



History has shown that presidents of nations, corporations, and universities — to name only a few — have succeeded grandly or failed miserably in their jobs.

Student union presidents are not without exception.

Popularity can make or break presidents. Out of a total of 50 students polled, eight knew the UNB student's representative council President's name.

This definitely indicates a lack of popularity toward President David Bartlett.

David Bartlett was not elected president; he was acclaimed. (No other student wanted the job, therefore a presidential election

was unnecessary.) Candidates running for office usually present a platform to the voters — a set of goals they strive to attain during their period in office. Because Bartlett secured the job of president by acclamation, a platform was thus delineated. The SRC president entered office without any substantially viable goals. He assumed a "wait and see" attitude.

Bartlett is paid a salary of \$70.00 per week during the winter session, \$125.00 during the remainder of the year, and is exempted from paying tuition fees while in office. Using basic addition, one finds that the student union and the university

will have paid the president approximately \$5,000.00 when his term of office is completed. Are the students of UNB being ripped off?

In an interview last week, President Bartlett said the contents of his summer report to council would include a summary of the meetings he attended at the NUS (National Union of Students) conference held in Vancouver. The grammatically disgraceful report has been tabled. UNB is not a member of NUS. The president sat as an observer. The university student's union footed the \$402.00 bill. What was gained?

This past summer the president

spent his mornings attending classes. Guidelines stipulate that he maintain regular office hours Monday through Friday. Reliable sources have indicated that David Bartlett did not always make himself available to members of the student body during the afternoons. Where was he?

Traditionally, SRC presidents at UNB have maintained a close rapport with their fellow students. Bartlett has apparently neglected this most basic presidential function.

Only after David Bartlett has completed his term in office will we be able to assess his overall performance. Will he, like Napoleon, fail miserably in his final one hundred days in office?