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Council Revamps Financial Policy, Services

The UNB SRC executive made plans during the summer months expecting ratification by the SRC in regular session.

Comptroller Brian Sullivan, initiated a purchase order system which will give council tighter control of expenditures. All purchases will be made with the use of an official purchase order form obtained at the SRC business office. Previously, clubs made application for payment after they had purchased the items or services.

This new system is part of the 1969-70 financial policy. In allotment of funds top

priority is given to educational projects benefiting the greatest number of students, secondly to cultural activities and lastly to official social functions.

In an attempt at more dialogue between the administration and students, the Council and students will meet every week to discuss upcoming problems. These meetings will be open but not publicized by council.

Another plan, requiring ratification by Council, is a Student Services Committee. The committee's central information office will acquaint students with services available to them. It will also handle student publicity.

SRC executives Mike Start, Brian Sullivan and Peter Heelis, have decided to keep UNB out of the Canadian Union of Students. UNB withdrew in September of 1968.

"CUS is too preoccupied with being a vanguard to minority political opinions", Start says. He sees the role of CUS as a service union, to "co-ordinate, not instigate".

Steps for an Atlantic Union of Students are now being taken. Start attended the Atlantic Student Conference held in Halifax in early May to discuss student unionism and the problems of the Atlantic region.

A Federation of Atlantic Student Councils was set as the first move toward organizing and unifying the Atlantic universities. After an "indefinite educational and politicization period" delegates hope that the Federation of Atlantic Student Councils can then be developed into a union, in the full meaning of unionism. A founding conference for the proposed Atlantic Association of

Students is scheduled for October.

The Council will also be asked to ratify moves for dealing with a Toronto firm offering student services once provided by CUS. According to Start, the firm will handle national advertising and air charter services at a cheaper rate. They also offer a computer service for graduates to have their resumes computerized; the computer tapes will be made available to employers after May, 1970.

Start is interim vice-chairman of the National Student Consumer Association, a private organization dealing with business and government. Organizers plan a national meeting during the Christmas holidays chaired by Start, the council president at Sir George Williams University and the student president of Simon Fraser University.

On the whole, Start is pleased with the accomplishments of the SRC during the summer. He feels that SRC members should be given jobs at the University during the summer, a policy adopted at many other universities.

Censure Lifted

The Canadian Association of University Teachers has lifted its censure of the President and Board of Governors of UNB. The official lifting of the censure, which took place on July 18, came as a result of the agreement entered into between the CAUT and the Board, which involved a resolution to put matters in dispute between the university and Professor Norman Strax into academic arbitration and to make appropriate application to the courts of New Brunswick to lift a permanent court injunction which it had obtained against Professor Strax. The injunction was levied on Strax as a result of a demonstration by the Canadian struggle for a democratic society over the introduction of ID cards on campus last year.



Mackay Now In Basement

Dr. Colin B. Mackay retired from the office of President of UNB on the last day of June and was immediately succeeded by Dr. J.O. Dineen, who will serve as Acting President.

Mackay temporarily maintains affiliations with university affairs as President of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, and as Vice-Chancellor of UNB.

Red-tape and regulations insist that the Vice-Chancellorship be conferred automatically upon the President. Since Dineen is only Acting President, Mackay will be Vice-Chancellor until a new president is elected by the Senate and Board of Governors. Mackay has demonstrated his reluctance to become involved with university affairs and has been absent from the last two Board of Governors meetings.

Pending the results of the nominations for the presidency of the AUCC, Mackay may drop official relations with that organization. AUCC regulations stipulate that the President's term of office be one year. Mackay's future relationship with the organization will depend upon his decision to stand for re-nomination for the office this November.

At present Mackay's powers are limited and he is occupied with briefing sessions with Dineen, who remains Dean of Engineering. Mackay's office quarters have been moved to the basement of the administration building, directly below the office which he occupied for the last 15 years. At present his future seems to remain unclear.

Strax Charged

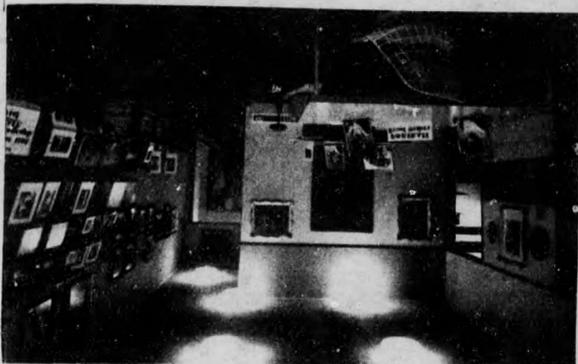
Former UNB physics professor Dr. Norman Strax is at present contesting in the Fredericton courts a charge of assaulting a police officer and obstructing an officer in the performance of his duty. The incident occurred when a police officer was arresting former coal miner Willard Parsons on a charge of public intoxication. The charge alleges that Dr. Strax prevented the officer from efficiently carrying out his duty and that he later assaulted an officer inside the police station.

Dr. Strax is conducting his own defence.

During the past summer Strax worked in Fredericton with the Canadian Struggle for a Democratic Society. His future plans depend on the results of his trial.

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