

Missed victory by 100 votes! Crank almost won presidency

Last year a relative unknown, running only in jest against three serious, well-prepared candidates, came within one hundred votes of being this year's SRC president.

This student was John Blaikie, a sporadic third year English major. Mr. Blaikie, was hardly on campus long enough to make a great number of acquaintances yet he got votes — many of them. Votes from people who have never met, seen or talked to him previous to the campaign and yet were sure that he was the one to lead them and be their voice in the administration of the student union.

The platform on which he ran was sensible enough. One of its major points was that the SRC stay away from international affairs. However, there the sensibility ended. The credulity of those who knew

him was strained to the limit when his slogan: "Blaikie for responsibility" was introduced, even though Mr. Blaikie did deign to cut his hair and dress in a sedate fashion. Blaikie is called the halfway hippie.

The committee backing Mr. Blaikie was of the opinion that for a president-elect to voluntarily throw away the position sought by so many others would discredit the idea of student power on campus.

One member of the organization behind Blaikie remarked, "John could have won if he took it seriously."

The only conclusion to be drawn from this is that the students of UNB, or at least an alarming minority, are not particularly interested in what goes on around them or for them.

This reporter spoke for a few moments with Blaikie. Question: "Mr. Blaikie, why did

you plan to resign if you won the election?"

Answer: "Because it would have been the biggest joke this campus has ever seen."

Question: "You came very close to winning the election. What do you think this proved?"

Answer: "It proved that anybody on campus could run and with the right organization stand a good chance to be elected for any purpose and do what he wants with the SRC."

Question: "If you had been elected, Mr. Blaikie, and for some reason chose not to resign do you think you could have done a better job than that which is now being done?"

Answer: "I'll answer this way: I probably would have done a better job because I would have done nothing."

Voluntary union will be major issue of weekend think-tank

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The Oromocto Hotel is where it's at this weekend, October 4 to 6, when the long-overdue "Think Tank" will swing into session. All students are encouraged to take part.

The issue was resolved at the regular weekly meeting of the Student Representative Council Sunday night.

It was also decided to hold SRC elections on Wednesday, November 6, rather than the usual time in October, so that the main issues of the "Think Tank" — particularly the case for a voluntary student union — would have a fair hearing on campus before council elections.

Some members hoped a referendum would be held before November 6 so that the student body would have a chance to decide for themselves whether to substitute voluntary student union membership for the present compulsory arrangement.

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Eldridge Cleaver to lecture

LOS ANGELES (CUPI)—The appointment of Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver as lecturer at the University of California in Berkeley has roused California Governor Ronald Reagan to demand the black militant be fired before he ever reaches the lecture podium.

The University's Board of Regents, meeting at UCLA, faced a decision Thursday (Sept. 19) whether to overrule a student proposal for the course on racism led by Cleaver or to bend to the governor's pressure.

Reagan denounced the appointment as "quite an insult to the people of California," and said an overwhelming amount of mail indicated that they were "fed up".

One of the Berkeley professors in charge of the course, Edward Sampson, said Cleaver would appear no matter what the action of the regents. He said the lectures would be moved off campus if necessary.

Cleaver is currently free on bond charged with assault with intent to commit murder after an alleged two hour gun battle with Oakland police.

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