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# Gid Mersereau is running for SRC President



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Gid Mersereau, one of five candidates running in the SRC presidential election scheduled for Nov. 26, intends to concentrate on internal campus problems.

"The past months have been telling ones for the UNB Student Union. The council led by the executive, embarked on an ambitious plan of external expansion in an effort to bring about an increased student voice at the regional and national levels.

"The external gains made by our student government were unprecedented. But these successes were not without costs. As with all growth processes, pain accompanies this growth. It is this pain that we now are experiencing. The students of UNB have now achieved a voice locally, regionally and nationally on student affairs. Now is the time to pause and consolidate the new frontiers we have established.

"The efforts we have expended in the past year to achieve what we have were so great that the internal, on campus, affairs of the students were neglected all too much. It is due time to rectify this situation.

"It is for this reason that I have put my name into the running for

president of the SRC.

"Since I expect to graduate this spring and the term of office is for only three months, at best, it is necessary to tailor my goals to the time available.

"Of paramount importance is to redirect the energies of the elected representatives back to the needs and wishes of the students on campus. Our external expansion is all that we can hope to achieve for the foreseeable future. Now is the time to turn to our on campus needs.

"In particular, I propose to concentrate my efforts on the fragmentation of council and the negativistic feelings that have been associated with it. My hope is to turn the tables and to get council to be a cohesive, positive, dynamic unit, working together to solve the problems and issues that have been and are arising on this campus.

"Some of the specific problem that now exist on campus that I intend to deal with are:

- 1) the SRC as a truly representative body of the UNB students and communications between council and the students they claim to represent.
- 2) whether or not to have the

NUS central committee person from this university elected or not.

3) Increased harassment and mistreatment of women on campus at night.

4) student - faculty on campus parking.

5) the use of McConnell Hall for student social events.

6) the students use of the Aitken University Center.

7) Fall registration procedure and how they can be improved.

8) Sub-expansion

9) CHSR going off campus.

Equitable solutions to these and other student problems can only be found if the council members and the student body as a whole work together to these ends.

"Because of my past experience in student affairs on campus, my area of study and my past work exposure, I feel competent to take on the task before us and set the stage for the new executive and council in February 1976.

Finally I must encourage the students of this university not only to vote for the candidates they support, but to seriously consider their own responsibility in the direction that student government is to take in the future at this institution.

Photo by Steve Patriquen

## McCluskey announces candidacy

John McCluskey, a third year Arts student, has announced his candidacy for the upcoming Student Representative Council presidential election.

"As a student of UNB over the last three years I found it hard to convince myself or others of the importance of our SRC. Even today I find a general misunderstanding of the principles behind this campus organization and secondly a lack of what these positions entail as far as the functions of each individual position. Having had many discussions and arguments over the last twelve months with people having either past or present experience with the SRC, I have attempted, though not through

direct association with this body, to gain this type of knowledge. As a result, though I have much to know in certain 'areas' due to their confidential nature, I find myself more knowledgeable than the average student."

"Every candidate enters his position with personal goals or intentions and I too feel this way. The realization of what an enormous task lies ahead of me if elected by you, the student body, is still in the formation. A lot of people seem to feel personal involvement over the last three years is the most important issue when running for a position such as president of the SRC.

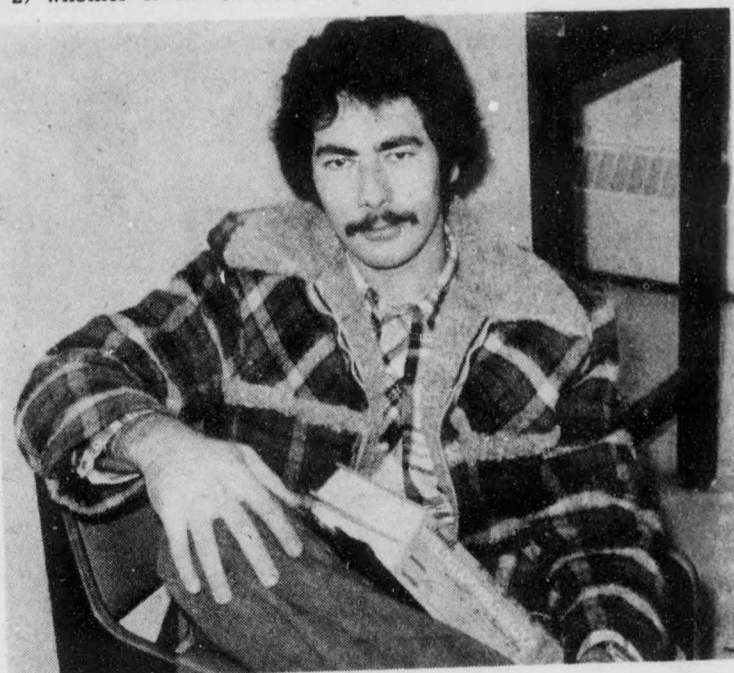
But I wonder: does personal involvement as a student for three years at this campus count for

nothing? What about one's confidence in oneself to do the job and do it right? After all, every candidate must learn and will learn with the help of other SRC members, (both present and past along with your input to our requests) and I feel I am as able as any other candidate to put forth an honest effort to do the job properly and intelligently."

"This university is a business and will continue to function as such. With this idea in mind, the SRC must be observed as a cog in the administrative machine, functioning as a part of the whole in the distribution of student fees etc. As a student I care about what happens to our (yours and mine) money, about social functions carried on by the SRC, about our importance as an advisory body of information to the student and other administrative bodies on this campus if they so wish. The back-stabbing politics of our SRC lately is a bit embarrassing to all of us and perhaps with a bit of help and co-operation from the other SRC members the president can rectify this. In doing so perhaps a greater degree of credibility of the SRC can be reinstated in the minds of the students."

"The position of president is a ticklish one, glory and honour are seldom its rewards. His role is that of a diplomat, because of the meetings of SRC and other internal - external meetings he must attend. In this capacity again I feel as competent as any other candidate. Perhaps a fresh face with fresh ideas would be the best thing to happen to this position in a long time."

"As a last word for this article let me assure you I am sincerely interested in representing the student body. For that reason I, if elected by you, will do my job for the next fifteen months and hopefully not be the three months flash of UNB. To do this I am willing to drop nearly all my courses after Christmas. I am in a position to do this as six of my seven courses this term are half-credits, thus there will be no difficulty in getting into the job immediately, benefitting both myself and you to get the job done right."



John McCluskey

## Will there be more pubs at McConnell Hall?

By MICHAEL LENIHAN

Last Wednesday a meeting was held at McConnell Hall to discuss whether or not McConnell would be used in the future for Student Union Pubs.

The SRC was represented at the meeting by council president Warren McKenzie and law representative Jim MacLean.

Dean of Mens' Residences Bill Chernoff said that in general the difficulties in using McConnell for pubs were inadequate washrooms, loud noise, and the unhygienic atmosphere created by using the mens resident dining room for these events. He also said the whole form of campus pubs as they are now are in the process of being changed.

McKenzie argued that McConnell be used in future for pubs. The capacity of this hall is about 450 people, the largest floor space on campus, making it by far the best site on campus for large socials.

The basis of McKenzie's argument seemed to be that all the students of UNB have paid their tuition fees for the up-keep of McConnell Hall and it would be unfair to the non-resident students if it was used only as a resident dining room.

McKenzie also felt that several physical changes could be made in McConnell Hall to make it more suitable for SRC pubs. He stated the SRC socials were the most organized of any on campus and that most of the problems with pubs stemmed from ones sponsored by such groups as the rugby team.

One person present brought up some statements that McKenzie was alleged to have made in a past Brunswickan. McKenzie replied the Brunswickan had severely misquoted him and that this newspaper usually misquotes him. The gentleman then asked McKenzie why he did not write to the paper and say he was misquoted. To this he replied that he had several times in the past, but he is a very busy man and does not have enough time to write in every time The Brunswickan "misquotes him".

No settlement was made at this meeting about the future use of McConnell Hall.

The resident Dean and Dons expressed fear that this topic not be used to cause student disunity. However several important arguments were brought out at this meeting and another is to be held in the future.

## Bus service may be improved

By CHRIS HUNT & BOB TREMBLAY

Barry Thompson, Dean of Students, said in an interview on Wednesday that a survey will be run soon to find out if students feel the need for additional bus service and to improve present weaknesses.

Thompson feels the most efficient method of running this survey is through The Brunswickan.

An example of one possible change would be a bus leaving the Harriet Irving Library at 12:00 midnight to areas such as Lower St. Mary's where a large number of students reside.

Thompson says that the city of Fredericton can apply for federal grants to improve the present bus service. However, they must be informed of the students' needs and the best way to find out what the students want is through The Brunswickan. Do the students feel that the present system is effective?

Thompson would like the survey results to be in as soon as possible, preferably by the first of

December and at the latest by the first of January.

By making the bus system more effective, Thompson hopes to ease the housing problem by making homes across the river more attractive and accessible.

The survey will be in the form of a clip out in The Brunswickan next week.

The results of the housing survey have all been sorted and are going to go into the computer within the next week.

The purpose of the housing survey was to "find out where students are presently living. Whether they are satisfied. What kind of accommodation they would most like to have and help decide what kind of accommodations to build or provide."

The return from the housing survey was better than one third. Dean Thompson is waiting for results from both surveys with an "open mind" and plans to follow the desires and needs of students shown through the surveys. Changes will be made as quickly as possible.

If you have any complaints about the bus system now is the time to make them.