

Student Union reviews year

by Pierre St. Amand

The Student Union executive of UNB this year feel proud of what they call the best year in a long time in terms of accomplishments and student awareness.

Kim Doyle, VP Finance and Administration, states that many projects were taken on by her department. Among these were major changes in Bar Services with regards to NBLCC card and, restrictions, and a 2 a.m. closing time for certain events.

Paper Post was also a project that Doyle was involved in and the \$6,000 surplus makes this a great accomplishment for Doyle.

Doyle believes everything went well. She also urges students to get involved in the SU and that the SU is not an inaccessible clique.

Wayne Carson, President of the Student Union, describes this year as a great one. He believes that this has been a very significant and successful year.

Wayne and his team managed to cover a significant part of their very ambitious agenda and actually complete several of the projects.

The executive has laid down the ground work for student governments in the future and they are going to urge the new council to follow through on this year break through.

Carson believes that the issues they are working on are so significant and time consuming that you need to implement a five year plan.

Students must realize plans are not carried out overnight. He also mentioned that although the Council does not always make decisions people will agree with, but the council has made many competent decisions.

Richard Renaud, who will be returning as VP activities next year, says that with the help of Stephane Comeau it has been a wonderful year.

Winter Carnival next year should have more events and students can look forward to an expanded spring and fall fest.

At this point, Renaud is in the process of making sure that his budget is not further cut by the executive. In his closing remarks he thanked Comeau for his advice and guidance.

James Gill seems to have made great strides in establishing what exactly is the role of Vice President of University Affairs.

Gill states that although there was no particular project that was his own, his task was more one of coordinating the executive of the SU with the UNB Administration. He also believes that it has been a good year.

Finally, Gary Clarke, VP External believes that it has been an exciting, yet exhausting year for the SU.

Having entered in affiliation

with CFS, the executive had their hands full. He also says that progress was made at various levels of lobbying . . . campaigning attracted the attention of students, the

public, politicians, and the media.

Clarke attributes this year's success to the SU's commitment at being "vocal, adamant and hard-working."

Clarke wishes good luck to Kate Rogers, VP External - elect and urges students to keep strong contacts with the CFS and the community.

Alumni concerned about honoraria cuts

by Allan Carter

Honoraria were recently given out to students by the UNB Student Union. According to the SU, honoraria is a token of appreciation and is a privilege not a right.

Eight special honoraria were given out to certain individuals. This special honoraria did not exceed \$150, states Kim Doyle, VP Finance and Administration.

Also some honoraria have been cut this year. Kwame Dawes, editor in chief at the Brunswickan had his honoraria cut from \$650 to \$550 this term. Melanie Hawkes, Managing Editor had her's cut from \$450 to \$350.

Doyle says several factors were involved in cutting Dawes' and Hawkes honoraria by \$100. Firstly, quite a few clubs and organizations came to Doyle expressing dissatisfaction with the Brunswickan and some of Dawes' comments about their idea/stories not being news-worthy enough for publication.

Secondly, offset had pro-

blems and Doyle feels these problems have not been dealt with quickly enough.

Thirdly, the layout for the SU elections posed some problems and questions were raised about the professionalism of the job done.

In response the Brunswickan Alumni Club has written a letter to the Student Union concerning the cuts.

They claim that Dawes assured them that he has never rejected any organization access in the paper. And that the newspaper's criteria was stated which is the prerogative of the Editorial Board.

With regards to the offset problems the Alumni stated that although there may have been overspending in one area, they have been told that the paper came under budget in other areas. The secretary of the SU estimates that the Bruns is currently under budget by at least \$10,000.

The Alumni further believes that unless it can be absolutely proven that the SU election mistakes were a deliberate

undermining of certain candidates, the Alumni does not feel the mistakes warrants such actions as to the financially penalize both Hawkes and Dawes.

The Alumni feels that both Dawes and Hawkes deserve their full honoraria and hope the SU reconsiders their decision.

Doyle says that other cuts in honoraria include SU councillors. This is based on the amount of meetings each councillor attends and the type of contribution each one makes.

UNB has one of the lowest honoraria in Canada. Comparing presidents, a SU president in many universities receives about \$8,000 in contrast to the \$3,500 that a SU UNB president receives.

The budget for honoraria will probably be increased next term. Therefore the SU can recognize people that have made a significant contribution, but are not on the honoraria schedule, particularly at CHSR, claims Doyle.

"The Muck Stops Here"

Press Release

Jones House will be holding their 5th Annual Mud Dive on April 7, from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. The theme for this year's dive is "The Muck Stops Here."

The dive will be raising funds for the Special Olympics and 10 to 15 participants will be diving. This year's divers include "The Jolly Green Giant" and "Brian Mulroney", among others.

Judges for the event will include Mayor Brad Woodside and UNB President James Downey. Apparently various media outlets will be covering

the event.

In addition to the Mud Dive, there will be a ringette game between divers and Special Olympics prior to the dive at 5:30 p.m. in the West Gym at UNB.

Money will be raised for the Special Olympics through clothing sales and donations. Hats and shirts with Brian Linkletter's "The Lounge Lizard" on them along with the inscription "The Muck Stops Here" may be purchased at the Sub, Lady Dunn, Tibbits or in Room 118 in Jones House.

Jones House would like to thank all the other houses, organizations and individuals who have made donations.

Jones House residents whooping it up with their banners for the Annual Mud Dive.

