

WUSC local committee organized

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Just prior to the mid-term break, WUSC (World University Service of Canada) held its second organizational meeting. Held in the economics lounge on 4th floor Main, it was attended by 12 people.

The two main topics of the meeting were the election of officers and discussion of a referendum to be held in conjunction with the upcoming Student Union elections.

The elected officers are Joe Byrne President, Leo Cheverie-Secretary, Ian Hogg-Treasurer, Sheila Lund-Liaison officer and Professor Ralph Hazleton will remain as faculty advisor.

The real discussion of the meeting was over whether or not to hold a referendum on a \$7 student fee levy. The money raised would be used to fund a refugee student studying at U.P.E.I.

Questions arose over the need for a referendum at all. A number of members felt it would be unnecessary if the Student Council was willing to support the measure on its own, and there is a fear of losing the referendum.

There was full agreement that a presentation should be made to Council in any case. However, members wanting to avoid the appearance of forcing the issue with Council agreed that the question of a referendum should be brought up first in private talks with President Michelle Dorsey.

Professor Hazleton had

only praise for Dorsey and the Student Council, who he said, "have gone out of their way to help" two refugee students already on campus.

The WUSC members finally agreed that while they could possibly lose the referendum, the support and overall encouragement that could be garnered from the student body would be very

helpful to WUSC in the long run.

The next WUSC meeting will be held March 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the economics lounge on fourth floor main, and all are invited to attend. Those wishing to help on the referendum campaign should contact Sheila Lund or Michael Zinck.

Bosnitch fingered in RCMP investigation

FREDERICTON (CUP) — Officers from the city's fraud division seized at least two boxes from University of New Brunswick student council offices as they began investigating the financial dealings of the former student council president.

John Bosnitch was brought to RCMP headquarters for question Feb. 14, with loans made by student council to the Federation of Youth at the centre of the investigation.

The colourful and controversial Bosnitch, who resigned over UNB student politics for two and a half years before his recent defeat at the polls, denies there were any financial irregularities during his term, and said he is co-operating fully with police.

He says two loans to the Federation of Youth, a group he is involved with, totalling \$9,000 were "correct and

proper." Bosnitch also denied knowing cheques for yearbook advertising payments were sent to a post office box number instead of to the council's comptroller.

Bosnitch says university president James Downey — with whom he had had a long running feud — is at least partially responsible for the investigation.

He says the administration has a "political vendetta" against him, and the investigation is the latest display of "step-by-step harassment of student leaders on campus."

Downey denied any connection to the seizure and reiterated his often stated suggestion that Bosnitch grow up.

The inquiry was prompted by an anonymous complaint from within the current student union, which Bosnitch has labelled a "grandiose" display.

WUSC gets referendum

World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization whose purpose is contributing to the socio-economic development of all countries of the Third World.

WUSC programs can be separated in terms of direct contributions to the Third World, for example its volunteer teaching programs throughout Africa, Asia and South America, and the various Canadian programs oriented toward development education for Canadian students.

The historical foundation of WUSC has been student based local committees on University and College campuses across Canada. At present, there are forty-two such Committees in Canada.

Their purpose is to support WUSC local, national and overseas programs by participating in a variety of activities. They sponsor student refugees, conduct Canadian sales of handicrafts from developing countries, raise funds for WUSC projects, organize development education programs and assists with promotion and recruitment for WUSC's overseas programs.

The University of Prince

Edward Island has had a long association with WUSC. A WUSC local committee was active at St. Dunstan's University for many years. During the 1970's the committee was dormant, but in the fall of 1984, a local committee was again established and certified by the National Board of Directors of WUSC.

As its first major project, our local committee would like to participate in a major national WUSC program of supporting United Nations refugees to attend university at U.P.E.I.

The WUSC refugee program is a well-established one and has been operating in Canada for the past 30 years. The WUSC local committees act as support groups and raise funds to provide accommodations, food, clothing and tuition for the students for a period of one year. On the basis of a special agreement between WUSC and the Federal Department of Manpower and Immigration the refugees studying in Canada are granted landed immigrant status which enables them to work and apply for student loans and scholarships.

This year alone 27 such refugees, supported by

local committees, are studying in Canada.

It is the wish of our WUSC local committee to establish a permanent fund to support United Nations refugees by having all students contribute \$2.00 each year to a fund which would be used exclusively for the support of a first year refugee student at U.P.E.I. This fund will be augmented by WUSC local committee fund-raising activities.

Through the process of a referendum, we would like to give all students at U.P.E.I. the choice of whether to support this program or not.

A petition has collected the signatures of 350 students. We request Council to approve a referendum to be run in conjunction with the student elections of March 13th.

The referendum proposal is as follows:

• **That the Student Union increase the Student Union fees by an amount of \$2.00 per student per year. The additional fee will be used to establish a permanent fund to support United Nations refugees attending U.P.E.I. The fund will be administered by the WUSC Local Committee.**

Bosnitch said he welcomed the police inquiry because it would put an end to the "epidemic of rumours" that surrounds his time in office and will stop the "heresy" from the university administration.

No charges have been laid, though police recently returned to seize more files from student council offices, and also seized documents relating to the investigation from the local Canada Manpower office and the university lawyer's office.



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