

Ouellette to meet with cabinet this week

## Student input on loan appeal boards may be coming

By BEV HILLS

Mrs. Evelyn Briggs, provincial student aid director said Wednesday that having students sitting on the student aid appeal board would "be the best thing that ever happened." Although she would like to see this move, it would "probably not occur this year", she says.

The Canada Student Loan program as administered within this province's jurisdiction is running smoothly, although approxi-

mately 2,000 applications currently await final processing. This backlog is a result of late arriving applications from students, according to Briggs.

N.B. Youth Minister Ouellette and Mrs. Briggs recently met with AFS Chairman Jim McKenzie and SRC President Warren McKenzie to discuss the student aid program. Student representatives proposed that the last 4-hundred dollar portion of the maximum \$2500

(after an initial, required \$1400 loan and a \$700 bursary) should be an additional bursary - for "needy" students.

This week Ouellette is expected to meet with cabinet officials with this aim in mind and if the decision does allow this new provision it will take effect hopefully in October according to Briggs.

Next month student aid department officials will meet with

representatives of the federal government and will discuss problems facing individual programs, especially dealing with procedure in deciding parental contributions to their child's education.

Other problems persist, mainly for students who feel that allowances currently maintained for room and board as well as personal expenses are too low. Mrs. Briggs suggests that when students feel that the amounts

awarded in these categories are not enough to live on that they should appeal the decision.

Appeals for most students will begin in early October when the appeal board is set up.

Because many loan applications have not as yet been processed and appeals have not begun, Mrs. Briggs was unable to statistically outline how much money was awarded to students this year. When this information is compiled it will be released.

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## SRC vice president is against the national union

By DERWIN GOWAN

Information concerning the National Union of Students NUS conference to be held at UNB, a non-NUS member, on October 16, was released to The Brunswickan by SRC vice president Gary Stairs in an interview last Wednesday. President Warren McKenzie was out of town at the time.

UNB was invited to the NUS spring conference last April at Glendon College, York University. This is due to our position in the Atlantic Federation of Students and the Maritime region. McKenzie had to leave the conference early to attend an AFS conference at Memorial University. Stairs, on behalf of the UNB student union, invited NUS to meet here.

According to Stairs, "AFS has been getting attention from NUS

because it was one of the few regional organizations which has been able to maintain some sort of unity. Our campus is the key campus in the Maritimes due to the concentration of federation generals in our political camp. This will be the first NUS conference in the area. It will provide the Ontario powers with some new turf for awhile."

Stairs also said that McKenzie "had to leave for a conference in Newfoundland. The representative responsibilities were dumped in my lap. Being devoted as I am to the Tory movement, and having a horrendous hangover, I was probably not the optimum choice for a stand in, but, I was the only representative from this campus. Quite comical, not a delegate, and not a (fellow traveller) to use the socialist term."

"Having the conference might be one way for Warren to activate the attention of the provincial governments. This will hopefully give him an extra dose of bargaining power for the last few months of his first term in office. It will be a two ring circus with wheat farmers Upper Canadians in one ring and fallen festivalites in the other."

"The referendum being held on the 22, after the conference, I am certain the students will get the sour taste quite quickly, and save themselves \$6,000 per year." The referendum was originally scheduled for October 15, the day before the conference starts.

When asked who on the SRC supported NUS, Stairs said, "Let's just say Wence (SRC comptroller), Warren, and MacLean (AFS chairperson) are of one mind." Stairs concluded, "Warren has

formed an alliance with two bright young lawyers, MacLean and Dan O'Connor." O'Connor, from Dalhousie and an AFS founder, is

general secretary of NUS.

Stairs also said that UNB will not be reimbursed for the costs of the conference.

### \$25,000 administrative error

## SUB mortgage overpaid



U.N.B. Comptroller S. S. Mullin

By BEV HILLS

The University of New Brunswick's Comptroller's office reportedly suffered an "administrative error" a few weeks ago in that they overpaid the mortgage payment on the Student Union Building.

Although the business office, which collect the SRC's student fees as a "free service" according to SRC comptroller Batanyita, overpaid the mortgage payment to the tune of approximately 25-thousand dollars, this sum will be returned to SRC coffers.

The student fees are collected by the university business office on the behalf of the SRC and they receive these funds over four installments.

Since \$15 from the old fee of \$35 was used strictly for mortgage purposes (three-sevenths of total

fee) the comptroller's office assumed that with the increase in fees to \$45 the mortgage payer would remain at three sevenths of the total fee paid.

According to an agreement inked eight years ago between the university, the SRC, and the Building Committee which collect the payment from the SRC and pays the mortgage, the standard amount per student fee is constant \$15.

Batanyita stated that the issue was simply an "accident instead of intention."

Student fees collected by the business office are paid in four installments because several adjustments are made especially during the first school term each year with regards to student withdrawing from the university and non-payment of fees.

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