

# Political Science students boycott classes

By GEORGE MCALLISTER

Tuesday and Wednesday the Student's Association for Political Science, which claims to represent all major and honor students in Political Science, organized a boycott of Political Science classes. This was done to demonstrate to the Political Science department the internal solidarity of their Association and to get "some promising response" from the department.

Mike Macmillan, the chairman of SAPS, said "the boycott is a protest against departmental intransigence against proposals which SAPS submitted to the department." He said that a boycott of classes was the only alternative open to SAPS after three months of "frustrating negotiations with the department," in which

the Political Science department "failed to outline their negotiating position." Although Macmillan felt that the negotiating committee of the department was sincere in their attempt to meet the students, he felt that something had to be done to get some action from the department. He said that the "excuse" the department had used for not taking any action was that it was too busy with other matters. Macmillan said that although he realized the department had other matters to attend to, three months was too long a period to wait without a "reasonable response".

Tom Fuller, a member of SAPS's negotiating committee, said that students generally were staying away from classes to support SAPS. He noted that

almost all major and honour students in Political Science were co-operating with SAPS while about 30 per cent of other students taking Political Science courses were staying away from classes.

SAPS basic proposals are:

1. The placement of one student on every standing committee who will be recognized as a delegated spokesman for all the students. This delegate will be bound by the students' decision rather than the decisions of the committee.
2. Parity on the Departmental committee (one representative for every faculty member, including the Chairman):

3. The creation of a new standing committee to deal with individual student-faculty conflicts to be known as the Grievance Committee and with equal student-faculty representation.

4. A SAPS representative should be allowed to enter two classes a year to organize the students, explain the

purpose of SAPS, facilitate the articulation of student sentiment, and the mobilization of student opinion.

On Tuesday, the BRUNSWICKAN contacted Prof. Pobiushchy, the chairman of the department. He had no comment, other than to say that it was not true that the department had not acted on SAPS proposals.

## Food Services committee has benefits

By RICK FISHER

The Suggestion Box in the Cafeteria side of the SUB is only one of the benefits that students get from the Food Services Committee.

The Committee chaired by Lynn Freeze includes Mary Ellen Driscoll, SUB Director Kevin McKinney, Gary Knox and Larry Giddings, both Saga Food Managers.

Meetings are held each Thursday at 6:30 in the SUB. The meetings are open and all students can come and are urged to do so.

Most of the discussion at the meetings centers on how to improve service and the quality of food. Lynn commented that Gary Knox and Larry Giddings had been very cooperative in looking into complaints.

One of the items students complain about most is the

dirty silverware and glasses. This is due to the water temperature and is a problem throughout the SUB and not the fault of Saga Foods.

Saga Foods undertook a survey themselves lately and results are expected to be released shortly. Lynn, as well, has conducted a table to table survey to get suggestions.

One interesting idea that will be introduced, hopefully, in the near future is a question and answer bulletin board. Students who have any questions will be able to put them on the board and an answer will be written to it.

Students who have any comments or suggestions about the food service should contact Lynn Freeze or Kevin McKinney or put their comments or suggestions in the Suggestion Box.

## STU SRC elections March 10

By NEIL DICKIE

STU - SRC elections will finally come off March 10, if there are no more technical complications as there have been in the last few weeks.

Originally the elections were slated for last Wednesday, the 23rd. The nomination period for the planned election was re-opened after running from February 9 to 16. According to the constitution being used at the time however, students averaging less than 60 percent in all subjects could not be held as eligible. "6 or 7" candidates were therefore eliminated. STU - SRC Returning Officer Bob McCarthy at the request of the candidates re-opened nominations February 18 and 19.

One of the Presidential candidates, Tom Johnson dropped out of the race because of this decision, as it turned out, temporarily.

On the night of the seventeenth, both elections and nominations were called off. It was rumoured that Monsignor Duffy, President of St. Thomas, was responsible, causing much anger and frustration among the students and candidates. In an interview the next day however this was denied by the Monsignor, who stated that "SRC elections are the last

things that the university administration wants to interfere with." Apparently all that happened was that Returning Officer McCarthy posted a sign on the main board explaining the postponement, and before he did so, spoke with the Monsignor in his office. He asked him "informally" if postponing the election was legal. He agreed that it was, seeing that the constitution he considered legal had not been used in the original nomination period (making the 2 sophomore Presidential candidates ineligible).

Gordon Hum and Thomas Leroy had been nominated in their respective parties, and by the student body to run as candidates for president, using the constitution that had been used the year before. This constitution however, had not been legally "ratified" as the one drawn up by John Smith two years ago making second year students ineligible for SRC president.

Oddly enough, if the elections are run according to the constitution "ratified" by the SRC two years ago, the elections will not have been run legally in spite of all the concern about that issue. This constitution specified that elections in the SRC should be

over by January 29.

The sign posted by the returning officer stated that "due to an invalid constitution and misleading information" at the time of the nominations, the elections be postponed. The announcement encouraged students to read their "constitution carefully" before making nominations.

St. Thomas elections are run according to a two party system this year. They are: the Progressive Action Party (P.A.P.) and the Student Union Party (S.U.P.). Both come complete with political platforms which have been circulated one way or another among the students.

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