

Senate accepts amendments for marking system

By DERWIN GOWAN

H.A. Sharp's proposed amendments to the new marking system were unanimously accepted at Tuesday's Senate meeting. This was a continuation of the meeting held a week previously.

These changes include allowing a parallel percentage and letter systems with grade-points for a three year trial period. After this time the system would come under review. Another change gives weights to pluses and minuses, adding .3 for a plus and subtracting .3 for a minus, and the deletion of C minus. The last change switches a "C" from "adequate" to "satisfactory".

Dr. Desmond Pacey, in support of the motion, said that he had some apprehension about the consequences of the new system, particularly when some faculties were being excepted. He said that Senate had four alternatives. They were to abandon the new system, clarify and modify the system so that all faculties could accept it, defer implication until 1978, or carry on with the divided system. He concluded that the second proposal was the most favourable

one, and that Sharp's proposals were the result.

Sharp said that while two systems could be kept, academic standings, passing and failing, and graduation requirements should depend on the grade-point system. When questioned on this, he said that only one system should be used to determine the student's academic standing across the university.

It was then stated that the university should take one system or the other, and that these proposals were a compromise.

Dean C.G. Jaeger said that only one system should be used for determining academic standing, yet the other system should be kept to elaborate on the student's grade-point average. He added that, in the percentage system, if a student makes 30 out of 100, this is recorded as such. However, if he or she makes the equivalent mark under the grade-point system, it gets recorded as 0 out of 4, and is recorded as such.

It was moved and passed unanimously that only grade-points should determine a student's academic standing.

It was also moved and carried

that the Standings and Promotions Committee of the Senate should make sure that all degree regulations will be compatible with the new system.

It was moved and carried that the NBSJ SRC should nominate a member to the Search Committee for the Dean of Students.

There was some debate over the whole issue of student representation on Senate committees.

Jaeger stated he was in favour of the concept. Sharp then asked Jaeger to explain the advantages of including students. Jaeger replied that students have already served on some committees, and that their input is needed here, too, referring to the search committee for the Dean of Students.

Sharp then rebutted, "I don't think students have any particular knowledge or skill in choosing prospective faculty members, and I'm personally quite reluctant to have students vote on committees."

However, he added that student input and opinions should be included in the committees' decisions.

Student senator Brian Forbes said that he believe students should

be allowed on committees.

Jaeger said that the Senate has to nominate two more persons to the Search Committee, and that they have the prerogative of nominating who they want, student or otherwise.

It was finally moved and carried unanimously the Professor M.D.B. Burt and Chris Gilliss be the Senate's two nominees to the search committee.

This raises the student membership on the committee to four - two by the UNBF SRC, 1 by the UNBSJ SRC, and one Senate nominee.

Student Senator Gary Stairs said that, as a Senator, he feels he is of equal standing with other senators. This includes the right to be appointed to committees if the senate sees fit.

Pacey then moved that Dean of Arts T.J. Condon and Richard Scott (Law 1) be appointed to the search committee for the Dean of Law. This was carried unanimously.

Forbes finished this debate by saying that the Nominations Committee was not certain whether or not they should nominate students or faculty to these positions.

Peter Galoska was appointed to the Student Services Committee.

The Faculty of Education was given one more senate seat, due to the increase in size of the faculty. The Dean of Students was made an ex officio member of the Senate, as well the vice president, administration. It was pointed out that this

was not an academic position, however, it was also pointed out that his or her actions directly affect the academic community.

It was moved and carried that there be one elected graduate student seat on senate, on condition that graduate students not be allowed to run for the six

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New city pub to cater to students

By TOM BENJAMIN
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A new beverage room will soon be opening in Fredericton.

The owner, Larry Hill, said he intends to open his establishment in May of this year.

The beverage room, to be called "Hilltop Pub", is under construction on Prospect St. beside the Canadian Tire building.

The pub, which Hill said will cater to students, will have a lounge type atmosphere. It will feature live entertainment and seat 280 people.

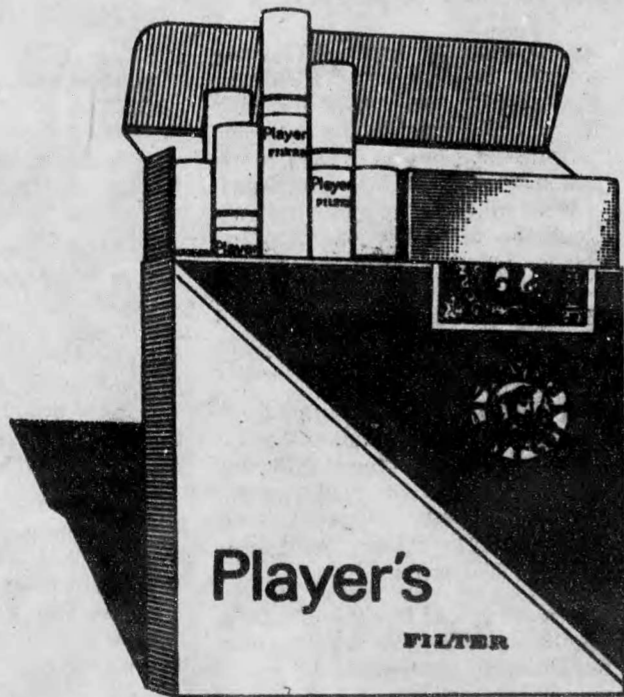
It will have a full kitchen, and Hill said he would "try to keep food prices down."

The interior decor will be composed of rough lumber, stucco, vinyl and brick, said Hill.

There will be a background sound system in use when live entertainment is not playing.

Hill said he would be hiring students this summer to work as waiters and waitresses.

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