

Requests for info unfulfilled



What do you have there, Mr. President? Photo: Mike Dean

by Joe FitzPatrick
Co-News Editor

Five weeks after a request for financial information, it is still not forthcoming.

The requests for the general ledgers of the Cellar Pub and the UNB Student Union initially given to SU Acting VP Finance Duncan Fulton and SU President Kelly Lamrock on December 12, and repeated on January 8, 1996 have yet to be satisfied.

The information would require only one key-stroke on the Student Union computer.

"I'll tell Duncan to make it a priority," Lamrock assured *The Brunswickan* after Tuesday's Council meeting.

The Student Union financial policy states that any member of the Union can access the Union's finances upon three days notice.

On the matter of the Cellar information, the matter seems less clear.

"We'd like to see it, too," said Lamrock.

According to Lamrock the Executive is set to meet with Shona Bertrand, chair of the SUBS Board, which oversees the Cellar Pub to discuss what information should be brought to Council, and how often.

The release of Cellar information has been stalled since the repeated refusals of Bertrand to release the Cellar audit for 1994-95 except in a closed session of Council.

According to the SUBS Bylaws, the Student Union has the right, according to section 37, to inspect "official records at any reasonable time upon request."

Since its doors were open in 1995, the Student Union has given the Cellar a combination of loans and cash advances which total \$64,000.

Meanwhile, the Student Union audit for 1994-95 is set to be released today, following its ratification by the UNB Foundation for Students. The fiscal year ends in May.

Survey engineering society given hearing

by Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

Two executive members of UNB's Surveying Engineering Society have finally met with Duncan Fulton.

Earlier in the week, they had come to *The Brunswickan* to air their grievance over the Student Union decision to chop 51 percent off their 1995-96 budget.

President Andrew Laidlaw and Treasurer Kim Kier had said they intended to register a protest with SU Acting VP Finance Duncan Fulton as soon as they can find him around his office.

"We've been trying to get in touch with Fulton since last Friday afternoon by leaving messages at the SU office and by e-mail," said Laidlaw on Tuesday at noon hour.

"So far we have had no luck," said Laidlaw.

What disturbed Laidlaw and Kier the most was that everyone else suffered only a 10 to 15 percent budget cut.

Both executives members say they are prepared to accept budget cuts but expect their society to be treated like all others. "With a 10 to 15 percent budget cut we feel \$500 should be restored to our original budget," said Kier.

He says some 20 to 25 Society members were planning a trip to

Laval, Quebec to see a VISAT van, which is equipped with a digital camera, designed to do mapping.

"Society members would be funding the majority of the trip from their own pockets," said Kier, who admits funding from the SU for a portion of the expenses is crucial.

He told *The Brunswickan* the Society is thinking of submitting an application to the Engineering

Endowment Fund to help with expenses as well.

"So it is important that we reach an agreement with the SU as soon as possible," said Laidlaw.

He attended this week's meeting of the Student Union, but did not speak at the session. The budget item was not included on the Council Agenda.

Meanwhile, Laidlaw told *The Brunswickan* that budget cuts would

be on the agenda when the Engineering Undergraduate Society meets this week.

Following their brief meeting with Fulton on Wednesday, Fulton has promised to bring the issue of the \$639 "straight cut" to Council's attention.

"He told us he had no idea where the number had come from," said Kier. The number does not correspond to any line item in their budget.

Higher Paying Summer Jobs

Provincially-funded summer jobs will pay \$6.00 an hour this summer. The 50 cent increase is the first since 1990.

In announcing the increase, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, Roly McIntyre said, "This will give next summer's student workers a boost and will keep our student wages above the minimum wage level, as is our practice."

Minimum wage was increased January 1, 1996 to \$5.25. It will increase to \$5.50 in July 1996.

When the announcement was made, just before the holidays, the Minister was encouraging students to apply early for summer jobs.

"We promote our student programs every year about this time," he said.

"We like to get the application process started early so that students can start

being referred for job interviews in early spring."

Students who will be attending a post-secondary institution next fall are encouraged to apply under the Job Experience for Tomorrow (JET) Program. Those with a good idea for starting a summer business are invited to apply for an interest-free loan of up to \$3,000 under the Student Venture Capital Program.

"Last summer, the number of approved loan guarantees went up almost 60 percent to 177," MacIntyre said. "We'd like to see this number go even higher."

As an extra incentive to the interest-free loans, students who are able to pay it back by the end of the summer will receive a one-third rebate.

Students looking to start a summer business should contact their Regional Economic Development

Commission which will provide free help in preparing a business plan.

Applications for the JET and Student Venture Capital Programs are available at department offices, the UNB Help Centre, the Student Placement Office, and Canada Employment Centres.

Students interested in the JET Program are asked to fill out the special computerized forms and mail them to the department's Student Referral Office. Applications will be fed into a computer, matched with job requests and appropriate students will be referred for interviews.

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