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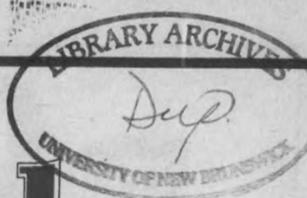
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St Thomas to withhold CHSR funding

by Karen Burgess

In the Saint Thomas Student Union elections on Wednesday students voted 425 to 179 in favor of removing the system currently in place whereby a guaranteed amount

of five dollars per student is contributed to CHSR.

At a meeting of the STU SU council on February 25, a motion was passed stating that if control of the Five dollar fee was given to the SU, the Council would

withhold funding from the station until its Board of Directors was reorganized.

Jeff London, President of the STU SU, says that the funding will definitely be withheld.

He explains: "At Saint

Thomas we have the view that the media should, in fact, be autonomous and separate as long as it is responsible."

London says that the campus' other media outlet, The Aquinian, is funded because the editor is elected directly by the students, and is therefore subject to their approval. He feels that at CHSR, students "didn't have true representation for their money."

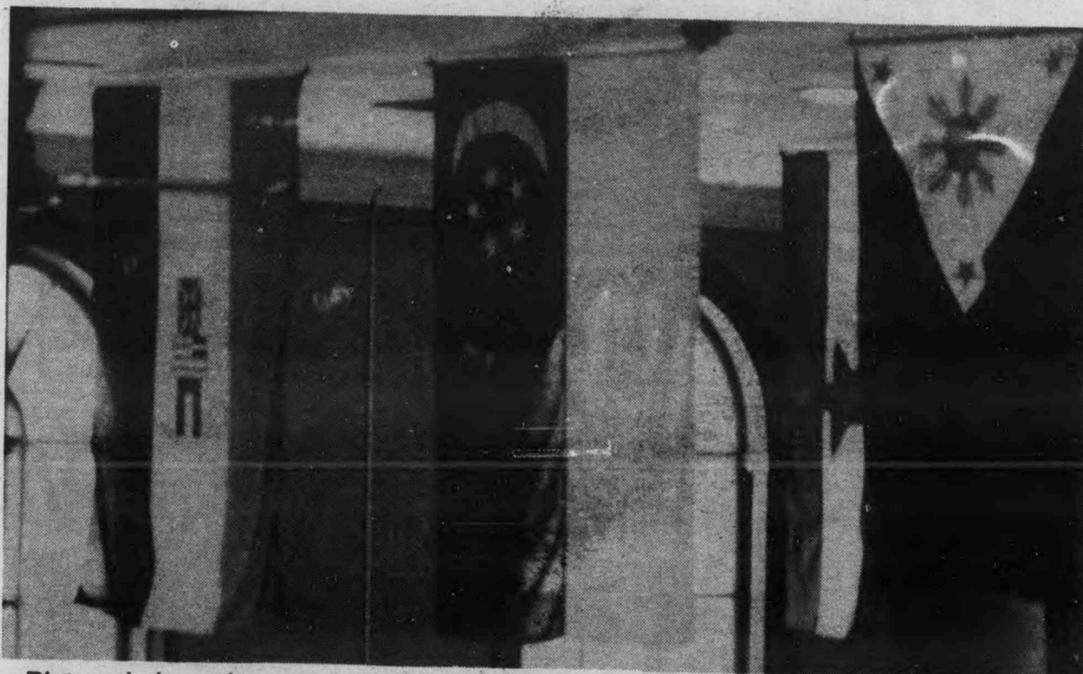
At the CHSR Board meeting on Wednesday, London resigned from his position as chair of the Board. He says that because the referendum passed, the resulting necessary changes to CHSR's board will have to

come before the SU Council, and he does not wish to be in conflict.

At the time London tendered his resignation, the results of the referendum had not yet been finalized but London said he would have resigned no matter what the vote's outcome. He explains that if the results had not been in favor of the fee changes, he would not have the mandate of the students for his initiatives and, therefore would have stepped down.

Jeff Whipple, Station Manager at CHSR, says that while the referendum results are "disappointing," he feels

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Pictured above is part of the flag display at the McConnell Hall Cafeteria. Hiep Vu photo.

Iraqi flag still absent from Hall

by Mimi Cormier

The controversy over the absence of the Iraqi flag from the flag display at McConnell Hall Cafeteria has flared up yet again.

This time, the controversy involves the failure to have the Iraqi flag returned to the McConnell Hall display when another flag was added over the winter break.

A group of students from Aitken House pulled the Iraqi flag down from the display in January, 1991.

In October, Garland was quoted in the Brunswickian as saying that the Iraqi flag would go back up when rearranging the display would not "interfere with the operation of McConnell Hall." He explained that for practical reasons, the Iraqi flag would be returned to the display during an academic break and when there were more flags to be added.

During this past winter break, a Zimbabwe flag was added to the McConnell Hall display without the Iraqi flag being returned. Many students who eat at McConnell Hall have noticed

the continued absence of the Iraqi flag, particularly since the new addition to the display occupies a space in front of the one formerly filled by the Iraqi flag.

Garland insists that his office was not aware of the addition of the Zimbabwe flag "at the time", and so the failure to return the Iraqi flag was merely an oversight. Garland says that when the Zimbabwe flag was put up "someone else ordered it" without notifying his office. "I talked to Physical Plant about it", says Garland, and the "situation is still the same." Garland's office also has another flag to be put up with the Iraqi flag. He says that when there are more flags to go up, "it will be considered at that time."

Murray McEachen, a manager with UNB Physical Plant, explains that the Zimbabwe flag was given to his department by the International Students' Office to be put up.

Renée Jones, a UNB student, has been active in trying to have the Iraqi flag returned to its place in the McConnell Hall display. She

has met with Garland to discuss the issue before, and has involved herself with getting more international flags that are absent from the display to add to it. In this way, Jones hopes to have the Iraqi flag returned to McConnell Hall sooner.

Jones says that she spent her "whole Christmas break going around Vienna," her home, "looking for flags." She was unsuccessful since the embassies she visited in Vienna advised her to request national flags from the embassies in Ottawa.

Now that another flag has been added to the display without putting the Iraqi flag back up, Jones is disappointed. She says that she found the experience of visiting the embassies in Vienna to request flags "sort of intimidating." "The effort was there," she continues, and now it appears that "everything that was told to me is being contradicted." According to Jones, "the only funny thing out of this situation is that embassies throughout Vienna are aware of the ignorance of some Aitken House boys."

CEC receives transitional support

by Colin MacKenzie

It was announced at the Student Union meetings of March 11, 1992 that the Canada Employment Centre on Campus at UNB will receive a one year transitional contribution of 82 thousand dollars, which it is hoped will allow it to remain open until the university takes over its operations.

A proposal submitted by Tom Austin, Dean of Students, to the Senate, also supported by proposals put forth by a number of students. It was recognized that the Canada Employment Centre was a needed service on campus and it was hoped that it would be maintained in the future depending on budget considerations.

Student Manpower Centres on University Campus throughout Canada received

the one year transitional contributions and may receive additional funding next year in order to help them through the process of being taken over by the universities. Since each university had different needs and strategies, there was no one approach that was used.

Tammy Yates, UNBSU Vice President External, says that the announcement is "Obviously wonderful news."

She says that the proposal given to the government, that the Centres should be given transitional funding for 2 years until universities can take over the responsibility, was obviously very strong.

In the future, the funding will be taken over by the university, and Yates predicts that the Student Union will contribute to the operation of the CEC.

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