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"Students not worried."

by MIRIAM DEBLY

This year a controversial \$1 charge has been implemented at the University of New Brunswick bookstore, designed to discourage students from purchasing books that they return to the store for refund. The fee will cover reshelving costs, says Bookstore manager Ron McConnell, and is necessary due to the notable increase in returned books over

the past few years.

McConnell feels the increase in returns is due to the fact that most students purchase their books quite early, and as a result they return them in vast quantities when they realize that they must change courses or if they have been able to obtain second hand books for much cheaper. Often, these books must be marked down because of decreased quality, and the markdowns create ad-

ditional expenses for the Bookstore.

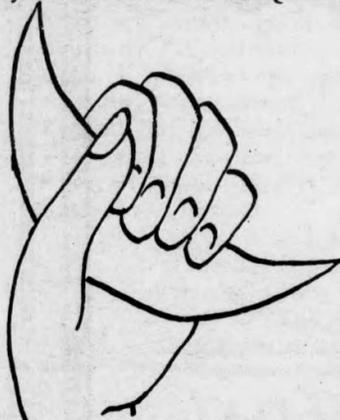
Mr. McConnell hopes to decrease the number of refunds with the implementation of this new fee. Refund costs, including the setting up of a refund counter, can add up to \$3,200 per year, so the \$1 charge does not even cover the loss incurred by the Bookstore. However, McConnell said, "I think that it's a fair estimate, and I do not feel that this amount will do major damage to the students economy. 'Especially', he added, "when you consider that some University bookstores request a 10% reshelving fee."

University students do not seem to be perturbed by the additional cost for returned books, and according to McConnell, "seem willing to pay the \$1". The message they are trying to get across, he continued, is that students should really think twice before they make a purchase. This would save everyone a lot of time and expense.

The deadline for Book returns at the University of New Brunswick Bookstore is October 3.

Take Back The Night

by CHRISTIAN LEVESQUE



On September 19, the Fredericton Rape Crisis Center (FRCC) will be holding its second annual TAKE BACK THE NIGHT MARCH. The event, which was well attended last year, starts at 7:45 pm at the baseball diamond on Waterloo Row.

The FRCC has organized this march to make people aware of the many rapes that occur in Fredericton each year and to protest this violence against women. Last year's highly successful march saw 150 people take part and Lorraine Whalley, of the FRCC would like the attendance to be the same, if not better.

The Rape Crisis Centre is there to help anyone who has been a victim of sexual assault, to offer support and to counsel them. They say that there is no specific group of women who get assaulted, thus meaning that there is no pattern which a rapist will follow. Anyone could be a potential victim.

When a victim calls, the FRCC asks when the rape happened and, if it has just occurred, they ask where the victim is so that they can accompany her to the hospital and to the police station if she wants to press charges. So far this year,

the agency has received 41 calls asking for help.

The FRCC has been in existence for 11 years and was once a branch of Chimo. Since 1979, it has been an independent agency.

Representatives of the FRCC often hold public speaking engagements at schools in the city, and they will organize workshops to heighten public awareness about sexual assault. The Take Back the Night March is just one of many events sponsored by this organization. For more information about the Center and its activities call 454-0437.

Student Union Back to Business

by TIM PORTER

UNB Student Union council passed the second reading of its constitution Monday night, which allows the council to hold private meetings if supported by a two-thirds majority vote.

President Steven Smith explained that all meetings would normally be open to members of the Union and the university community, but some "in camera" meetings might be held throughout the year and that in some cases, such as the hiring of administrative official private meetings away from spectators and the press would be best done in private.

The constitution will have to pass a third reading, expected at the September 22 meeting, before it comes into effect.

One highly debated item in the third draft of the constitution is the lowering of the number of council members

that need to be present for quorum. It says that a "quorum shall consist of at least 33 percent of the voting members of council."

In previous years, Council has operated with a quorum number of 50 percent plus one of its voting members present.

Smith stressed that the reduced number needed to hold a quorum would be helpful in the summer when a

fewer number of council members are in the Fredericton area.

However, councillor Andy McAllister expressed objection to the lowered quorum number, suggesting that members could break into separate groups and hold their own meetings. This was dismissed as purely hypothetical, as a majority of the council members voted to

keep the reduced quorum number within the constitution in the first place.

In other council news, Steven Smith announced to council that a loss was incurred at last Friday's Doug and the Slugs concert. Revenue from the concert is approximately \$10,000, while it cost about \$11,000 to hold the event. Revised revenue figures indicate a much smaller loss than was originally expected, with numbers around the 300-400 range.

Finally, during the question period, when asked by a councillor as to when the 1985 yearbook will come out, Smith answered that the flats were being held by a certain "individual" who is unwilling to release them. Further questions on the state of the 1984, 1985 and the upcoming 1986 yearbooks will no doubt be a topic of discussion at future council meetings.

Majority of SCR Councillors going to court

KEN QUIGLEY
Editor-in-Chief

Last Wednesday the elected representatives of the Student Union were served formal notice of action for their involvement in the executive takeover in April '86 and actions since then under the newly appointed executives.

The suit, which is the second of its kind against members of the present Student union, was initiated by Michael Bennett, Tony English and Hugh Brown, the former executive of said Union.

Those named in the suit are Arts representatives Armand Vaillancourt and Paul Higgins; Business rep. John Landry; Andy McAllister and Terry Young from Computer Science; Engineers Steve Rawlinson and Andy Savoy; Physical Education rep. Mark Chappell; with Jackie Hatherly and Shirley Lee from the Science faculty.

The plaintiffs claim that the defendants unlawfully relieved

the earlier executive from their positions and further appointed an interim executive during a meeting that was contrary to Union By-Laws and regulations.

"They (the defendants) met unlawfully as a group" alleges Bennett, "and as a group they must be held responsible for their actions."

Stephen Smith, the Unions President as it now exists, charges Bennett and cohorts with trying to cloud the issues and, to intimidate the elected representatives, "his (Bennett) whole point is trying to catch them off guard and get them upset."

However Smith did admit that he expected the initial suit against his executive, to have included all the names presently being brought in, if they were to be involved at all.

"We want this matter settled" states Bennett, "we want justice."

No date, as of yet, has been set for discovery.

UNB Tragedy

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Thomas campus' held a memorial service for Hogan at the Chapel. Conducted by Rev. Monte Peters of the Campus Ministry, the memorial mass gave both the opportunity to reflect on this tragedy and to show their sympathy for the victim and his family.

Hogan was born in St. John, and lived in the city with his parents. He graduated from

Simonds Regional High School in 1984 and was in his third year of a Bachelor of Arts programme on the St. John Campus of the University of New Brunswick.

The body rested at Brennan's Funeral Home, St. John, and the funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon. University of New Brunswick students and officials were in attendance.