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In last week's issue, The Brunswickan had a significant amount of coverage of the CLC day of protest. Most of this coverage was oriented towards labour. This, of course, is not to say that the coverage was slanted, but rather it was made quite clear that students should support such actions of organized labour, and if students don't, then automatically they become "weak, lacking in organization and negative."

The reaction of the major papers, the next day, across Canada, was not one of complete satisfaction or approval with the day of protest. Many people feel that it is time that big industry and big unions stopped "ganging up" on the government and left them alone to at least test the anti-inflation program, which is, after all, the law of the land.

The system of wage and price controls is, in my opinion, not the best way to deal with the root problems of inflation, but it is a way, and further, it is working.

I have never understood the syndicalist approach to politics. To my way of thinking, students at this and all universities are being trained to be management. As an engineer friend of mine put it, "as an engineer I am being taught to build things. To do that well, I am being taught to exploit material and make the best use of men and machines". To be somewhat blunt about it, perhaps that's what every student will do when they graduate.

At any rate, for the average student, the anti-inflation program is a rather significant benefit. Thanks to high costs and more or less fixed levels of support, that is student loans and employment at the minimum wage, students essentially are in the same position as pensioners, and workers who are not members of big [and hence] powerful unions.

In the six years that I have been attending university, inflation has really taken a bite out of my income. What would cost me \$100 per month in first year, now seems to cost \$165 - in my second year of graduate school. I don't think incomes, in real dollars, have risen accordingly.

The government says that they have met their goal of eight percent inflation. I say well done. If the man working at GM or a CLC union shop couldn't buy his new third car this year, then my sympathy is with him.

It seems to me [and I was for four years a duly sworn-in member of the CLC] that the government should force labor to have more say over the operations of the plant that they work for. In West Germany, labour has a very strong and positive role in society. This is largely because it is a law in Germany that the board of directors of all factories must have 50 percent worker representation. That means such board members are authorized to vote on board decisions.

As a result, productivity is high and grievances are quickly resolved. When pay increases are discussed, the workers know what the facts are and are not prone to demand and strike for high wage settlements.

Management still rests with the company, but it is a management tempered with the knowledge that the workers are part of a team. The federal minister of labor has said that it would be very difficult to make such a law here because the unions will not push for such measures.

It seems to me that in 1976, with the economy being the complicated thing it is, that the government really has no choice but to do what it is doing. I would hope that big industry and big unions soon realize that to avoid Canada's becoming completely a socialist state, the government must have the power to control inflation. If the government isn't given this power, students and the poor will be the ones caught in the middle, for the time it takes to become communist.

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Commercial time! The Brunswickan, and I think that I can speak for the Editor-in-Chief, is the only big student organization with its shit together. The SRC keeps picking up that baseball bat and beating itself over the head, which is pretty foolish, but as we are a liberal paper; whatever turns you on! CHSR is in rather bad straights, mostly, I think, because of a few "bad apples" and the fact that Director Allan B. Patrick isn't getting a hell of a lot of help from anyone.

The Brunswickan's a very enjoyable place to work. It is a collection of very different opinions and viewpoints melting [pardon the tacky expression] together to put out the paper. It is hard to tell whether or not anyone really cares if people stay up all Wednesday night, and run two stop signs and one red light to stop the SMT bus on Thursday at 6 p.m. to get the paper to the printer, but at least we try.

This writer has had people who he has never seen say to him, "Yeah, read what you wrote, right on, you know?" People have said they liked the covers [thank Ed for that] and although misinformation does occasionally get printed, [Dave Simms does shave] they have said that some of the issues raised in the Bruns have been important.

## council briefs



By GERRY LASKEY

This week's Council meeting was concerned mainly with senate's course evaluation survey, the upcoming Atlantic Federation of Students (AFS) conference and the increasingly morbid atmosphere surrounding the financial situation of the union.

The report of the senate's "Student Course Opinion Survey" was tabled.

Council discussed the value of continuing the survey and what should be done with the results.

Consensus of the councillors on the first question seemed to be that the survey was, or could be, valuable but that more courses, especially first year and one term, should be included. Also it was thought that all results should be published to be of benefit to the students. At present professors can have the evaluation of their course unpublished. Council wished to remedy this situation.

They also discussed the question if the evaluation should be used in consideration of tenure and promotion of professors. The councillors wished to see the results used for this purpose but also wanted the results published which may produce a conflict.

To solve this, the union is going to try to run the survey under solely union financing (at present the costs are shared 50-50 between the union and the administration), starting in academic year 1977-78. A motion supporting the survey and suggesting the possibility of union financing next year was passed unanimously.

President Jim Smith looked to council for some guidance on how to vote at the AFS conference this weekend in Sackville on the proposal to raise AFS fees to \$1.00 per capita per campus.

It was agreed that if the new fee would be used to create a "viable" structure for AFS to pursue a Maritime front on student aid, the UNB delegates would approve the proposal.

If the increase would only create a central office with somebody in it, they would vote no. If a "yes" vote is cast (and provided it receives AFS majority approval) a referendum will be held on AFS.

There is an opening for two students on the CSL (Campus Services Ltd.) board of directors.

Recommendations will be brought to council next week.

The comptroller's report from Peter Davidson was more an impassioned plea for some way to avoid impending disaster. As he said, "Unless council does something, we'll be bankrupt."

He urged council to adopt some financial policy toward conferences. He said the union is spending some \$15,000 plus on conferences, with only 100 or so students actually attending.

From the \$50,000 given to CSL, about \$10-15,000 is expected back this year. CSL is intended to be a profit-making venture.

Davidson also outlined \$10,000 invested in the coffee house in the SUB basement, a general increase in club budgets of 25 percent and the increase of NUS fees to \$6,000. He said that all students, not just a few, should get something for their money.

As an austerity move, salary increases of employees are being held to 12 percent this year.

A motion was passed to the effect that there will be a freeze on conference expenditures, excluding The BRUNSWICKAN, Bailey Geological Society and AFS, and to have other cases referred to AB.

Council approved the budgets of the Camera Club (\$235) and Bridge Club (\$125).

The constitutions of the Bailey Geological Society, Physics Club, Camera Club and Muslim Students Association were ratified by council.

R. Thomas Hunter was appointed Campus Police assistant chief.

Four students were named to the SUB board of directors. They are: Alfred Thibeault-full term

William Caldwell-full term

Stephen Whalen-full term

Mike Gange-half term

Councillor Steve Berube resigned as a member of the committee to find a Dean of Students to act during Barry Thompson's sabbatical. He cited his jobs on senate and council as reasons.

vice-president internal, Jan McCurdy, was appointed to fill the position.

Honoraria were granted to the following person:

SRC

Terry Downing - \$100

Sally Davis - \$100

Eric Semple - \$100

Mike Bleakney - \$50

Ursula Wawer - \$100

Bill Sanderson - \$100

Last shot this week is to a group of people who make my Friday afternoons something of an experience. To those of you who have had the misfortune to have a Friday afternoon lab, you know at times what a bitch that is.

When I think about it carefully, my two experiences with Friday labs have been good ones. The first one was a chemistry lab. It was a terrific course, and the ten or so people in the course that day learned to have a lot of fun and yet work quickly and carefully on the project.

This year the same sort of thing seems to be happening. Perhaps everyone should have the benefit of a small class, a good course, and a Friday afternoon. Leastways so far so good for Bob & Ted & Carol & Alice, or is it Pat & Lenta & Mariet [and horse, of course] & Pam & Sandy & Jacinta & Jill & LeRoy & Linda & Kerry ["I got to have the car"] and oh yes, by no means least Nancy, not to mention the assorted gaggle of impatient boyfriends and girlfriends.

CHSR  
Allan Patrick - \$250  
Mike Bleakney - \$100  
Matthew Penny - \$175

Comptroller  
Peter Davidson - \$300

The new council was seated this week, consummating last week's student elections.

True to form, the council created a controversy on a matter arising in the final minutes of the meeting.

A letter of resignation was received from Alex Kibaki. Kibaki resigned his education seat, due to his election as vice-president external.

The question of a by-election arose. Some councillors were thinking in terms of the obsolete constitution. Others misconstrued the new one's stipulation that there will be two candidates for a by-election to mean that three seats must be vacant before a by-election is called.

The matter was finally resolved and there will be an Education by-election soon. (And it's all perfectly legal, folks!)

It seems that the councillors are being very business-like. They carried on one to two hours with a discouraging word seldom being heard. Shocked at this and in order to give us a show for our money, they haggled over one of the last matters and didn't even change their minds. Bueno.

### Down hill ride in prices

By ROSEMARIE HOPPS

Mr. Thomas Woods, proprietor of Woods' Taxi announced reduced rates for students and senior citizens recently.

The fare from campus to downtown for one person will be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00. The fare from campus to the Riverview Arms for one person will be reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.25; to K-Mart or Fredericton Mall the fare will be dropped from \$1.75 to \$1.50. The fare to Regent mall will be reduced from \$2.00 to \$1.75.

Woods also announced the following rates for two or more persons travelling to the same destination: students departing from campus to downtown will be charged \$.50 for the first person and \$.50 for each additional person. Students travelling to the Riverview Arms will pay \$.75 for the first person and \$.50 for extra passengers.

Woods' Taxi is located on Queen Street, their phone number being 455-6651-2.

In order to take advantage of these reduced rates, students should be prepared to show their student cards.

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-The Bruns