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Disciplinary group hopes to be running next week

By KEN CORBETT

The Student Disciplinary Committee is expected to be functional within the next week, according to last year's SDC vice-chairman, Mike Richard. The SDC is a campus court of law designed to try alleged student offenders.

The SDC as such consists of ten students. A chairman and two law members are appointed from the faculty of Law by the UNB and STU SRC Presidents. Four ordinary members are chosen



Mike Richard

from applications received by the Applications Committee of the SRC. One of these students chosen must be a student at St. Thomas. An SRC representative and an official secretary also attend each meeting. Finally, the SDC members elect from their own ranks a vice-chairman, who co-ordinates activities with the chairman, and serves as chairman when this position is vacant.

If a student at UNB or St. Thomas wishes to bring a charge against another student or group of students, he must send or deliver a letter to the SDC chairman. The chairman will then send a summons to the person(s) involved.

A student appearing or giving evidence before the SDC may choose any other student or students to act as his counsel. If he so wishes, he may select counsel from a special panel of law students provided by the President of the Law Students' Society. He may also request the SDC chairman to appoint someone to act on his behalf.

Most of the cases handled by the SDC involve drunkenness and or disorderly conduct, or petty theft (chairs in the SUB, for example). Richard stated that alcohol was a prime factor in the complaints received by the SDC. Most of the complaints are registered by the Campus Police.

If the SDC decides that a violation of the regulations has been committed, one or more of the following penalties can be imposed: a student may lose his I.D. card, and therefore his student privileges; he may be forced to pay damages and a fine of no more than \$100.00; his name, offence, and penalty can be published in The BRUNSWICKAN; or the SDC can recommend to the Board of Deans the suspension or expulsion of the student in question from university.

Second or third offenders receive rougher treatment each time they appear before the Committee.

None of these penalties or fines (unless unpaid) are recorded either on the registrar's file or with the civil authorities.

The University Administration has the choice of referring a matter either to the SDC, the Board of Deans, or to the civil authorities downtown. In the past, all infractions have been handled by the SDC. Theoretically, cases such as aggravated assault, malicious crimes, or arson come under the jurisdiction of the civil authorities.

Richard said he thought that the SDC fulfilled the traditional promise of a trial before one's own peers, and he described it as therefore objective and impartial.

"The purpose of a student being tried by his peers is to look at the accused in the light of the experience which the judges have gained through being part of the university community."

Richard considers the fines and penalties imposed by the SDC efficient, in that "they reflect the seriousness of the infraction, and provide a deterrent to further violations."

It has taken longer than usual to organize the SDC this year because a significant number of last year's members graduated last spring. However, interviews are now being held for positions on the committee. Richard is now serving as acting chairman, and indicated that he is offering as this year's chairman. Fortunately, there are

no cases pending at this time, as there were in some of the previous years.

Since many of the infractions before the SDC occur in the SUB, SUB Director Kevin McKinney has on several occasions been concerned with the SDC. He said that he was pleased with the per-

formance of the SDC last year, and especially pleased with the fairness shown on both sides. "I would like to see students dealt with in a manner fair to both the student and the SUB." He stated that, in previous years, it had been too lenient, but that now it was coming more in line with the civil

courts.

McKinney added that he would prefer to make use of the SDC rather than the civil authorities, in order to spare the student the stigma of a criminal record. If the SDC were not in operation, he would refer the student to the Board of Deans.

Our travel office opens then too

By KEN CORBETT

The new travel office is expected to be in operation sometime next week, according to Pat Flanagan, SRC Assistant Comptroller.

The person chosen as this year's travel officer is Gideon Mersereau, a UNB student in 4th year Electrical Engineering. His job will be to arrange and facilitate transportation, theoretically to any destination the prospective traveller may choose. This service can be used by any student or faculty member at either UNB or STU.

Up to now, this task was assumed by Flanagan, admittedly on a much smaller scale than what is now planned. Formerly, the office was involved only in arranging charter flights for students. It was decided to expand its services to provide opportunities for all means of travel, be it rail, plane, bus or boat service.

During the past summer, the travel agencies in Fredericton were approached by the SRC, in order to find a suitable company which would assist and co-operate with the SRC in organizing and operating the travel office. After consulting with several agencies,

the J.D. Allingham Travel Agency showed the most interest, and was chosen for the position.

The new travel officer was chosen from nine applications received by the SRC. He will be trained in all aspects of the travel business, and will operate in close connection with Allingham's Travel Agency.

Mersereau will have office space both at Allingham's and in Room 125 in the SRC wing of the SUB. He will be available to the University public during regular office hours each week.

Flanagan explained that there were certain aspects of transportation in which the new travel office would be particularly interested. Primarily, it would assist the students during the peak periods of travel, such as Christmas, March break, and the return home at the end of the university year in May.

It would also be at the service of the various departments and organizations on campus, in order to aid them with their travel plans. The office would also attempt to lessen the difficulties in travelling within the Maritimes. One problem that Flanagan stated in particular was that rail travel in the

Maritimes was very difficult, and in most cases not feasible.

Flanagan stated that the main criteria for the choosing of the travel officer were experience, aptitude for organization, amiability, availability, and especially keenness. In addition, each of the applicants had an interview with Flanagan and Allingham.

Mersereau will receive a commission based on the amount of business he handles. Flanagan said that he was not yet prepared to divulge the exact percentage that Mersereau will receive. Out of this commission, office and operating costs would be covered. Flanagan stated that there exists a possibility of a profit for the SRC, but that a loss was not foreseeable.

Flanagan was pleased with the interest shown by the applicants, stressing that the choice had been difficult to make. He also expressed his hopes for the success of the plan. "I hope that students, and faculty as well, will come up and familiarize themselves with the office and its operations, so that they might utilize it to their fullest extent."

More information on this subject will be published the next issue of The Brunswickan.

Oops...we goofed

In last week's Brunswickan, bills." That was incorrect. Ruth Fraser, a member of the Co-op's Board of Directors, was quoted as saying that the Fredericton Co-op Enterprises have been the only ones in Canada to have "consistently paid their bills." The story should have read thus: The New Brunswick Residence Co-operative is the only co-op of its type to have consistently paid their bills.

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(Spanish Club meets)


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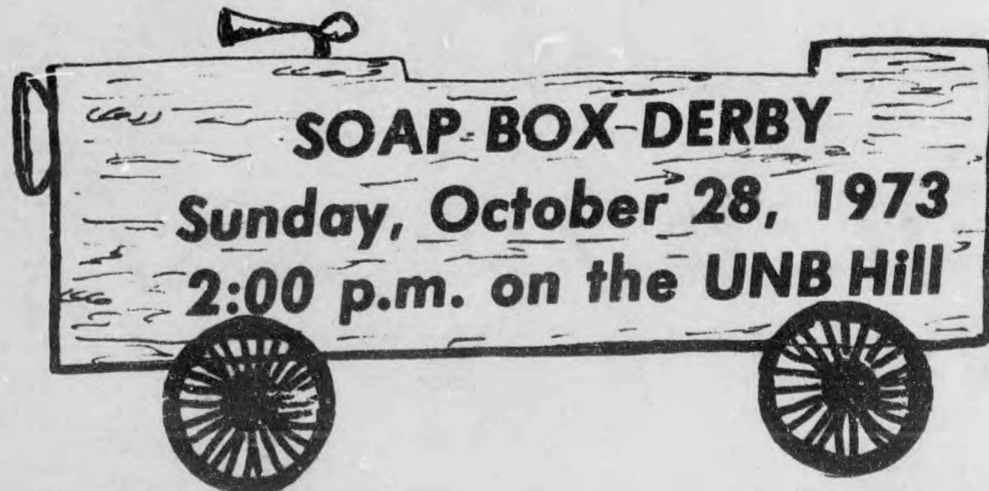
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