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Fox responds to Editorial

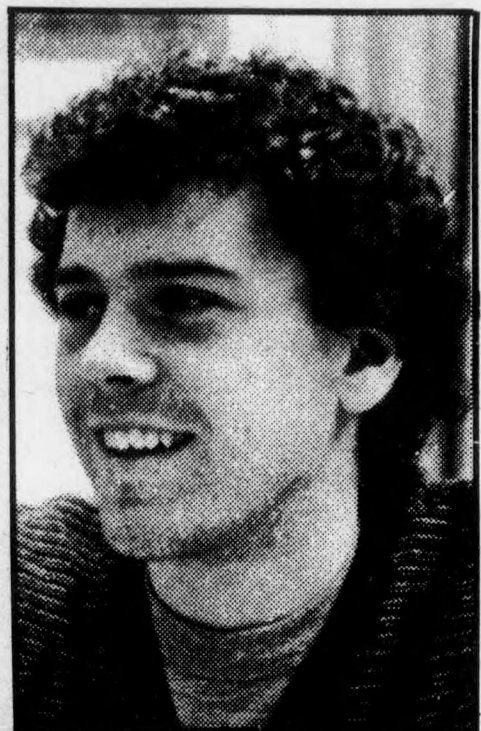
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Editor's Note: In response to last week's front-page editorial, SU President Larry Fox went on record to give his side of the story. To make this article easier to understand, I have listed the headings that Fox discussed.

Larry's appointment to the Board of Trustees: Fox was appointed to the Board after experiencing a summer of chaos at the SUB. According to Fox, during Orientation Week, people were walking through the SUB with beer stuffed down their pants, and consuming alcohol in the Blue Lounge. Furthermore, SUB Director Darcy Flynn and Andy Demellow, Asst. SUB Director gave their notices along with the SUB secretary and the Chairman of the Board. Having viewed this, Fox stated he "wanted to make sure that it can't happen again."

So, when the University took over the building "to get it back to order," Fox was pleased to help them as he "felt a lot of pride in the building after working in it for two years." Fox stated that if given the opportunity he would sit on the Board of Trustees again.

SRC Presidents are pro-administration: Fox denied this, stating that he will be having his fair share of arguments with them. He feels that "if great demands are made on them, but then (he) refuses to budge, things will go nowhere." Instead, Fox's approach is to bargain and negotiate with the Administration.



Larry Fox, SRC President
Photo by Lisa Burke

The SUB Advisory Board is a Rubber Stamp: Fox claimed that "We have always been subject to the approval of the Board of Governors", but went on to state that the students are capable of the day-to-day running of the building.

University appointing Acting Director of the SUB: This is according to Fox, to prevent the building from running without a SUB director for a couple of weeks. The Administration appoints the temporary SUB director while the Student Union appoints the permanent one. The BOG always has to approve the SUB director, while the Board of Directors does the interviewing for possible tenants and directors.

Splitting the cost of the SUB: The students originally had

\$200,000 in 1967 to start the building, but they needed \$800,000 in order to split the \$2 million cost with the University. The SU went to the bank to obtain a loan, but the bank refused, stating that it *could* loan the money to the

Administration. So, the Administration took out the \$800,000 loan for the students, with the students paying back the loan with the \$10 donation every year. After the money

was paid back, the Third Century Fund was established for worth while effects.

The University, under no obligation, gave \$500,000 from the sale of the Archives

building, towards the sale of the SUB. They also received a \$12 million grant from the Post-Secondary Committee over a two-year period. Five hundred thousand dollars from the grant went towards the SUB as well.

Legalities: "The University is legally responsible for the building." In regard to the lawsuit against CSL by Travel Place, Fox stated that no injunction has been officially given.

3CF Rebates: Fox stated that his money is staying with the 3CF as, he points out, ten years down the road the students are going to need some money, perhaps for expansion of the SUB offices.

EDITORIAL



The recent decision to acquit Premier Hatfield of the charge of possession finally proves something most of us have suspected for some time—namely that there are two types of justice in our society. One is for the average person that lacks wealth and therefore cannot afford the high powered lawyers. Their justice is found in the bargain bins at Woolco on \$1.44 Day. It is called *Bargain Rate Justice* and possesses the same degree of quality as most bargain rate items—very little. The other is for those lucky enough to possess wealth, which few of us do, and therefore the ability to hire the necessary lawyers. Of course, being a public figure generally helps in the acquisition of legal help. Hatfield has both of these going for him. It has to be wondered whether the same decision would have come down for someone without the help available to Hatfield and in the same situation.

As if this was not bad enough three students now claim they smoked marijuana and took cocaine with the premier. They then, according to their story, flew to Montreal in a private or government jet; not one of them paid a cent for the trip while in Montreal. At this point it is not possible to judge whether this story is true or not and it is not the media's position to do so.

The reactions to this latest scandal range from total acceptance to outright indignation accompanied by demands for his resignation. Neither of the extremes are acceptable because Hatfield has made no comment. Therefore, we at the *Brunswickan* demand Hatfield either deny or admit the truth of the allegations. Silence is not acceptable—the people of this province deserve an explanation.

UNB/STU protest march

By KAYE MacPHEE
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A UNB student has called for students of UNB and STU to march on the Centennial Building today, February 8th, to demand Premier Richard Hatfield's resignation.

Chris Bergh, a PhD student in the Department of Biology is primarily targeting the students but is also inviting the general public and news media to take part in the march.

Due to the recent controversy surrounding Hatfield, Bergh feels that Hatfield has "lost all credibility." Bergh said that there are many who agree with this opinion and that the time has come for students and the general public to take a stand.



"We've been too apathetic for too long," Bergh said.

Bergh is personally organizing the march and is not affiliated with any group or party. The Centennial Building was chosen as the site to march to as the Legislature is not sitting at this time. Bergh said that the "daily business is carried on in the Centennial Building," therefore, it is the logical place to end the March.

Bergh plans to draw up a petition demanding Hatfield's



resignation and feels that the presence of those marching will "expose the attitude that people are fed up," with Hatfield.

Bergh has suggested that people carry placards but insists they be 'reasonably worded'. He also urges those involved in the march to walk on the sidewalk, not the street, and asks that people behave in an orderly manner.

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If it's green, it's biology;
If it stinks, it's chemistry;
If it doesn't work,
it's physics.
—Rifkin

