

Campus maintenance men Unionize for first time in history

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Unionism became a reality to UNB staff last week when approximately 130 workers signed certification cards and voted to apply for a charter from the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

For the first time in UNB's history, employees of the university have successfully organized. Previous attempts failed until the new Labour Relations Act was passed, allowing university personnel the right to organize.

The men, who were given a temporary local charter and are known as CUPE local 1326, are mainly janitors, tradesmen, drivers and operators, buildings and grounds staff, and stationary engineers.

According to Phil Booker, a Fredericton CUPE representative, the certification process requires that fifty per cent plus one person in each classification unit (janitors, drivers, etc.) must sign certification cards. When a majority have signed in any one unit then that unit will be recognized as part of the local for purposes of recognition by the Labour Relations Board.

Although some of the secretaries, librarians, technicians and security police have signed

cards, a clear majority has yet to be realized in these units. It is hoped that as many units as possible will become part of the union before CUPE local 1326 makes its application for certification to the New Brunswick Labour Relations Board.

This application must be in before October 16 so that the Board will be able to make a decision on it at its October 30 meeting. It is expected that there will be no complications. At the Thursday night meeting, CUPE also voted to affiliate with the Fredericton and District Labour Council, the Brunswick Division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

Students represent UNB on CTV

A panel of four undergraduate students has been chosen to represent UNB in an inter-collegiate television quiz program making its debut this fall.

The program, University Challenge, is being telecast for thirty minutes every Sunday at 5 p.m.

Fifty-five universities and colleges across Canada have been asked to participate by choosing a team of four undergraduate students and a coach. The coach is to be a member of the University teaching staff. All travelling expenses will be paid by the CTV Television Network, producing the show. Filming will take place in Ottawa.

Chosen to appear for UNB on the program are: Robert

Buckley, EE5; Peter Braham, A4; Gordon Falconer, S3, and David McNaughton, A4. In addition four other alternate members were selected to replace members of the first team should any of them not be able to make the trip.

Members of the Alternate team are: Robert Coleman, E3; Stuart Chubb, A4; Peter Duncan, S2; and Robert Irvine, A4.

The program is similar in format to the "College Bowl" game on American television. For extra excitement, "Challenge Rounds" will be played between top Canadian universities and their US and British counterparts.

The general knowledge questions range from poetry to politics, art to astronomy and sports to science. The



The work may not be easy for these campus workmen, but the rewards may be better if they are certified as CUPE Local 1326. Photo by Jomini.

qualification for answering is a test of both instant reflexes and instant recall. The authenticity of both questions and answers will be judged by an academic advisor, who will also make rulings on borderline cases.

The host of "University Challenge" is one of Canada's most respected broadcasters, Bill Walker. He is best known for the six years he spent as a panaliet and host on "Flashback."

A committee has been formed to nominate prospective panalists, consisting of: the Vice-President, Desmond Pacey; the Dean of Law, William Ryan; the Dean of Women, Joyce Kidd; the Dean of Men, Peter Kent; the SRC President, Stephen MacFarlane and a student.

UNB will face Carleton University on October 25, for the chance to continue on the program until defeat.

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SMITH WANTS STU OUT

Mr. Smith was visibly amused by the letter and he laughed several times in reading it until a photographer attempted to record his hilarious feeling at which point he abruptly returned to his drawl-ish monotone.

The committee mentioned in President MacFarlane's letter was proposed by Vice-President Olmstead at the STU - SRC meeting.

The past President of the UNB - SRC, Mike Start, spoke to the Council, and also advocated the formation of a committee to negotiate the re-netry of St. Thomas into RUNB.

Start questioned the Council as to the reasons for the pull-out and received various answers. One council member said that for the money they were paying, the service wasn't very good. Others mentioned that the programming was "UNB oriented", that tapes and promotions for broadcast by STU were "lost," and that STU personnel felt an alien-

ation at the station studios. The "quality was not at all adequate," they said.

The council also felt that St. Thomas was being taken advantage of by the UNB-SRC.

"St. Thomas was always dragged into carnival agreements and ended up with the shitty end of the stick," said President Smith.

The committee proposed by the UNB-SRC was placed in a motion by STU-SRC External Vice - President, Jim Gallant. There was no seconder to the motion and it was declared dead by Smith who chaired the meeting.

Jim Muir, Comptroller of the UNB-SRC, as well as other members of that body, are perplexed over the issue.

Smith was termed "perfectly incompetent" and the STU-SRC, "Smith and his clowns" on various occasions by Muir, who is also Head of the Administrative Board which consequently has had to appropriate \$1100 more this year to finance the campus radio station.

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