



The Shaw Report — Controversy Rampant

By JANE CUNNINGHAM

The Student Union Building has been an area of controversy since last Spring when initial attempts were made to establish a student owned and run convenience store in the building. This summer, controversy was rampant as the Director, Assistant Director, Chairman and lawyer of SUB Board and many SUB-employed students left their jobs amid rumours of tenant dissatisfaction, and the growing fear that the involvement of John Bosnitch in so many SUB areas was creating a conflict of interest, university President James Downey requested that Board of Governors member Robert Shaw study the SUB situation.

The result of Dr. Shaw's two week long investigation is a thirteen page report, submitted for approval to the Board of Governors on July 25.

The Shaw Report is a collection of 26 questions, 7 of which Dr. Shaw posed to the SUB Board. The answers, termed as "imperfectly understood", by Shaw, to these 7 questions, and a summary of conclusions and recommendations form the report. The questions range in topic from the conflict of interest charges, to employee problems, to an organization known as Mods. The recommendations and conclusions include that "the President advise SUB Board that he believes its management to be in disarray", that "legal counsel be asked to recommend action to protect the University from legal action...arising from the improper actions of SUB Board" and that "the University considers the concentration of power into so few hands in the SRC, SUB Board, SUB Holdings, and Campus Services Limited to be improper".

The Report, in its entirety, was accepted by the Board of Governors at an August 10 meeting. There were no opposers to its acceptance. Shaw and Bosnitch abstained. Mary Abraham, the other student Board member, did not attend the meeting. University President James Downey, does not see any need for extra administration involvement in the SUB for the time being. He expressed his belief



Student Union President John Bosnitch

that the students would be able to resolve the issues

alone, and also asserted his argument with all findings and recommendations of Dr.

Shaw's report.

Recently appointed SUB director Mark Slipp stated that, while he did not agree with much of the Shaw Report, he does believe that problems are being caused by "inconsistencies in the chair" of SUB Board, John Bosnitch. Student Union Comptroller, Aubrey Kirkpatrick, placed the blame for the majority of the problems, including tenant dissatisfaction and the high employee turnover rate of the summer, on John Bosnitch.

John Bosnitch, President of the Student Union, Chairman of the SUB Board, Chairman of SUB Holdings Inc., President of Campus Services Limited, and Senate and Board of Governors student representative, called the Shaw Report "in-

sane" and "illegitimate". In response to the claims of conflict of interest on his part, he stated that, as Student Union President, he was "compelled by regulations" and it was "required by constitution" for him to be so involved. He will also, he stated, propose constitutional reform to broaden the control of power, and stated that the SUB Board has adopted the Board of Governors regulations on conflict of interest as part of its constitution. Bosnitch also refuted claims that tenants of the SUB are dissatisfied, saying that, as chairman of the SUB Board, he has received only one formal complaint.

Bosnitch also disclaimed any involvement in the summer employment turnover, which

he says was caused by people not wanting to follow new rules he and Mark Slipp made. The rules pertained to such things as smoking regulations and a dress code while at work. Bosnitch stressed that "it is not a good thing to blindly accept the administration's view of the Student Union Building". He also stated that has only two objectives, and that they were "that the Student Union be granted a 99 year lease for the building and that the Student Union Building be operated and controlled in every respect possible by students". Both university President James Downey and SUB Director Mark Slipp had reservations about such a venture.

SUB Holdings contract cancelled Faust fired

By CLAYTON BURNS

UNB President James Downey has cancelled the university's contract with SUB Holdings Inc. to run the campus liquor service.

Director of Housing and Food Services Roy Brostowski and Interim SUB Director Mark Slipp have taken over the administration of UNB's liquor service on a temporary basis. Brostowski and Slipp were observed purchasing supplies at the Brookside Mall Wednesday. Dr. James Downey met with James Andre Faust earlier in the day and announced that he was terminating his position as SUB Holdings Bar Manager and Assistant Director of the SUB. The SUB Holdings lawyer said that since Downey is not a member of either SUB Board or the SUB Holdings directors, he should be very careful in making decisions that affect the jurisdictions of those groups.

Dr. Downey also said that there was fear that the Queen's visit might go off poorly, although SUB Holdings has never received any specific complaints from him about the day-to-day operations of the liquor service. SUB Holdings Chairman John



Brostowski Faust visit Downey

Bosnitch said that Downey obviously was looking for a pretext to remove the liquor service from the control of students. He questioned Downey's choice of Slipp to perform Faust's job: "When the Assistant Director and Bar Manager position becomes vacant, the SUB Director automatically becomes Bar Manager. Therefore, SUB Holdings was never in violation of its contract with the University (to have a Bar Manager)."

Downey justified his actions

by saying he wanted to protect "the image and reputation, and the quality of services the university provides."

The University is seeking a new manager to run liquor events on campus including the luncheon for the Queen to be held at McConnell Hall on Tuesday, September 25.

Mr. Brostowski at one point this week called in police to remove an officer of SUB Holdings from the corporate headquarters of the company in the SUB.

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Faust commented that Mark Slipp has shown "zilch performance" as SUB Director:

"Slipp spends all his time in the office playing politics, talking to his friends, and hiring staff for the Aitken Centre" (Slipp holds a supervisory post there). Faust shares an office with Slipp, but says "I've never seen him do any work in the office at all."

The Director of Housing and Food Services at UNB has temporarily taken over management of the university's blanket liquor license.