

UNB prof waiting for decision on deportation order

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Norman Strax, the former University of New Brunswick physics professor whose suspension and dismissal from UNB last year kept his campus in an uproar for months, is currently awaiting deportation proceedings by the federal government.

Deportation

The deportation proceedings, initiated by the federal department of immigration, were unexpectedly delayed last Thursday when bad weather prevented the arrival in Fredericton of special inquiry officer for the immigration department D. M. Parent.

The move to deport the beleaguered physics professor first came November 5, when Strax emerged from a 14-day

stay in Fredericton city jail, for obstruction of a police officer.

Unduly rough

Strax, witnessing a downtown arrest for drunkenness, said he felt the arresting officer was being "unduly rough," in his treatment of the offender. Strax began taking pictures as the man was herded off to the police station, and was arrested.

Without prior warning, Strax was greeted by police and a warrant from the immigration department upon his release from jail.

Strax has been an embarrassment to various sectors of New Brunswick society since his dismissal last year from UNB for supporting a student protest over library privileges.

The UNB board of governors obtained a court order barring Strax from the

campus when students began a sit-in protesting his suspension; Strax ignored the injunction and was jailed for contempt of court.

Interference

The dismissal attempt drew an official censure from the Canadian Association of University Teachers for undue board interference in academic affairs, but the CAUT move did not prevent the board from firing Strax.

The censure—only the second official blacklisting of a university in the history of CAUT—was lifted this summer.

Unemployed since his dismissal from UNB, bankrupted by lengthy and expensive court battles, and suffering from ill-health, Strax has since spent his time as a community organizer for the radical "Struggle for a Democratic Society."

Strax's deportation is ostensibly being sought for his arrest on the obstruction charge, but Strax believes the move is simply designed to rid Fredericton of his presence.

"The offense is too trivial for deportation, but the decision will be made on a political basis," he said.

Fights deportation

Strax will attempt to fight both the deportation move and the original conviction for obstruction, because his deportation "would set a very bad precedent, particularly for draft dodgers."

If he manages to stay in New Brunswick, Strax said he hopes to work with Acadians (French-speaking residents of the province) and other oppressed groups in their struggle against "capitalistic society."

Ontario profs hold back on wages over inflation

TORONTO (CUP) — Ontario university professors have agreed to do their bit to aid the federal government in its latest assault on inflation; they will drop attempts to obtain mid-term salary increases this year.

Charles Hanly, executive vice-chairman of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations, told a press conference Tuesday that professors have agreed to "voluntary constraints" outlined in a submission to the prices and incomes commission at Ottawa.

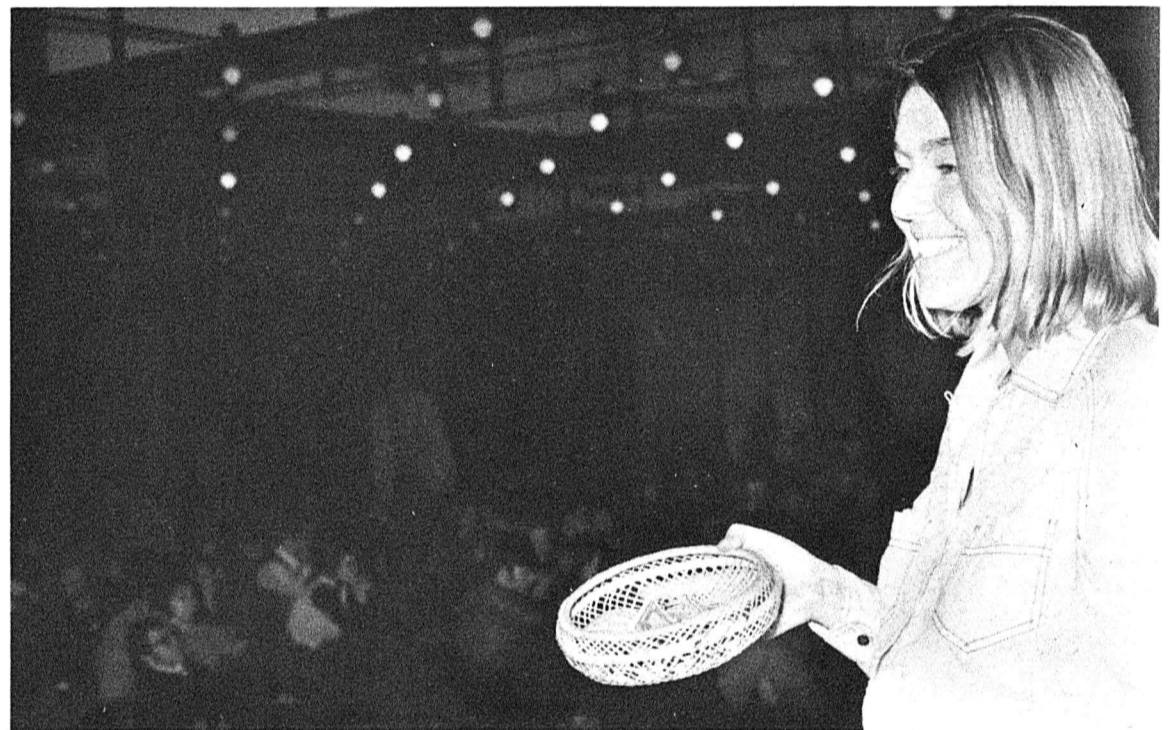
Last year, Hanly said, professors at the universities of Western

Ontario, Ottawa and Waterloo got mid-term raises of from four to eight per cent.

This year, he said, some universities — including the University of Toronto, York University and UWO — had agreed to re-open negotiations during the year if revenue from government grants was higher than anticipated.

The professors also agreed to reduce salary demands for next year by approximately 15 per cent. Faculty associations at 15 Ontario universities are seeking pay increases averaging about 20 per cent.

Average salary at the University of Toronto, where professors are seeking pay increases of 22 per cent, is 16,000 dollars for all ranks. York professors, asking 20 per cent, average 13,000 dollars.



A NICKEL IN THE BASKET may keep a teacher in the university. The Ted Kemp Festival of Life Benefit, an attempt to halt the creeping death-rot setting in (or rather settled in) on this campus, seemed to sport more army jackets than Griesbach Barracks. However, the event did raise money to help in the poster and leaflet campaign that has been mounted by the Concerned Multitudes in an attempt to have Kemp's case re-examined.

—Erich Seemann photo

McGill theatre liberated by radicals

MONTREAL (CUP)—About 40 McGill University students and members of Montreal's Theatre Radical Quebecois took over the stage of McGill's Red and White Revue production "No," billed as a series of "musical anti-establishment scenes," Thursday, Feb. 5, calling the play an "insult to the oppressed people of the world."

The play's sketches include a monologue by what is supposed to be a 14-year-old under-privileged killer-thief, and sexual jokes on the conquest of Quebec by Wolfe.

They were described as "funny only to middle-class students whose present social position as ruling class allows them to remove themselves from the problems" of the oppressed.

"They are disguised racist jokes designed to entertain the very people who are responsible for their suffering," said the protesters.

It doesn't look good

We're back in the national union business again

MONTREAL (CUP) — Delegates from 18 university student councils ended four days of meetings here Sunday agreeing on little more than the necessity for holding regular meetings.

New union

The conference of student councils, called by McGill Student Society vice-president Martin Shapiro to discuss the possibility of forming a new national union to fill the gap left by the demise of the Canadian Union of Students, was boycotted by student councils from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Quebec.

By a 7 to 5 vote, those councils which did attend voted to accept in principle the formation of a national union, but could not agree on the political direction of the proposed body.

A minority of delegates, led by the University of Western Ontario, insisted that such a union should be politically activist, but most of the delegates said they desired a "less active" organization than the former Canadian Union of Students.

Other delegates said it was "too soon" after the dissolution of CUS to establish a new national union.

Unions dissolved

Both CUS and Quebec's Union Generale des Etudiants de Quebec dissolved last fall, as political differences provoked member universities into dropping out or withholding membership fees.

Western was also the only university which disagreed with a compromise proposal calling for regular meetings of the councils to discuss specific problems such

as education, or pollution.

Some delegates to the conference—and some who did not attend—charged the meeting was not national in its scope, and hinted at duplicity on the part of organizers.

U of C Mised

In an open letter published prior to the meeting, University of Calgary student council president Pat Pattison said that U of C had reversed a decision to attend, and obliquely charged that Martin Shapiro had misled Calgary concerning the conference.

According to Pattison, Shapiro indicated over the telephone that U of C had agreed through council vice-president Bob Ferrier to co-sponsor the national meeting; Ferrier denied making any such commitment.

Although Shapiro did not re-

spond specifically to the Calgary charges, he defended the conference, stating that Quebec universities were not in attendance because two of them—L'Université de Montreal and L'Université de Laval—did not have student councils.

A third French-language institution, L'Université de Sherbrooke, did not participate in the weekend meeting, but has agreed to take part in future meetings.

Shapiro said he was "basically satisfied" with the outcome of the conference, but agreed that regular meetings would be more productive than a national organization "in the absence of a consensus."

The next meeting of the councils will be held during the fall at the University of Winnipeg, with the University of Ottawa assisting in the organization.