not making a profit."

Glenna Bell, a UNB secretary who runs the Help Centre, says that when it is a busy time of year there are line-ups. However, Bell went on to say, if another copier was added more staff would be needed to help run the centre.

Info page

The first SU page, seen in *The Brunswickan*, explained the Union's desire to keep the voters informed. It included a write-up advertisement for events and notices of meetings. In an excerpt from the SU's first article, the author stated

that the Union's goal: "Each week you will be getting a healthy dose of information about council meetings, its committees, clubs, and societies, as well as the latest on what's happening to promote student interests on both the regional and national scene."

The write-up section of the SU page was only completed twice this past year. The rest of the time it has been used as a notice advertisement board. This allowed for all related SU activities to be noted in one central place. Unfortunately, its original intention of being an information page was not fulfilled.

BOG Biz

Susan Forestell was elected by the students to the Board of Governors (BOG) in March 1987.

However, at the first BOG meeting after her election, an investigatory committee was struck to investigate a potential conflict of interest. Ms. Forestell was denied her seat until the committee presented its report at the board's May 20th, 1987 meeting.

At this meeting, the committee recommended that Forestell be seated on the BOG, but that she be considered in conflict of interest and be asked to absent herself from discussion on matters concerning the student government and the operation of the Student Union Building.

The BOG voted overwhelmingly to remove Forestell and declare her seat vacant at its July 30th meeting, after con-

sidering her conduct concerning the sale of Rosary Hall.

Ms. Forestall opposed the sale and when a mail ballot was circulated to board members, she wrote to the other members asking them to consider the sale at a future meeting.

As an apparent result of her removal from the Board, Ms. Forestell was also fired from her job on July 31 as a telephone solicitor with the UNB Phone/Mail program.

The Student Union made no statement on this issue over the summer, although Forestell asked them to issue some statement either supporting her or the BOG's decision.

In the Fall of 1987, Forestell filed a Notice of Application with the Court of Queen's Bench to have the BOG's decision declared void. The Court ruled that the matter should be handled internally, although the court's decision appeared to support Forestell's case.

When the Student Union was contacted before the court's decision, they felt that it would be inappropriate to comment on a matter that was currently before the courts.

Forestell's seat was then offered in the fall Election and was won by Larry Hansen.

The students were therefore not completely represented on the BOG for a period of about eight months ending in November 1987. The Student Union also appeared to be relatively silent over an issue that affected student's proper participation in the affairs of the BOG.



UNB STUDENT UNION COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, FEB. 18/88 SUB. ROOM 103

BRUNSWICKAN INVESTIGATION REPORT

Motion: To enter into In-Camera session at 6:45 PM.
Hansen/Arnold
Carried

Motion: To rise from In-Camera session at 7:05 PM.
Arnold/Burgess
Carried

Motion: To adopt the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Investigate a complaint by K. J. Braun with respect to *the Brunswickan* and that this committee be discharged with an expression of gratitude from council for the efforts put forward by the committee.

Hansen/Scott
Carried

Motion: That all investigation documentation be collected and destroyed.

Hansen/Arnold
Carried

Motion: That Council empower appropriate individuals to take such actions as outlined in the committee recommendations.

Hansen/Small
Carried

Motion: That Marc Braithwaite be appointed as CRO effective immediately.

Arnold/Rocca
Unanimous

SPRING ELECTION CALL

Motion: To call a Spring Election in the UNBSU to be held on Wednesday, March 30, 1988 to fill the following vacancies:

Amendment: That this Spring Election call be amended to include the President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer of the Grad Class of 1989 subject to the approval of this year's Grad Class President, Kevin Fournier.

Small/Arnold
Carried 8/1/0

AFRICAN STUDENT UNION PROPOSAL

Motion: To authorize a grant of \$297.00 to the ASU to permit John Ruganda to attend an Arts Folk Conference (as per budget submitted at last meeting).

Small/Rocca
Motion Defeated 3/4/2

CARIBBEAN CIRCLE LOAN PROPOSAL

Motion: To loan the Caribbean Circle \$1,500.00 to be repaid by March 11, 1988.

Arnold/Kitchen
Unanimous

Motion: In recognition of her efforts, Perrin Mills, Editor 1985-86-87 Yearbook be granted \$1,000.00 in Honoraria to come out of this year's Honoraria Schedule notwithstanding the Honoraria guidelines.

Small/Hansen
Carried

Motion is tabled until 88.02.29
Arnold/Hansen
Carried

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