

SRC Dismisses Brief

# Council Urged To Disband

by Graham Ross

Excitement at last Sunday's SRC meeting was generated by a brief delivered to the SRC by Gary Davis, former editor of the Brunswickan. The brief was meant to have been delivered in all seriousness, but it caught the SRC so off guard that, for the spectators, the meeting soon became a laughing matter. The brief proposed that the SRC disband as soon as it had completed its first month and a half of business. The brief said that this was necessary because after this time the SRC had completed its usefulness.

Davis' reasons for this radical opinion were that after the SRC had disposed of its monies and set up the various clubs on campus, the members were only interested in their positions.

The council was at a loss to say off-hand why it was in existence. Peter Blair stated that it would take a while to

sit down and prepare a list, and that, it could not be reeled off on the spur of the moment. He felt that the Executive could discuss more accurately why they are in existence. Lawson Hunter said he felt that a question of this importance "cannot be treated hastily" and that the Executive should present a brief. Derek Hamilton, a member of the floor, said that it was "bloody ridiculous to entertain this motion" and that "anyone on this council should be able to defeat the brief's points one by one." Peter Blair then got permission from the chair to say that he felt that the council should always be open to complaints such as this. He felt that it should be referred to the executive and said so again. Kent Meisner interjected, "No one here, I think, takes this motion seriously." The Chair, held by Nelson Adams, destroyed this by saying that he for one took it seriously. Gary Davis, who

presented the brief then said that it was not wise to delay a motion that was so vital. Derek Hamilton returned his opinion and said that to refer this "thing" to the executive would show just how irresponsible the SRC was. He then suggested three constructive proposals, 1) to dismiss the motion 2) to dismiss referring it to the executive and 3) to let the SRC go off and hide... and among themselves find out why they are here. Wayne Beach said that he did not want to talk about it now. Robert Asprey then said to the Chair, "you mean to say that we cannot answer why we are here? Why go off and hide and discuss this matter?" Finally, an SRC member showed some initiative. Bob Edwards stated why he felt the SRC should not disband. "The council is here for a purpose, to disband is stupid." He mentioned other assets including coordination, direction and money. He said that there were also tangible benefits such as the Yearbook, the Brunswickan, the Red and Black Revue, along with others. All these were more efficiently run with a central body and a central voice. Edwards said that in disbanding the SRC, the student body would not receive all the benefits that they could with the SRC organizing all programs. Lawson Hunter at this time withdrew his original motion that the Davis brief be submitted to the Executive for study. There were no objections and the debate ended.

Other SRC business was more routine.

**CUS SEMINAR**

A report on the CUS seminar held at Waterloo was delivered to the council. Three members from UNB attended the seminar. The report said that the conversations were held at random and without structure. Talks based on the mental health of students were the main topics. Alcoholism, drug addiction, and student identity were derived to be the main problems. The representative from CUS was at a loss for words to say how the Seminar would be of value to the Student Body, but said he got great personal satisfaction from it. For it to be of any value to the students, a Guidance System would be needed on campus. Both the SRC and CUS want a guidance system on Campus. CUS states that without this system they are not able to use the conference information constructively.

**CUS CONGRESS**

A report on the 30th annual CUS congress was also delivered. Forty-four different Universities participated. Six of the delegates were from UNB. Russell Haynes stated that CUS has developed quite a powerful lobby in Ottawa in Federal politics and that they also have one in the provincial legislatures of Ontario and Nova Scotia. Lawson Hunter said that he felt that Memorial University was definitely wrong in dropping out of CUS and that he expected them to return shortly, due to student pressures on the campus of Memorial University.

**HOUSING COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Trevors, Chairman of the Housing Committee was present to answer questions and outline the Committee's progress. He said that there was a mix-up in the housing committee and that he was going to clear up any misconceptions. Trevors stated that the Housing Committee was not set up to provide housing for students; that the committee has never wasted any of the SRC's money; and that the Brunswickan discredited good people, who had worked hard, in its cry for action. He also said that it was ironic that Lawson Hunter missed a good chance to help the students by not sending a delegate to the Waterloo Committee for Housing problems at Universities. Hunter answered this charge by saying that during the summer months he had sent out letters to all SRC members asking for volunteers to attend the congress. He said that he received no replies and that he himself could not attend because it was the same weekend as the CUS Conference. A motion was adopted to include T.C. and STU in the plans.

**COURSE EVALUATION**

A second committee was set up to look into the possibilities of setting up a course evaluation questionnaire. The purpose of this multi-answer questionnaire is to evaluate the professors. It will ask how they teach; the areas where they have faults; the cost of text books relative to the value they give to the course; and the value of assignments. The combined answers will show how well the professors are teaching. It will be a confidential report and not for general distribution to the students. It is hoped that the professors will change their methods where they are

wrong. A copy will be sent to each individual professor about his own course and a combined report will be sent to the Board of Deans.

It is hoped that the report will accomplish three things 1) to help students pick out better courses 2) to show some professors they are teaching with faults they do not realize that they have, and 3) to get rid of a few real duds. Nelson Adams mentioned that other universities in North America have already started similar programs. The University of British Columbia has one called the 'Black and Blue Revue'.

**SPEAKERS TOUR**

Peter Blair, 2nd Vice President, delivered a report on a proposed Speaker's tour. Blair said he felt that UNB students were apathetic and that they do not care what is going on around them. He said that he wants to bring speakers that stimulate thought by speaking on controversial topics, such as LSD and the RIN.

**CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

A report was delivered by Robert Asprey on the state of the Centennial Committee. He said that the original idea of building a model of the campus had fallen through. There had been a disagreement between the Administration and the Alumnae Association, who are going to share the costs of the project, about the architect. A new meeting is set to decide another project. It is hoped that it will be decided before the end of October. He also said that there has been no contact with the federal government to see about a federal grant. He has talked to other universities across Canada and has found that there has been very little interest shown in Eastern Universities and that only a few universities in Western Canada had any definite plans as yet.

**SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

The Social committee presented a report that Don Warner has been engaged to play at the Fall Formal for a price of \$850. A proxy for Ford (SEE page 10, column 5)



Miss Anne-Mary Hovey is all set for school, but alas where have all the children gone? The Universities Child Care Day Centre opened Monday but enrollment was sparse and many vacancies may still be filled by students' or faculty members' children.

**Crisis:**

## Student Baby Shortage

The University Child Day Care Centre opened on Monday. There were chairs and tables, lots of books, cribs, toys, one registered nurse, a nurse's assistant, one qualified kindergarten teacher, her assistant, and a cook-housekeeper. But where were the children?

Last Spring there were 80 positive replies and 20 phone calls encouraging the establishment of a day centre for the care of married student's children from age six months to five years. In response to this demand many people worked long hours to rent a building, hire a staff and purchase materials. Their headache now is that only 22 students have enrolled.

After a dismal response from the married students, the committee decided to allow the registration of children of the Faculty members. Still short of their anticipated 50, the Centre is now accepting applications from the city.

Married students are still encouraged to enroll their kids as it is hoped that in the future the Centre will be exclusively for students' children; it is only in the hope that the future of the Centre can be assured that the doors have been opened to others this year.

The hours for the Centre are 8:15 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. A light lunch is provided for children attending full-time. Full time enrollment for students' children is \$30 a month, and for others \$40 per month. Part-time attendance will be charged \$3 a day or \$2 a half day.

Interested parents are urged to immediately contact any of the following: Professors Bill Smith, David Likely, Nancy Cook or Ludo Abicht or Mrs. Margaret McPhedran, Mrs. Annette Roberts or Mrs. Gail Cragg.



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