

Strople new secretary

(UNBPRI) The academic year is barely a month old at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, but Stephen Strople is already in high gear in his new position as University Secretary.

"I've only been in the office since Sept. 8 and this is an exceptionally hectic fall, so there hasn't been a lot of time for familiarization," the secretary said. It is undeniably a busy job. Among other duties, the university secretary attends more than 100 meetings a year, takes minutes, writes reports, coordinates information flow, plans agendas and arranges meeting schedules for the Board of Governors and, by tradition, the Fredericton Senate as well as 15 or more other committees and similar bodies. The secretary is also responsible for liaison between UNB's Fredericton and Saint John Senates.

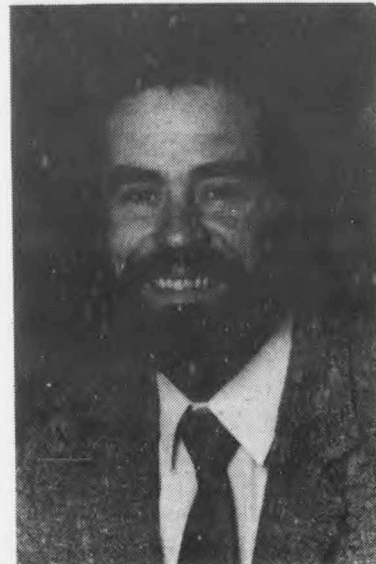
A native of Halifax, Strople graduated from Dartmouth High

School and earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors in sociology from Dalhousie University. His master's degree from York University in Toronto is in social and political thought, a field in which he also did advanced graduate study.

Strople began his working career as a social development officer in the Halifax area and later did research for a variety of clients, including federal and provincial agencies. As an executive officer with the Canadian Union of Educational Workers at York University from 1983 to 1985, he helped administer union business and negotiate three successive collective agreements.

The position of university secretary is both challenge and opportunity to Strople. "It's an important function in the university, and I appreciate the vote of confidence implicit in the

appointment," he declared. "I'm gratified to be the first non-faculty member to serve in this position and pleased to have the chance to continue making a contribution at UNB in this new role."



Stephen Strople

News Notes

Security parking alert

UNB Security wishes to warn drivers that parking in rows in the centre of parking lots at UNB blocks the free flow of traffic and is considered a parking offense.

Rick Peacock, director of UNB Security, noted that security is having a particularly difficult time with people parking in rows in the student parking behind Head Hall.

World Food Day celebrations

In celebration of World Food Day, Friday October 16, there will be a potluck supper featuring the international culinary talents of all those interested and members of the faculty of education, at 6:30 in the Common Room (225) of D'avray Hall.

In addition, there will be a series of films shown from 2:30-5:30 including "Roots of Hunger, Roots of Change," "A Safety Net", "From the Shore" and "The Taste of Tomorrow."

2nd annual Neill House Charity

It's that time of the year again as Neill House is getting ready for their 2nd Annual Neill House Charity. One of our main highlights is our charity for the Kids Help Phone, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Last year we raised over \$1000.00 for the helpline, and our goal this year is \$1500. The Knights of Neill will be located in strategic positions around the Farmer's Market downtown on Saturday the 17th, in order to accept donations for the help phone. Other house members will be washing cars at several Irving convenience stores around the city.

Debate

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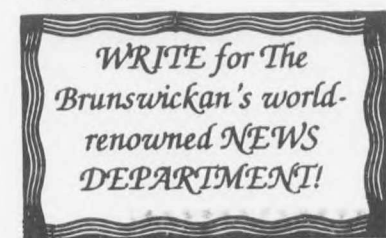
something that did not take place at the time of the Meech Lake Accord.

During the question and answer session, C-O-R MLA Bev Brine was challenged directly by two members of the audience. One wanted to know more about Brine's assertion that the aboriginal self government clause may be discriminatory. Brine indicated that aboriginal women are concerned about inequality, their lack of decision making power in some instances and their status. Professor Allen backed Brine's assertion by quoting directly from the Globe and Mail newspaper which talked about a current court case on this very matter by aboriginal women.

Later in the evening one other member of the audience, who later admitted to being a "YES" supporter, challenged Brine to tell everyone what a perfect constitution would look like. "What is your perfect country?", the questioner asked. Brine responded by indicating a problem with special rights. She indicated a Canadian Constitution should give all citizens the same rights.

One questioner wanted the panel's interpretation of the Canada Clause where Quebec is mentioned as a distinct society. Jack Lamey of the "NO" side believed that the clause is confusing and in the end would be seen as not enough for Quebec and too much for the rest of Canada. But Jim Stanley of the "YES" side argued that the clause is merely recognizing what has been reality for some time - Quebec is a distinct society.

Asked after the debate for their reactions one couple who did not want to be named said they were leaning in the "NO" direction for the October 26th vote. The debate helped to strengthen our position, they said. One other observer, while still undecided is leaning in the "YES" direction. He described the debate as "helpful".



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The Brunswickan had heard reports that there were some union funds were being moved around. When asked about this, Hay replied that "The executive of Local 1326 had control over an account and could spend on the approval of the membership...The executive went to the banking institution (where the Local's account was located) and opened another account under the name U.N.B. Employees Association. People who had signing authority over that account also had signing authority over the C.U.P.E. Local 1326 account. Somebody went there and took over \$16,000 from that account. Subsequently, \$16,000 was taken from the U.N.B. Employees Association account and given to their legal people and a cheque is in that law firm in trust, as I understand it, to one of the former executive of Local 1326. I have been advised by that law firm that they have it. This money, in my opinion belongs to Local 1326."

The Bruns asked Hay just how the executive of Local 1326 became the executive of the Association. Hay said that to his knowledge "the executive called a meeting and they had elections amongst themselves to elect themselves the interim executive of the Association. They apparently took these positions, not through a membership vote but just through meetings by themselves." When asked if he knew if the Association had any membership support when forming, Hay said "They may have had the support of some non-executive members but I think the spearheading of it and getting the wheels turning and making the initial moves was the executive on its own."

The Bruns was informed by one union member that when the executive attempted to get the employees to sign Association membership cards, they obtained the cooperation of well over fifty percent of the members. When Hay was asked how this may have been accomplished he replied "I saw documents that were given to the employees by the Association that said if you joined the Association you would have lower union dues, you would determine your own destiny and a lot of things that were very misleading in my

opinion. They never went on to say why the dues would be lower, that the current dues rate was established by the membership itself. That stuff wasn't coming out. They are just using stuff for their own cause. In my opinion its not a complete picture of the situation. They have one motive: to become the bargaining agent. I think they (the membership) signed cards on information that wasn't completely accurate."

The Bruns asked Hay what kind of reaction he is receiving from campus about the whole matter of the application for certification by the UNB Employees Association. He indicated that some employees seemed rather confused about what was happening. "The rumor mill is just unbelievable" said Hay, "I've had calls from people saying, 'well, C.U.P.E. is no longer on campus.' I asked where

they heard that and the answer was 'Well, from so and so who is a member of the Association.' I said 'would you please call the (Labour Relations) Board and they will tell you what's happening.'"

The Bruns consulted Hay concerning the possibility of U.N.B. wishing to form a "company union". He answered "I have no reason to believe that the University is involved in this in any way." He added "It is our opinion that U.N.B. would rather be dealing with an association than us. That is simply because an association is much more vulnerable."

The last question that the Brunswickan asked Hay was about the past performance of Local 1326. Hay had nothing but praise for the local and described them as "One of the best operating C.U.P.E. locals in

Canada. They were involved in everything C.U.P.E. did in the province and nationally. They sent delegates everywhere to everything. They were really involved in the labour movement and in C.U.P.E."

Originally, the U.N.B. Employees Association had made application to the Labor Relations Board for C.U.P.E. Local 1326 to be decertified. This application was withdrawn and the application for certification of the U.N.B. Employees Association remains. If the decertification application had been approved by the Labour Relations Board and the certification application of the Association subsequently failed, the employees would have been left without representation.

Details of the Labour Relations Board hearing and decision will be covered in upcoming issues.

Input needed on quality of student life at UNB

The Task Force on Quality of Student Life is looking for input from all elements of the University community on the strengths and weaknesses of UNB with regards to providing students with an effective learning environment.

As part of the three-part series the Task Force would like to hear your response to the following questions.

The Task Force during its summer meetings considered the broader question of what is meant by the quality of student life. In its discussions, it considered the effective functioning of the University as a community and, in so doing, it used the work of Ernest Boyer of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The two communities the Task Force would like to focus on this week are as follows:

A JUST COMMUNITY where people learn to respect and value one another for their differences, while at the same time defining the values shared by all those who join the university as scholars and as citizens.

A DISCIPLINED COMMUNITY where there are clear standards governing academic conduct, where individuals accept their obligations to the group, where appropriate rules govern campus life and where all parts of college life are governed by high standards.

a) What do you feel are the important determinants of quality in student life with regards to these "communities"?

b) How effectively do you feel UNB functions as a community, with particular reference to the types of communities listed above.

c) Does UNB offer a good environment which encourages student learning? What are the positive and negatives elements in this environment?

d) What do you perceive as the strengths of student life at UNB with regards to these communities?

e) What aspects of student life do you feel need improvement at UNB with regards to these communities?

The Task Force is looking for written submissions to provide them with your answers to the above questions. Please send your answers to the Office of the Dean of Arts or to The Brunswickan (SUB Room 35) print "Task Force" on the envelope. Any questions should be directed to Stephen Strople at 453-4613 or to Dean Kent at 453-4655.