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have such a policy. The SRC should therefore urge the Board of Governors to approach the MPHEC with a request for funds. Another alternative would be to seek endowment funds for the same purpose. We should be gathering data now, such as the report prepared by other maritime universities so that informed student input will have a hand in shaping future on-campus housing.

For those who live off campus the legislation must be altered to provide uniform minimum standards for rental accommodations. The new Residential Tenancies Act which is designed to supercede the Landlord and Tenants Act would abolish damage deposits. It would make it illegal for a landlord to require postdated cheques. Should the landlord not make necessary repairs the tenant could withhold the rent. The landlord



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will not be able to seize furniture for non-payment of rent. Also written notice would have to be given 24 hours in advance if the landlord wishes to enter the premises. He could only enter in daylight hours. The new act also provides for a rentalsman to arbitrate disputes.

These measures should be pursued and the government should be lobbied to proclaim the new act. The Dean of Students probably comes in contact with many students who are having problems with the accommodations and his input would undoubtedly be very useful.

Discussions should involve the city in an effort to insure the student accommodation is legally bound to be of at least a minimum standard. The provincial government would be approached by a caucus of N.B. universities. I feel by approaching government in this manner, student views may be heard before legislation is enacted. Further, I would like to see the SRC in a position to publish a critique evaluating accommodations in Fredericton.

Neil: Rents in Fredericton will probably go up. Accommodations are scarce and it doesn't look like landlords are opening their doors to students. Co-operative housing doesn't seem to be the answer. Maybe the university should look into the possibility of more residences or university owned apartments. Landlords can't be forced to rent their establishments so maybe the answer is to try to get a better rapport with the local businessmen. Inform them, let them know our needs and problems.

Pratt: Students can do little about apartment rents going up. As SRC President I will bring the people who can do something for students together. Provincial, municipal and university officials must be brought together and convince that rents for students must be kept at a reasonable rate or that financing for the building of university-owned apartments should be arranged. SRC Vice-President Gary Stairs' report on the off campus accommodation situation will provide a good foundation for future SRC action on behalf of the students of UNB.

6. Inflation has affected university spending on sports. Do you feel the cutbacks which have been made are justified? Where should money for sports be directed? Should priority be given for varsity and junior varsity sports or intramurals? What varsity sports have greater priority—those which draw large crowds or

those which need greater development, such as women's sports? Should students pay to get into all games and tournaments?

Galoska: Some of the athletic cut backs are justified and some are not. The S.R.C. this year has taken the position, which I personally support, that intramurals should have the priority because they serve everybody, not just the athletically endowed. On the other hand, we recognize the value of varsity sports as a training ground for those who do wish to excel. When it comes to what priority we should give with regards to the sports that draw large crowds or those which need greater development, I think this is an area where all factors must be taken into consideration. Each has his own value to the university community in its own way. No, I do not think that students should pay to get into any varsity games. We are already paying enough money towards athletics out of our tuition fees.

McKenzie: The Athletics Board was given a set amount of money to work with and in order to maintain the recreational and intramural programs which are available to all students, allocated funds to these areas first. Intramurals should receive priority. Emphasis should be placed on those areas which allow the greatest amount of participation and therefore the scope of women sports should be increased. Students should not pay to get into all games and tournaments.

Neil: The university won't put any more money into the athletics program, without further funds our teams will cease to be competitive. The cost of travel and lodging has cut into teams' budgets drastically. Many people believe that by supporting a varsity program alone is good enough, without a J.V. program to act as a form system our teams can't improve. One answer might be to canvas the alumni for funds and in this way put more money into the athletics budget. Another answer is for the students themselves to support the teams by paying admission fees to games and tournaments.

On the question of intramurals, when I talked to Amby Legere, the director of the intramural program, he said money for intramurals wasn't the problem, general lack of space and facilities was.

Pratt: UNB students interested in sports should all be treated equally. Our most successful teams are not always the greatest crowd drawers. Students who want to play in intramural sports should have a more organized system. Varsity sports should be treated as a slightly higher priority but they should all be financed on a proportionally equal basis. Students interested in watching athletic events should also help to finance them. This would mean that the officials in the Athletic Department would not have to look towards a higher increase in tuitions to subsidize their programs.

7. Do you feel this year's expenditures on SRC office equipment such as the Dictaphone, color copier, etc. were justified? What future expenditures can you foresee if any?

Galoska: Yes, I must stress that the dictaphone was not something which was bought as a result of my own decision. Council voted to buy it to be used by any member of the executive or Council. The colour copier which is mentioned in this question does not exist. What does exist is \$6.00 worth of coloured ink which can be used on a piece of machinery which we already owned, i.e. our mimeograph machine. The speakerphone in my office which so many people seem to be upset about cost \$9.00 a month and is being paid for out of my own personal pocket. The reason I am paying for it is because I feel that nobody else gets the benefit from it except myself and therefore I should be the one to pay for it. As far as future expenditures are concerned, the Student Union is looking into the purchase of a seater van to cut down on conference expenses by being able to send our conference delegates by van rather than flying. Also, this van can be used to ferry the Brunswickian from the printers and back which would cut a lot of cost for the Brunswickian budget.

McKenzie: I do not feel that the dictaphone was a worthwhile investment. It falls into the category of a luxury. In a year when we are asking some groups to accept less finances than last year and we are asking everyone for an additional \$10, we cannot afford luxuries. The stencil cutter on the other hand is an investment which will benefit all students. We should make students more aware of its uses. I do not foresee any other major capital expenditures in the near future.

Neil: The SRC office is responsible for the administration of the affairs of 5,000 students. If the equipment was necessary to improve the operation of the facility, then it was a justifiable expense.

Pratt: Paying for the SRC office equipment comes from student fees and therefore all students should be able to use the equipment. Students can use the equipment now but they have to pay more for the copying machine than they do at the library. I think that is wrong. SRC personnel should have priority for

using the equipment but students should be able to benefit from what they pay for. I don't foresee any more expenditures for the executive office of the SRC when I am president.

8. Do you think \$80 a week is sufficient pay for the president? Would you consider increasing it? What other changes would you consider in hours, benefits such as vacation pay, etc.?

Galoska: The S.R.C. constitution says that if the president collects his \$80.00 a week salary he may not take more than 3 courses. This means that the president must either come to summer school or return to university for additional year. At \$80.00 a week, the president makes roughly \$2,400.00 a year. A year at university costs \$2,400.00. Therefore, all the salary does is compensate for the extra dollars that the president must put out the following year at university. Any increase in the president's salary is not as a result of his own decision but is a result of council's decision to pay him more.

I would not make any changes in the hours and I think that any benefits such as vacation pay should be discussed with the new president and settled on between him and council before his term starts.

McKenzie: I think that \$80.00 a week is a reasonable salary. The job of SRC president should not carry a salary which would make it attractive as a career. I am not seeking the office for benefits and vacation pay and will put in whatever hours are necessary to do a good job.

Neil: I think that \$80.00 a week is sufficient salary for the president of the SRC, but I feel that his salary should be reviewed periodically to ensure that the requirements of the position are being fulfilled.

Pratt: \$80.00 a week is equitable pay for the job. I am running because I intend to earn my pay. Time spent on SRC business above and beyond the \$80.00 a week should be recognized by an hourly rate with and only with the approval of Council.

9. Should SRC members be given a \$100 honoraria? If you were on council, would you have voted for the honoraria motion? Justify your actions and your views.



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Galoska: Yes, I feel that for the number of hours and work put in by councillors on behalf of their students there deserving of some form of token appreciation. Also, the fact that they are being appreciated should increase their feeling and responsibility to council.

McKenzie: When the \$100.00 honoraria was first introduced it was hoped by many people including myself, as a councillor, that it could serve to generate more involvement by people on the SRC and perhaps motivate more people to run for council. The honoraria unfortunately does not appear to have served these purposes well. I do not feel that it warrants continuation.

Neil: I believe that the idea of the honoraria is a good one. A sum of money given, not as a payment, but as a token of appreciation for a job well done. The honoraria might act as an incentive to get people interested in the work and the functions of the SRC. We must understand, though, that the representative fulfill his or her role and duties on council in order to get the honoraria.

Pratt: I believe that \$100.00 is the maximum a member of the SRC should receive. I think that the SRC executive should be responsible for evaluating each SRC member according to their efforts during the year and that the executive should decide the honoraria

each council member should receive. 10. What are your feelings about the SRC? Should the president under a prepared to depend on other representatives there times when he or a group of representatives in order to consolidate? answer.

Galoska: I feel that power should be distributed as much as possible. As each situation comes up, someone to handle it competently. A difference between delegation of responsibility comes in.

McKenzie: The president should delegate authority to responsible people who will be motivated by SRC activities. The SRC may have more areas than one person can handle.

When information is being discussed confidences must often be presented to students is. However NO action should be taken until after an open discussion.

Neil: My feelings on power are that the council and the president should share it. The president, as chief and authority but it is the voters that have the final say.

Pratt: Ours is a student government responsible students should to the extent possible by the SRC President the benefit of all UNB students, keeping secrets from them. Open and valued and should never disregard out of hand. The SRC President should be recognized by an hourly rate with and only with the approval of Council.

11. How exactly (in terms of representation) should the SRC co-operate with the Student Council? Is there a need for directors' board and will you assure this?

Galoska: There is presently this question who has represented S.R.C., AND S.T.U.: S.R.C., Directors. At the present time the autonomy of the SUB Board take into due consideration what has to say.

McKenzie: There is a need for a board. The SRC may best be insured that the board is a vice-versa. This will benefit the board.

St. Thomas and UNB share vital that the unions of Coordinator, I made many and I feel that open communication issues concerning both unions.

The SRC and RRC are so since both are concerned with need for the two to discuss cooperate in areas of mutual interest.

Neil: I believe that the SRC with the SUB, STU, and the campus here in Fredericton made up of two universities population. The SUB is co-facilities, it should remain separate.

Pratt: Ex-officio representation on all these groups. A representative should be at meetings of Student Council and the RRC. The benefit of furthering information would not be an attempt at autonomy of any group, etc. directors.

12. Suppose you have been yourself faced with the position down on one of your campaigns would you act and how would you act towards the students?

Galoska: This is a stupid question down from one of your better be a good reason. If hopefully your students will every possible channel indicate the circumstance elected me. I make no claim.

Neil: I do not feel that I have am going to have to back down. I would use the decision and my reasons for way to communicate with