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## Weekend Weather

Temperatures will range from -11 to -5 on Friday, with sunny conditions. On Saturday, expect the same temperatures with a clouding over late in the day. For those of you venturing south of the border, Florida and the Caribbean are expecting snow blizzards all week! Ha ha!

## Brunsbites

### Government Stats:

On an average day...

•\$647,068 worth of taxpayers' money is needed to run the House of Commons.

•It costs Canadian taxpayers \$273,973 to cover the cost of 28,600 vehicles owned by government departments and agencies.

•Canadian taxpayers dole out \$13,425 to pay for Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's 60 personal RCMP bodyguards.

•Prime Minister Brian Mulroney receives 274 letters.

•The GST adds \$49,315,068 to the federal government coffers.

- from *Which do you prefer: Chunky or Smooth? What Canadians Eat, Watch, Read, Buy and Do... On an Average Day*, by Heather Brazier, 1992, HarperCollins Publishers.

# STU withholds CHSR funding

by Karen Burgess

CHSR-FM members are predicting that they will be in dire financial straits by mid-March, and may be unable to cover their employees' salaries.

The station was granted a partial reprieve this week by UNB's Student Union, which at one point considered a referendum on CHSR's future but was dealt a blow by the St. Thomas Student Union, that voted this week to continue withholding CHSR's 1992-93 funding.

At UNB's February 11 council meeting a plebiscite was proposed to determine if students would be prepared to fund the station at a projected cost of \$10.88 per student next year. It was decided that a non-binding plebiscite be held instead, and the issue was tabled until this week.

A motion was adopted instead that instituted an ad hoc committee to enter into discussion with CHSR to try and work out some of the station's long-term funding problems. The committee will also respond to the CHSR task force which was set up to propose changes to the station's Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors restructuring is pivotal to CHSR's funding problem with the STU Union. Last year, STU students voted in a referendum to withhold CHSR's funding, which amounts to approximately \$9000, until the Board of Governors was composed primarily of elected students.

The task force, after several revisions, came up with a Board that would have four students elected from the UNB student body, two from the STU student body, and one elected student from the Graduate Student Association.

STU SU President Graeme Gibbs explained that the GSA did not feel they could comply with the election request as, because of Canadian Radio telecommunications Commission regulations, only Canadian citizens can sit on a radio station's Board of Directors. Gibbs said the GSA felt this would discriminate against the 50% of their membership who are international students.

Gibbs felt that this decision could have been overlooked by council when they voted on whether or not to give CHSR the money allotted to them, however, he said that there was some confusion as to whether or not the UNB SU would allow BOD members to be elected in conjunction with its general elections in the spring.

Gibbs said that although the positions were included in the

elections call published in last week's *Brunswickan*, he was told that the matter was not finalized by UNB's council.

He further commented that because the station has "bent over backwards" to fulfill the referendum's requirements, it was thought that the money would be forwarded. The motion to do this, however, was rejected by STU's council and how Gibbs says the issue will not be re-addressed until "after the votes coming" and the positions are filled.

Jeff Whipple, station manager at CHSR, says that the station

was told they would not be given the money until the elections were held and the student Directors were seated.

Whipple said that this move surprised the station members, who felt that they were making every effort possible, in the face of legal and time restraints, to implement the Union's objectives.

He commented that he was unaware that the proposed elections had met with any contention with the UNB SU, and that the representatives with whom the idea

was discussed had expressed no problems.

The issue was brought up at the Council meeting, as discussion only, and no motions were made.

Whipple said STU's decision to withhold funding until the Directors are seated is frustrating.

"We're making changes in good faith, and we're just looking for some support," he said.

He predicts that by mid-March CHSR will be out of money, and that as a paid employee, he may not receive his salary for the last months of this fiscal year.

# UNBEA experiences strife

## Former CUPE supporters claim differential treatment

by Mark I. Minor

The UNB Employees Association is having growing pains as former CUPE Local 1326 members make the transition to a new representative organization.

On January 22 of this year, the UNBEA was certified as the new bargaining agent for the 380 unionized employees of the university. Some employees who supported the retention of CUPE fear that their support may have singled them out for differential treatment by the Association.

The Association, in an effort to explain some of the difficulties expressed by the concerned employees, sent a letter to members and potential members on February 15. The opening paragraph states that "In every new organization, that first general meetings and the first elections seem to be fraught with inherent difficulties and

confusion. And, there is probably nothing that generates so much rancor among people as when they think their rights have been infringed. It appears that the launch of the UNBEA will be no different."

Specific problems, as seen by some employees, lie in the areas of bylaws and the operation of Executive Committee elections. The Association held an election on February 10, 1993. The letter of February 15 states that "the election was held in accordance with our bylaws and generally accepted electoral practices."

Employees told *The Brunswickan* that they contend that no bylaws exist as none were distributed for approval or ratified by the membership since the Association was certified.

UNBEA President, Mancel Langin in an interview on February 24th, told *The Brunswickan* that in order to

apply for certification, the Association needed to have a constitution and bylaws which were ratified by Association members.

This happened sometime in September. The other concern with regard to bylaws is that employees believe that only 20-30 copies were distributed for approval, though Langin claims that close to 400 copies were circulated. They also challenge that the statement in the letter that of the twelve officers elected "a fair number have not previously held office in a labour organization."

The employees claim that only one officer had held no previous office. Langin maintained that two executives, Secretary Pam Recette and Secretarial Unit Vice President, Ginette MacDonald, had not held previous office, and that some trustees may have

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**Play Ball!**—The Residence Representative Board held a Snow Softball Tournament last Saturday February 20. Teams from UNB residences played off at Buchanan field in support of Child Find New Brunswick. Kevin G. Porter photo.