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UNBSU to join CFS

By KAREN MAIR

Effective Monday October 19, 1987, the UNB Student Union became a prospective member of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Currently, over sixty colleges and universities across Canada including St. Thomas belong to CFS which is a national government lobby group designed to promote higher education.

In an interview with the *Brunswickan*, President Jane Arnold outlined some of the benefits she feels will be reaped now that UNB has tentatively joined CFS.

"I am really pleased that we are looking at CFS. Particularly at the regional and national levels, we have a voice and a vote in government lobbying efforts."

According to Arnold, "The two year prospective membership is ideal. The Council of UNB enjoys full voting rights and privileges at a greatly reduced cost." The cost of prospective membership is \$1200 and council, when the motion was passed, stipulated that the fee would be paid out of the 1988-89 Student Union budget.

"We have two years to decide" says Arnold, "Before we have to make a decision. Then, every student on campus has a say in whether we join CFS - it will be put to referenda."

That referenda lies somewhere at the end of the two year period according to Arnold. "CFS has to do a good job selling itself to council and to the students on this campus. Students here are hesitant, and this time that hesitation is good. Full understanding is necessary and enough time must be taken to look over CFS fully. It will take two good councils (this year's and next) to properly assess CFS. In the meantime, we enjoy certain privileges immediately."

Currently, CFS operates a Speakers Series, in which academic speaker's fees are subsidized by CFS when they appear on member union campuses. Arnold feels this will enhance entertainment on campus.

"The Student Union has just started regenerating entertainment on this campus. Now, through CFS, we can book academic speakers at a much cheaper price as opposed to booking through an agent."

According to Arnold, there are advantages for UNB at the national level as well. "As prospective members, we can send delegates to CFS meeting and we are afforded a vote. Things like higher tuition fees and the whole issue of transfer payments - always a hot issue - can be tackled by us at a national level. We have a louder voice, for instance, when it comes to tuition hikes and that's something that affects every student."

During Monday night's council meeting 9 councillors voted in favour of becoming a prospective CFS member. Brent Hancox, a third year law student, abstained from voting from the issue. Hancox tells the *Brunswickan* that he is not yet overly impressed with CFS. "I abstained from voting in order that the union be given an opportunity to more closely examine CFS. I am not yet impressed with the CFS's lobby-

ing results on the federal government given the amount of money that the member unions are contributing. I am not yet fully convinced either way, good or bad."

According to Arnold, if at the end of the two year trial period UNB students want the union to become full members, a referendum will be held. If a referendum isn't held, UNB will have to wait another two years to become a prospective

member once again.

If a referendum takes place and the students want CFS, then payment of full membership fees will be necessary. Arnold says "CFS will have to convince every student that the four dollars per student fee is warranted. Four bucks is four bucks - students will want their money's worth. That is why this is important that we take this trial period and use it to the fullest advantage."

Now that's Entertainment!

By O.D.

Entertainment has once again returned to the UNB campus after years of inactivity.

Tim Judah and Marc Braithwaite are responsible for providing first rate entertainment at a reasonable cost to the students of UNB. In doing so, they have been able to, and will provide concerts, movies, and lectures all for about ten dollars or less.

The entertainment committee, which has a budget of about \$34,000, plans to hold approximately seven more concerts throughout the remainder of the year. The con-

cert on Halloween will have three bands, including the Grapes of Wrath and 54.40. Feature attractions in the months to come will include New Regime, Rock and Hyde (formerly the Payola's) and a Blues band.

Despite the positive outlook on the concerts, CHSR-FM's station director Steven Staples feels that the committee could do more to promote new bands. Bands which, he feels, are now at the stage that the Grapes of Wrath were at a couple of years ago. Mr. Judah contends he has never been contacted by Mr. Staples, and if he were he would be happy to help in band promotion. "The bands should appeal to

the majority of students," he said.

The committee also has a movie and lecture series planned. The movies, which are shown once a week, are all recently released, and are free to members of the university community. The lecture series will have topics that range from pornography to politics.

In addition, they are looking forward to promoting major events for clubs and societies. Their first efforts are with the German club and the Engineering Undergraduate Society. Mr. Judah encourages other groups to take full advantage of his offer to help in promotions.

The entertainment committee has designed most events to lose nominal amounts of money. Rather than being concerned about making money, they would prefer to provide inexpensive entertainment. The committee's costs, which are met by the S.U., are reduced a bit thanks to the help they get from Labatt's Brewery. The brewery provides for all the promotional needs of the committee.

Regarding the promotion and actual running of events, the committee is looking for a few interested persons to help. This would lighten Tim's workload, which he estimates to be about 24 hours a week.

Tim Judah said he would like a good percentage of students at the events. "We'd like to get the trust of the students back again by showing worthwhile entertainment," he added.

UNB's Woodsmen 'A' team were the overall winners in last Saturday's UNB Intercollegiate Woodsmen's Competition. They won first place in the following: pulp toss, cross cut, swede saw, aggregate sawing and fell O twitch. UNB 'A' came top among a field of 29 competing teams.

The 1987 UNB 'A' team members were: Rod Cumberland (Captain), Rob Anderson, Brian Farwell, Phil Klevorick, Digger Pond, Mike Reagon. UNB's other two entries fared well on Saturday. The men's 'B' team placed 1st in the quarter split and the women's 'C' team placed 3rd overall among the women's entries.

Second place overall went to an entry from Montreal-MacDonald College 'B', who were 112 points back from UNB 'A'. Sir Sanford Fleming College's 'A' team from Lindsay, Ontario captured third overall.

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