

# UNB - HEC meeting seen as one of co-operation

By BOB JOHNSON

The Acting Chairman of the New Brunswick Higher Education Commission Wendell Thompson has described last weekend's meeting with representatives of the University of New Brunswick as one of co-operation.

The university had sought a meeting with the commission late last year to discuss government financing of the institution following an unexpected drop in enrollment and a subsequent deficit in the university's budget.

Thompson said that the meeting provided an opportunity for

the two sides to have an exchange of ideas. He said that one of the outcomes of the meeting was the decision to work together in attacking this problem. The acting chairman reiterated the need for co-operation of both the commission and the university.

He said that he realized the plight of the university and noted that other institutions were also undergoing similar problems.

Mr. Thompson could give no indication as to when a final decision would be reached on what was to be done to meet with the problem. He did say however that the commission will

continue to meet with the administrations of all of the universities as has been the custom in the past.

Meanwhile Acting President of the University of New Brunswick, Desmond Pacey termed the meeting a cordial one. He said that the university attempted to present to the commission UNB's case.

Dr. Pacey noted that the commission made no promises during the meeting but said that he was certain the commission would take some constructive action in the matter.



Photo by Ken De Freitas

Acting chairman of the New Brunswick Higher Education Commission Wendell Thompson states the meeting between UNB and the HEC provided an opportunity for the two sides to exchange ideas.

## Shoplifters hit UNB Bookstore

By SUSAN MILLER

UNB students could find themselves paying an extra mark-up on textbooks in the near future; victims of a small but ever-increasing number of people who shoplift from the Bookstore.

"People don't seem to realize the consequences of being caught shoplifting," said Dean of Students Frank Wilson. Previous offenders have been sent before the Student Disciplinary Council with the option of appealing their fines to the Board of Deans. Now there are strong indications that such cases will be referred to Civil Court. The results of this action could damage the student's future.

So far, only one case, four years ago, has gone to Civil Court. Generally when a shoplifter is caught, Bookstore Manager Mrs. Logue informs Chief Williamson of the Security Department, and the student is sent to Dean Wilson. If he decides that the case should be handled by the Student Disciplinary Council, it results in a fine being levied, and the offence being publicized in The Brunswickan.

Dean Wilson has taken care of some cases himself in an effort to protect the students. A record of the offence goes into the student's

file, but it is on a separate piece of paper and does not appear on the transcript. The magnitude of the present problem, however, is such that these means may no longer be sufficient, Wilson indicated. For this reason consideration is being given to taking future offenders to civil court.

If the case is handled in civil court, the student has a permanent police record. Such application forms as those for the Civil Service of New Brunswick require information on all offences other than minor traffic violations. Federal government employers may investigate police records of candidates. Whether or not the candidate gets the job depends on the circumstances of the offence, and the nature of the job itself. Police records do not bar a candidate from a job, but they are a mark against him in competition with other qualified candidates.

Shoplifting from university bookstores across Canada amounts to 1.5 percent of each store's annual sales. UNB Bookstore sales are about \$700,000; so even one percent of that total means a yearly theft of \$7,000. This is not stealing from a corporation that can absorb a loss; it is stealing from the students, said Wilson.

The Bookstore is a non-profit organization charging a flat 20 percent mark-up and just managing (sometimes not managing) to break even. Thus a loss of the size they are incurring now can only be absorbed by the students.

Employees at the UNB Bookstore keep a fairly close watch on their customers, and have a good idea of who the potential shoplifters are. They have not hired floorwalkers, since the expense of hiring them still exceeds the amount stolen. Having floorwalkers in the store gives the place an uncomfortable atmosphere, and is a solution that does not appeal, said Mrs. Logue.

For the convenience of the cashiers, students have been asked to leave their books outside the store proper. Lockers are provided free of charge in the entrance hall for safe storage of books while the student is shopping. If the shoplifting keeps increasing at the rate it has been, Mrs. Logue said she fears that the students may also have to leave coats, knapsacks and purses outside. Some bookstores have even gone to the point where books are sold only over the counter on demand, said Mrs. Logue. "It is not a prospect that I enjoy, but it is a possibility."

## Dean of Students Must sign liquor permits

By TOM BENJAMIN

Campus groups seeking liquor permits now must have the Dean of Students countersign their application, Dean of Students Frank Wilson said in an interview that the new procedure "is merely a tidying up operation."

Prior to early December 1972, UNB was the only campus in New Brunswick that did not require countersignatures on such applications. The New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission contacted the university administration and expressed concern over the lack of control over campus functions that served alcohol under a temporary permit, said Wilson. This resulted in mandatory countersignatures on the applications.

Liquor permits are necessary for alcoholic beverages to be served at any university social function. The permits can be temporary or permanent and must be signed by the Dean of Students or his secretary. (The SUB has a staff that handles permits for all activities in that building.)

There are few restrictions placed on the applicants for such permits, said the Dean. The ap-

plication must be for a legitimate university group, there can be no conflicts in booking of facilities, and the proposed attendance must be "reasonable".

The amount of alcohol that can be purchased for the event is proportional to the proposed attendance. One main purpose of these restrictions, said Wilson, is to prevent non-students from applying for and receiving a permit.

At present an applicant for a liquor permit must go to the New Brunswick Liquor Control Commission office downtown, bring the necessary forms back to Dean Wilson's office for his countersignature, and then take them back to the NBLCC before he can visit the liquor store.

Dean Wilson said that by next week he will have the forms available at his office so the applicant will only have to obtain his signature before the forms are taken downtown.

The countersignature on the forms is a requirement of the NBLCC, and is just a means of controlling the temporary liquor permits issued to this university, said Dean Wilson.

## Thirteen positions open in Feb. SRC election

By SHERYL WRIGHT

The SRC elections are coming up the fourteenth of February. Vacant positions to be filled are: President, Comptroller, one Rep at Large, two Arts, one Engineering rep for full term and one for half term, one Physical Education, one Post Grad, one Business Administration, one Law, one Science full term and one for half term. So far, no nominations

have been formally made. The nominations will be closed Wednesday, January 31.

The new reduction in council is being used this year. It is based on one rep per 300 students.

The reps at large need a vote of 10 percent to get into office.

Members of the Senior class and the Graduating Class are also

having their elections. Vacant offices for the Senior Class are President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, which are elected by the Junior class. The vacant offices to be elected by the Graduating class are President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Valedictorian.

The polls for the SRC election,

which are reduced in number from last year, are at the SUB, Tilley Hall, Head Hall, MacLaggan Hall, and the Law Building. During meal times, polls will be open at Lady Dunn Hall and McConnell Hall. The locations of the polls this year were chosen because most students are in the vicinity of at least one of them during

the day. Students voting need to show their ID cards as ID numbers rather than names are being taken. This is quicker and should eliminate line-ups at the polls.

Those reps voted in for the full term will be in offices until this time next year, and those for the half term will hold office until next October.