

# University says it doesn't want SUB

The University of New Brunswick has no intentions of taking over the Student Union building, says James O'Sullivan, vice-president of finance and administration.

In a telephone interview with O'Sullivan, he contradicted recent allegations by the SRC that the university had been contemplating

the eventual take-over of the SUB and he said no one had been in contact with him over the prospect of the university doing so.

Eric Garland, assistant vice-president of administration also said he had not been aware of any take-over of the SUB and said he found it strange that these statements were being circulated throughout the campus.

"Someone must be talking about it - but it must be within the student union. They may be considering it amongst themselves - but no one has been talking about the issue officially," he said.

Garland said he found the adver-

tisement on the back page of the Brunswickan last Friday a total surprise, saying that his initial reaction was, "what the heck is going on?" The university, he said, has never made any mention of, nor has it ever applied any pressures to the union.

"This is a real campaign for a different purpose - its an internal

thing," he said, "but as for the administration, no one is really aware of anything."

Both O'Sullivan and Garland said any news on this issue would come through their offices and as yet there had been nothing.

O'Sullivan said the university is not attempting to make "a power grab" for the student union building. The university is currently contributing a quarter of a million dollars to the operation of the student union building, he said. The money is used for lighting, heating and cleaning services. The SUB Board, said O'Sullivan, does not have to pay for these services.

## Thorbourne addresses b of g on fee increases

By SUSAN REED  
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Any increase in tuition should be below or equal to the additional 8.1 per cent contributed by the government towards the operation of the university, said SRC President Perry Thorbourne in a brief presented to the Board of Governors Tuesday morning.

"I fail to see how or why the students should be expected to contribute more to the operation of the university than the amount the government contributes," he said.

Thorbourne spoke about the problems students encounter trying to raise money for tuition. Students would be unable to meet fee increases, he said, if they increase in direct proportion to the cost of living, because the minimum wage, which students are usually paid, is not indexed to the CPI (Consumer Price Index).

Thorbourne mentioned the inadequacy of the student aid service, which he called "poorly structured." Students receive only limited help; the maximum amount a student may receive in a year is \$2,800, he said.

Bill C-14, the Unemployment Insurance Act, which states that in this region students must work for 10 weeks to be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, "effectively eliminates a great number of students from acquiring the necessary funds to attend university," said Thorbourne.

He requested on behalf of the student that the surplus the uni-

versity will "likely show" this year to be used to compensate for increases in student fees for the upcoming year. Thorbourne claimed the university is mismanaging the residences. Their upkeep has

been neglected he said, and repairs that should have been done five or 10 years ago will now be paid for by increased residence costs. These fees will also be used to offset an expected bad year for the conferences and food services department, Thorbourne said, whose projected net income for this year is \$75,000 down from \$170,000 last year. Students in residence are paying almost the same amount as those living off-campus, said Thorbourne. He said this means there are no significant advantages to students living on-campus.

Board of Governors member Eric Teed said he was under the impression that living off-campus was cheaper. The advantage of living in residence is in his opinion, he said, living closer "to where the action is."

Thorbourne then requested, as president of the SRC (Fredericton) that he be informed by the board of governors how exactly the student fees will be used in the university, so that he can tell the students. He said later he made this request although there are two student representatives on the board, because any increase should be explained to the students, and as far as he is aware, there has never been a breakdown of fees shown to the students.

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Perry Thorbourne  
President, UNB- SRC

Sir:

I am most offended by the advertisement placed by your council in the Brunswickan of March 21, 1980. In particular one statement which is incorrect and misleading.

" - So the SUB Board has told the director to try to give control to the Administration."

I was surprised to say the least to see this as you were present at the SUB Board of Directors meeting of February 14, 1980 when the matter was discussed. We debated several means to stabilize the finances of the SUB and at the end motioned to allow the chairman and the director to speak to the Administration of UNB regarding present and future commitments to the SUB. However, we did not authorize in any way " the Director to try to give control to the Administration."

This misrepresentation to the UNB community cannot go unchanged. I respectfully suggest you check your facts before presenting statements especially on such important matters as the SUB and its future.

I await your reply,

Yours,

James Haley  
St. Thomas representative,  
SUB Board of Directors

cc to: Steve Berube  
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Michael Grosvold

## Haley applauds decision

St. Thomas University SRC President Jim Haley said he applauds the UNB SRC's decision to rescind its motion calling for a referendum to increase student fees.

Haley said he agrees in principle with the proposed fee increase to pay off the SUB mortgage, in order to save both unions money, but he doesn't approve of how it was handled. He called the SRC ad in last Friday's Brunswickan "incorrect and misleading."

Perry Thorbourne should seriously reassess his position as SRC president, said Haley.

## SRC meeting cancelled

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reportedly made so that Thorbourne could complete a report for the Board of Governors meeting held in Saint John yesterday.

The cancellation comes in the wake of an emergency council meeting held late Monday night that cancelled the referendum scheduled for today.

An SRC Councillor who did not wish to be identified called The Brunswickan after learning of the cancellation early yesterday morning. Although the meeting was cancelled by Thorbourne, according to this council member the SRC president gave no reason for the sudden move.