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## Council questions validity of student elections

By PAT POTTER  
Council voted down a motion to nullify the National Union of Students referendum last Monday night. Kevin Garland, returning officer, stated the polling stations were neutral zones and this neutrality was intruded upon, by Dan O'Connor, National Union of Students' executive secretary. The motion declaring the polls neutral, put forth by Bram Neilson and Eric Semple, was defeated eight for, nine against, with one abstention. Garland left immediately after the decision was made. Garland stated that he told O'Connor the polls were neutral areas. "I admit I made mistakes during the election process ... I have only my word to say that I said this," Garland said in reference to his conversation with O'Connor.

Gordon Kennedy, in reply, stated, "We're leaning on a teeter totter and everytime we have a question, we run to somebody and suck at their tit." During these proceedings Gordon Kennedy left his place at council and paused, sitting at the back of the room. "It looks no different," he said.

If the decision that the polling stations were neutral ground had been made, then the NUS referendum would be invalid.

On this issue, McKenzie stated, "You are not ruling whether the NUS referendum is invalid, you are ruling the entire election invalid." This statement was made as McKenzie made it plain that he believed one could not separate the two elections, since there were violations of the same order by the candidates.

Kennedy stated, "I took down an election poster from a poll after 12:30."

"The decision of the chair was that one can consider the dissolving of the referendum without considering the whole election," said MacAllister.

"Bullshit!" was McKenzie's

reply. He moved to appeal the chair's decision.

"Does everyone understand the motion?" asked MacAllister, trying to get a decision.

"Mr. Chairman I am not appealing that motion!" was McKenzie's reply. Margot Brewer entered, "Nobody knows what's going on."

Again, in an attempt to clarify

the situation, McAllister restated the motion and asked for a vote. No one voted because no one understood what McAllister was trying to say.

"You lost me in that garbage," McKenzie said, withdrawing his motion so that council could proceed with other matters. McKenzie further commented on the matter a little later, "It is

consistent with the garbage that has been coming from this body for the last two months."

"Every person that worked at a poll was given a piece of paper stating that they should take down all posters," stated Damian Bone.

The decision to declare the referendum invalid was defeated seven for, nine against, with one abstention.

## Senate supports course evaluation

By DERWIN GOWAN

Senate decided to run a course opinion survey again if student appointments to the course evaluation committee are forthcoming.

Senate agreed to ask the Board of Governors to support 50 per cent of the survey with the SRC paying the other half. The SRC will have to support the survey if it is to be carried out.

Student senator Mike Mephram resigned his position as chairperson of the committee due to lack of support from students, faculty, and administration, he said.

He said the SRC gave his committee no support.

"I think it must continue but I don't think it's going to," he said. "I'm not getting support from anybody."

Student leaders seem to want the survey, he said, but do not have the time for it.

With the change of personnel in the committee and with the possibility of no survey this year, Mephram was worried about the loss of "the sense of continuity."

Mephram put approximately 400 hours into the survey last year, he said.

University president and senate chairperson John Anderson said it is still possible to put out the survey, although senate would have to wait until their next meeting to see if student support was forthcoming.

According to Mephram, it takes two months to put the survey together, so it cannot be done

before Christmas.

The survey must be continued for two years before an accurate evaluation can be made, he said.

However, he said it would be useless to continue the survey as it is at present because students have to expect the survey and plan to use it in choosing courses before it is of any value to students.

According to Mephram, 99 per cent of students did not expect the survey to reach the publication stage this year and consequently it was of little value.

Senate should consider the workload carefully before embarking on the project, he said.

Randy Hatfield, student senator from Saint John, said the Saint John students' union was willing to continue the project.

Senator E.D. Maher said he did not participate in the survey last year because UNB students have a

habit of not attending classes, thus invalidating the answers to the questionnaires.

Last year's survey cost around \$5,000, but this year's could cost up to \$8,000, Mephram said.

Senate passed a resolution asking the Board of Governors to support the project to the tune of 50 per cent, with a ceiling of no less than \$4,000.

This is about a 60 per cent price increase over last year, although it may not go quite that high.

Vice-president finance and administration suggested the survey be sold, but Mephram replied federal and provincial sales taxes to the tune of 20 per cent made this idea unfeasible. O'Sullivan said this would be a good way to test the value of the survey to students.

Senate refused to ask the survey committee to evaluate the survey due to the increased workload.

## Survey changes urged

By PAT POTTER

"Unless you have to take it don't" is an example of the type of comment which will be found in future course evaluations.

Mike Mephram told the SRC Monday night just how a course evaluation could be presented.

"The long term solution is a course evaluation office," said Mephram. Council unanimously

accepted the formation of such an office. The surveys will be done as before but professional psychologists will interpret the data and present it in prose form, a form that can be used by all students.

"We know that it is needed ... Too many people walk into courses with professors that shouldn't be teaching them," said Warren McKenzie in support of the motion.

## New constitution coming

By PAT POTTER

A brand new students' union constitution was approved in principle, Wednesday night, by the constitution committee.

The new constitution has been specially drafted to relinquish all prior loopholes. Under the supervision of Peter Forbes, lawyer for the union, the draft is totally new and constructed in a legal form which will hopefully leave no room for dispute over interpretation, said students' union vice-president Gordon Kennedy.

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All clubs, societies and any other organizations dealing with the Students' Representative Council should pay particular attention to the new constitution. Copies can be obtained after the November 12 from the student union office. The new constitution will be presented to council during the council meeting November 17.

Those wishing to make any input or any objections must do so before the 17th.

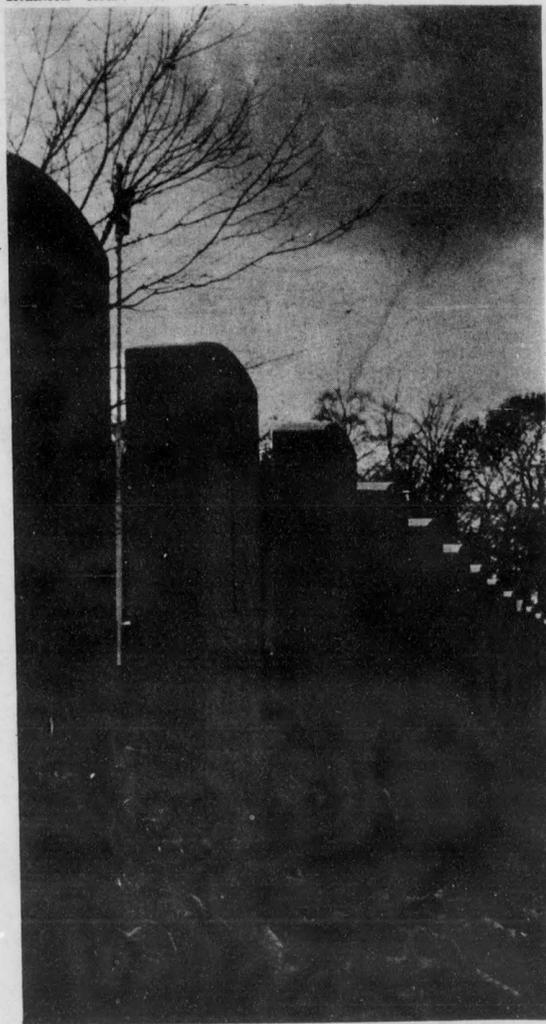
The positions held by the members of the SRC have been clarified with respect to their

duties and powers.

A few weeks after the constitu-

tion is passed, the by-laws will be presented to council, Kennedy said. Notice will be given in The Brunswickian so that copies of the by-laws can be picked up by involved persons for input. The by-laws will outline the jurisdiction of all standing committees and tighten the election regulations among other proposals.

The constitution committee also reviews all constitutions formulated by all societies on campus. Resubmissions of constitutions to council this year are necessary in order to be a recognized group.



How much progress has peace made since 1918?

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