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SRC CHASTISED BY CUS OFFICIAL

The Students Representative Council almost to the last man admitted their failures to the student body Sunday.

At a marathon Council meeting, in which Student Supervisor Nelson Adams was forced to chair a meeting that extend-

ed well over (Students Centre) closing time. Don Mitchell, Vice-President of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) volunteered a lengthy criticism of Council meetings on the basis of what he had seen.

He said, in part: "It is bewildering to observe two hours' debate on a matter which can only be construed as carving up the pie (referring to the question of wages and honoraria) without any real discussion of the positions and what their function is."

Mitchell went on to criticize the Council for not properly relating to the students of the university, as evidenced by the small number of students attending Council meetings.

He asked that Council pay closer attention to their priorities and devote much less time to administrative matters. He recommended that Council agendas be well-prepared and distributed to the students so that they will know what Council is doing.

Peter Blair, First Vice-President of Council, in a lengthy speech criticising Council much more harshly than did Mr. Mitchell, asked Councillors, "How many of you have read the University Act?" His question was asked because Council was to discuss Student Representation at the meeting. Less than half of the Councillors indicated that they had read the Act, dealing with the administrative structure of the University.

"The trouble that we have getting stupid things through is that we are unprepared,"

Blair said. "Maybe we can look in at ourselves, at what we do, at what we failed at."

Blair went on to say, "The two news media on campus are narrow and don't give us the coverage on the good things we do. There is no such thing as respect for this Council and I feel quite badly about this."

Although in basic agreement with Mr. Mitchell, Council President Wayne Beach expressed his opinion that Council was doing far more than Mr. Blair suggested. He recommended that Councillors look at the minutes of past meetings and at the proposed meeting schedule to see what Council has done and plans to do. "I think that we of all people are missing what the Council is doing," Beach said.

Nelson Adams, chairman of the meeting, spoke particularly on Council's relevance to real problems faced by students. He mentioned a party he had attended, in which ten freshman students who had done well academically in high schools, admitted that they were going to drop out of university during their first year.

A discussion ensued, Adams said, about what Council could do about problems concerning students. They felt that Council should discuss issues such as Marijuana, LSD, abortions and birth control, making policy statements.

However, one student observed after his one-month attendance at UNB, "The Students Council doesn't do that sort of thing, they just

give out money and run things."

Council President Beach informed members that the executive would present suggestions at the next Council meeting concerning improvements in the conduct of meetings and expressed the hope that other members would do the same.

Student Execs Now Salaried

Salaries for chief student executives were passed by the Students Representative Council Sunday.

Brunswickan Editor-in-Chief Allan Pressman, Radio UNB Director Lee Clifford, SRC Finance Chairman John Oliver and First Vice-President Peter Blair were awarded salaries of \$250 each, a salary system to be continued with future students holding such positions.

The original motion read to include second Vice-President John Thompson, but his position was defeated from the list because his position was not well-enough defined and Council felt that the job as defined in the present SRC Constitution did not warrant a salary.

Further salaries of \$100 to Campus Police Chief Jerry Roth, and \$50 each to his assistants were awarded, along with telephones to each of the three.

An additional amount of \$400 was set aside for the Activity Awards Committee to award as Honoraria at the end of present Council's term of office in February of 1968.



Nikki Chabot, who will appear in the Drama Society's presentation at the Playhouse Friday, Saturday, and Monday. Miss Chabot acts in Richard Hughes *The Sisters' Tragedy*.

Hunter Accuses GSA Of 'Blatant Trickery'

"This is blatant trickery!" shouted law student Lawson Hunter during a bid by the Graduate Students Association Sunday to receive a \$2000 grant.

The GSA received Council's approval three weeks ago to form an autonomous organization. Finance Chairman Oliver moved that, since the graduate students were now left without funds for their activities, a grant amounting to a five-dollar rebate on their fees be returned to them for the GSA.

Law Representative Les Smith objected to the rebate on the grounds that the GSA was given the alternative last year of paying five dollars less than the standard student fee of \$35 or of receiving a rebate of \$5 per student on the funds collected, and that they chose the former. The Law Society, however, given the same choice, chose to receive the rebate. To give the GSA a rebate now, argued Smith, would mean giving them ten dollars per student.

"They're going to have their cake and eat it too, is what it amounts to," said Smith.

Post Graduate Representative John Skelton presented an unofficial budget to Council to justify their expenses. It included a Winter Carnival Float, dances, a dinner and a speaker's program.

Lawson Hunter, former SRC President, argued that Council was receiving a budget from the GSA. "This is inconsistent," Hunter said. "In fact, it's morally wrong." Hunter argued that the SRC was giving money to a faculty organization when it has been Council policy in the past to refuse to do so.

Vice-President Peter Blair expressed his disappointment at the plans of the GSA. Blair said that the GSA presented their case for separation on the basis of "discussion among scholars, and this sort of thing."

Instead, Blair said, in reference to the budget read by Skelton, "You broke it down into the most mundane crap I've ever heard. It is as petty as our own budget."

Mekehri told a *Brunswickan* reporter during the debate that if the motion were defeated, the GSA would take some "serious drastic steps."

When asked what these steps were, Mekehri answered, "We haven't decided that yet."

"ENTIRE POLITICAL MACHINERY OF SRC COMING TO A GRINDING HALT"

Belding Resigns - Blasts Council

Jim Belding, SRC Public Relations Officer, resigned at last Sunday's SRC meeting. In a statement to the *Brunswickan* he said: "I feel the entire political machinery of the SRC is coming to a grinding halt." He went on to say "SRC President Beach was unresponsive to what I feel were realistic and important suggestions for improving efficiency."

He condemned Council for "wasting their time and not giving the students their money's worth." Another point of contention causing his

resignation was the "irrelevant and irresponsible action of Council" in the initiation of a salary system for student organization heads, and SRC Executives.

"Lack of co-operation and complete absence of motivation is only consolidating the vicious circle Council is in. Ironically most of them do not even know they are in one."

Council President Beach was unavailable for comment at press time.