

## Eagle vetos Pittston proposal

The Pittston Company proposal to build an oil refinery at Eastport Maine is still a possibility according to a spokesman for the US environmental Protection Agency. The proposal to build the refinery included the decision to ship the oil through Canadian waters, on which basis it was opposed by the Canadian and New Brunswick governments and environmentalists who feared a major oil spill along the Bay of Fundy coast would cause damage to fisheries there. EPA director of public awareness Paul Keough said that the Pittston Company has up to and including January 27 to appeal an EPA decision rejecting Pittston's application for a water emissions permit. The deadline is imposed under both the US National Environmental Policy Act and a decision by the US Fish and Wildlife Service last month that the proposed refinery could threaten the American Bald Eagle. The company has two months to appeal the fish and wildlife service decision and until the company was informed of the EPA decision, intended to launch an appeal.

Keough said that the current EPA decision was an "outright

denial" of a permit and the Company could not proceed without a water permit.

He felt that Pittston would have been given the permit if it hadn't been for the Fish and Wildlife decision. Pittston already has an air emissions permit from the EPA although it has to be renewed.

Keough felt that even if the appeals to the EPA and the Fish and Wildlife Service were launched and won, there are other

problems such as Canada's opposition. The National Marine Service has so far found insufficient information to determine the impact on whales in the area and this issue must also be settled according to the director.

He said that Pittston could have the two appeals heard at the same time but it might be more than a year before the decision is rendered.

## 'Useless organization'

Student Representative Council President Steve Berube resigned from the Provincial Government's advisory committee on student aid last week. Berube said he "was frustrated in efforts to bring about improvements" in the New Brunswick student aid system. He called the committee ineffective and did not foresee any change for the future.

Berube said he intended to inform the SRC that it would be "ill advised to appoint another representative." He said this in the

context that no changes would be made in the committee which would result in it becoming viable.

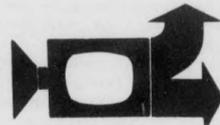
Berube feels the current committee has "little hope" of producing change. He said that one student from New Brunswick should be appointed to sit with the three directors of student aid in the Maritimes.

He felt it would insure adequate input on the students behalf as well insure that the students points of view on proposed changes brought forward by the directors would be heard.

## video vision

Due to the fact that many people missed the first showing of CHVW taping of the RED & BLACK REVUE\* we will be rebroadcasting it Monday January 22nd at 7pm on Channel 10. For those on the Red & Black crew this provides a unique opportunity to see yourselves perform.

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CHVW Schedule for this week:

Monday, January 22nd, 7:00pm: RED & BLACK HI-LITES

Wednesday, January 24th, 7:30pm: Hockey - U de M at UNB

Thursday, January 25th, 7:00pm: CHVW News.

## AUNBT tries for certification again

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assistant deans, those above the rank of deans, the University librarian, faculty members who are members of the Board of Governors and those excluded by the Industrial Relations Act. NOTE: The unit described is intended to include the Dean of Students and directors.

September 1 will be the effective date of employment for the purposes of this vote according to a Board decision.

Chaison said that no group meetings are planned by the group but that members are now dealing with the issue on an

individual basis. He said that the campaign conducted last year was sufficient to answer most peoples' questions about the Association and the group is primarily concerned with getting people out to exercise their right to vote.

Acceptance or rejection of union representation will depend on whether a majority of the eligible voters employees have voted for or against such union representation according to a decision by the Industrial Relations Board. It is also they who will decide where and when

the vote is to be taken. The vote itself will be conducted by secret ballot in such a manner that it will be impossible to determine how employees have voted.

Employees coming within the unit as described by the Board are eligible to vote regardless of whether or not they were formerly members of any trade union.

A spokesperson for the Industrial Relations Board said that the vote was necessary because the evidence which has been filed with the Board indicates that the majority

position of the AUNBT will be "marginal at best". He said that "fairness" dictates that a representative vote be taken to determine the true wishes of the employees.

The AUNBT has been defeated in its attempts to receive certification here on two separate occasions in previous years.

Chaison said he was unable to comment on what the key issues of the Association would be should they receive a majority vote. He said that the matter would go before the collective bargaining council where an agreement based on the desire of the membership, would be drawn up.

## Atlantic institutions

### Fundraising the answer

Fund raising efforts must be combined to ensure continued growth at best and mere survival at worst among Atlantic institutions according to presidents of three Atlantic institutions.

Dalhousie President Harry Hicks, St. Mary's Owen Carrigan and University of Prince Edward Island President Peter Meinke said at a news conference Tuesday that with dropping enrollments, inflation, and rising staff salaries, Universities are being forced to increase tuition and residence fees.

Nothing definite will be known until the decision of the Council of

Maritime Premiers is known. The CMP sets levels of government financing for about 15 regional post secondary institutions. In the past the CMP have not met financing levels recommended by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, which is responsible for assessing the institute on financial needs.

A 17.6 per cent increase over last years level was asked for by the universities although the Commission only recommended a 9.5 per cent increase. The presidents did not indicate any great hope the figure would be reached.



Monday night around 6:52 a taxi broad-sided a VW Rabbit at the intersection in front of the UNB main gate.