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Membership to CFS a boost

By NATALIE FOLSTER

James Small and Jane Arnold have returned from the Canadian Federation of Students semi-annual meeting impressed with what they have seen.

The CFS is the national lobby group for post-secondary education of which UNB has recently become a prospective member. It met in Ottawa last week. Arnold and Small, representing the NB Student Alliance and the UNB Student Union respectively, brought UNB's voice to the national caucus for the first time.

After six long days of committee work, meeting with federal politicians, lectures and workshops, Small concludes that UNB's participation in the conference was "By no means a waste of time or money."

For Arnold, the meeting was a valuable learning experience and an opportunity to make New Brunswick heard on the national level. She notes that UNB is the largest post-secondary institution in the province, and its presence in the CFS has strengthened the voice of the Atlantic region as a whole. The regional caucus now

holds roughly 1/4 of the national vote.

The purpose of the conference was two-fold. The delegates dealt with internal matters as well as how to go about meeting the objectives of the organization. Some representatives favoured staging national boycotts of classes and general strikes as a means of making the government aware of student dissatisfaction. But Small, who does not support these tactics as being contrary to the purpose of attending university, stresses that disagreement was generally confined to internal matters. There was general consensus on what issues were important to students.

Those topics discussed included the summer employment problem, student aid, transfer payments, sexual harassment of women and the rights of international students in Canada. The conference served to formulate policy on these issues.

Both UNB reps were struck by the importance of pressuring government on the rights of students. Small says that a lobbying group is judged by how effective it is in dealing with

MPs and MLAs. Their experience in Ottawa has convinced both Small and Arnold that the CFS is very effective in that department. As evidence of this they point to the substantial role played by the CFS in getting Liberal education critic Bill Rompky's Bill C-28 on the establishment of a national advisory council on secondary education through to its second reading.

Arnold states that politicians realize they cannot afford to ignore the concerns of students,

because students are also voters. However, she was not particularly impressed with what the three political parties had to say in lobbying sessions with the delegates. "They told us everything we wanted to hear," she said.

Arnold remains convinced that membership in CFS could be a real boost for schools in the Atlantic region. Small believes that there are excellent people involved in student politics in the Maritimes and is looking forward to the Atlantic Student

Union President's Conference to be held at UNB in January. That meeting will give Atlantic reps the opportunity to formulate collective policies to take back to the CFS meeting in May.

Former UNB Student Union president John Bosnitch and Lana Grimes showed up at the meeting in Ottawa representing Student Union Inc. They were not recognized by the conference and after distributing some pamphlets were asked to leave the University of Ottawa campus.

Impartial investigation

By KAREN MAIR

An impartial investigation has been appointed by the Student Union to look into the November 18th Student Union Elections.

Jane Arnold, SU President tells *the Brunswickan* that "one formal complaint has been filed with respect to the position of valedictorian. Cathy Steele feels that she was not properly informed about the election and, as she filed a formal complaint, we have to look into it. We have asked Colin McKay (STU SU Presi-

dent) to look into the matter." Larry Long, Election CRO has filed an election report.

In spite of the CRO's report, Arnold still feels the need for an impartial investigation. "We need someone from outside to come in and listen to Cathy Steele's complaint and Larry Long's side of it. There is confusion that must be cleared up. Hopefully, in a couple of weeks, before classes are over, this mess will be cleared up.

McKay has not (at press time) had a chance to review either the complaint launched

by Steele or the report by the CRO. Until then he did not feel he could comment on what avenues he might have to pursue in his investigations. McKay did say however that "... using a non-UNB student is an effective way of finding an impartial investigator. From what I have heard, there is a significant problem and it could be a conflict of interest if a UNB student or group has to rule on the matter."

Any other complaints must be filed with the Student Union prior to December 4 in order that they be investigated fully and fairly by Colin McKay.

Chair stolen from Singer Hall

By KEVIN FORAN

A chair has been stolen from Singer Hall's uncompleted Students Lounge.

Person(s) unknown apparently "liberated" the white metal chair from its packing case before workers were able to install it in the first floor lounge.

Overseer of the lounge project, Assistant Dean Ross Darling was overheard saying, "If I catch the S.O.B.(s) responsible I'll kill them." He further commented that, "the least they could have done is wait till we get the damn furniture together before they start stealing pieces of it."

Darling threatened, "I swear I'll personally see to it that a plaque is put in its place dedicated to the person(s) responsible. It will serve as a reminder to us all

of the type of people we have at UNB"

Darling asks that the culprit(s) please return the chair. "It doesn't have legs! (yet)," exclaimed Darling, "we would really like to have it back."

I would like to extend congratulations to the person(s) responsible for the theft of a "built-in" chair from Singer Hall. (Before we were able to install it).

I'm sure that the vacant pedestal in the student lounge will serve to remind us all of the type of people we have at UNB.

If you see a white metal chair with white webbing, we would really like to have it back.

R. Darling
Assistant Dean - Undergraduate



This deer was shot just outside Fredericton. The hunters responsible removed its head for a "trophy". The rest of the animal was left to rot.