

D. STEWART Comptroller

Bruns: As comptroller what would you do to manage the present student union deficit?

Stewart: It would take some cut-backs in some areas. I'm not sure where the budget goes yet. There's definitely have to be some belt-tightening somewhere.

Bruns: Do you think that any increase in student union fees is justified, and if so how much and for what reasons?

Stewart: I don't think the proposed \$10 increase is justified because there will be no increase in services. I'm against it unless they can prove to me that the students will get some benefit out of it somehow.

Bruns: Do you think that any cutbacks are necessary in the budget [if so where would you make them?] If not do you think any increases in services and/or budget are needed?

Stewart: I think if fees are increased there should be an increase in services. Without that

there shouldn't be a fee increase.

Bruns: Do you think CSL is a good scheme for the financial management of some student activities? What would you do to help CSL out of its difficulties?

Stewart: I think it's a really good set-up. In fact I'm working for CSL. It takes very little investment and has chances at very good returns. I don't think CSL is in difficulty now. We're just getting on our feet and you'll see that CSL will make money; I'll bet my bottom dollar.

Bruns: Do you think a one dollar / student AFS dues is needed?

Stewart: I'd just like to leave that up to the students to decide. I think AFS is a good thing for the students.

Bruns: Why should a student vote for you?

Stewart: I've been in university for five years. I've got an arts degree and I'm working on a business degree. I'll have the time and I'd really like to become involved.

B. PRYDE Comptroller

Bruns: As comptroller what would you do to manage the present student union deficit?

Pryde: "There is not much that can be done at the present. Hopefully, costs can be cut over the summer; by cutting down on office expenses and not have a part-time secretary, but if fees are not increased there will have to be more cutbacks next year."

Bruns: Do you think that any increase in student union fees is justified and if so how much and for what reasons?

Pryde: "I think the full \$10.00 increase is justified. With \$1 off the top to each of NUS and AFS there is really only an \$8 increase or approximately \$43,000 total increase (based on 5400 students). There will be about a \$20,000 deficit at the end of this year, and \$5,000 is due to pay for SUBTerrain. This will leave about \$18,000 of which \$5,000 to \$10,000 will be left for the next year and the balance will be needed to satisfy the increased costs of services and organizations."

Bruns: What are your priorities for spending money?

Pryde: "First of all we have to find out what the students want. I think the important things are those that benefit all students, not just

small groups. Things like Winter Carnival, Orientation, CHSR and The Brunswickan benefit all student fees there will have to be cutbacks everywhere and small clubs with limited membership will have to be cut to minimum operating costs."

Bruns: Do you think CSL is a good scheme for the financial management of some student activities? What would you do to help CSL out of trouble?

Pryde: "It is about the only way to manage some activities (i.e. a major concert). There will be no more money from the SRC. There is absolutely nothing I can do; it is up to CSL to help themselves."

Bruns: Do you think a one dollar per student AFS dues is needed?

Pryde: "What does that have to do with me running for Comptroller?"

Bruns: Why should a student vote for you?

Pryde: "I have experience. I have been here (comptroller's office) for one year, as assistant. I was comptroller of Orientation and only lost \$600. I have been comptroller of Winter Carnival and have handled every club in AB (Administrative Board). I've lived both in residence and off-campus and I think I know how students feel. I know I can do a good job."

B. FORBES Valedictorian

Dear Mom,
I don't think that I told you I was running for Valedictorian. I decided that after seven years at UNB with 4 1/4 years on the Senate and 4 years on the Board of governors, there are a few things I'd like to say to people at this university. Some will be good, so not so good.

I'm upset with Athletics Policy, scholarship funding and government assistance to students, and I'm not sure I'm real happy about difficulty the university has in getting any sympathy for its problems from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

But on the other hand I'm quite pleased with the fact I've met some nice people who have taught me a lot and made life more fun and more meaningful. There's lots of other good things too which I'd like to tell people about, if I should win the election.

Anyway, Mom, I'm feeling fine, the cold has cleared up, my money's holding out alright, and life continues.

I hope all my friends and everybody else who loves their mother will vote for me.

See you at graduation.

All my love
Brian F. Forbes

G. LADD Valedictorian

In recent years there have been radical changes in the status of universities and the people who attend these institutions. Many people believe that the value of the university degree has been cheapened. Graduating students often display what some consider to be a strange mixture of feelings: happiness and relief-not so much because of what they have accomplished but because they've made it through and are getting the hell out. This is my general reading of the current mood of graduating students. At the present time, I honestly do not know how accurate this interpretation is. I intend to find out.

I consider the traditional duty of the Valedictorian to be one where the person selected acts as spokesman for the members of the graduating class. The position of Valedictorian is generally considered to be a very prestigious one by the academic community. I am more concerned with its present status among graduates. I would suggest that most students no longer seriously consider the Valedictorian as their representative at the graduation

ceremony. For example, in last year's election the winning Valedictorian candidate had only approximately one hundred votes cast in her favor; there were more than eight hundred graduates. It is not surprising that most eligible students do not even bother to vote. For the student, valedictory addresses have, sadly, become as meaningless and empty as the rest of the graduation ceremony formalities. The standard address emphasizes how privileged the graduates consider themselves to be and what a wonderful time everyone has had. End of Address.

What I propose to do is reinstitute the position of Valedictorian as 'spokesman for the graduation class'. Between February and May I intend to talk to as many graduating students as possible. I believe that the Valedictory address should reflect the opinions and feelings of those people it purports to represent. This year's Valedictory address will be about you because you will have direct input into what is said. This is the last official address of the graduating class to the university community. Let's make it mean something!

A. JONES Computer Science

Third year student Andrew Jones wants the SRC to give the Computer Science Association the recognition it was denied earlier this year.

He described student/staff relations in his faculty as "quite good."

Jones said the state of student housing could be improved if the university acquired existing buildings in Fredericton to be incorporated into the residence system.

He said the student union could do little to ease housing inadequacies due to a lack of financial resources.

Jones described the student union as "kind of divorced from students." "Most students are frankly apathetic about it," he said.

He said UNB should remain members of the National Union of Students and the Atlantic Federation of Students, even if AFS fees are increased to \$1.00 per student.

Jones said students should vote "yes" on the referendum to increase student fees.

He said cutbacks of services should be avoided, as he predicted the university would also be making cutbacks.

If elected to the position of Computer Science Representative he would make regular reports to CSA meetings and would work fairly closely with them as he is third year representative on the association executive.

However, he said, "I'm not going to be told how to vote."

If the increase doesn't pass, he said, "I don't think we can do much but tighten the belt."

The present student aid program "probably isn't sufficient," he said.

However, Jones said, university education should not be free.

"Well, I had to work for mine, and it helps your appreciation for it."

On the question of differential fees for foreign students, he said, "It really depends on the way the foreign students are being supported." The degree of support they receive from their home government should be taken into consideration, he explained.

D. STEEVES Computer Science

First year student Drew Steeves said he would like to "advertise" the Computer Science Association. He said turnouts to meetings were poor. First year students, he explained, knew little about the association.

"I would like to take as much direction as possible from the CSA," said Steeves.

He also said he would try to get more student union funds for the CSA. He said he would like to see the CSA involved to a greater degree in recreational activities such as Winter Carnival. He also said he would like the association to bring in more guest speakers.

Although he said student/faculty relations in his faculty were good, he said he would like to see more backing from the

faculty for the associations.

UNB should remain a member of the Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students, regardless of the proposed \$1.00 per student levy for AFS membership, he said.

Steeves said he was unsure how students should vote on the \$10.00 student fee increase.

Steeves said he was not in favour of differential fees for foreign students. "It is nice to support the third world countries," he said, particularly those which do not educational facilities at a similar level to Canada's.

Steeves said he was in favour of a high level of student aid, as long as a substantial part of it was paid back.

MacKINNON

Valedictorian

Many of society's age-old traditions have lost their importance. To some, graduation might just as well be reduced to a paper document. To the majority of students, however, the ceremony still holds personal significance and it is to these people that the Valedictorian has something to say.

The quality of a valedictory speech depends on two factors: what is said, and how it is said. The latter depends on experience, the ease with which one can stand in front of the seething masses, say what one wants to say, and at the same time, what the audience wants to hear. The speaker must have a certain rapport, a certain intimacy with, those listening.

"What is said" requires careful research and thought combined with a depth of feeling — most not be "sucky" (which offends the students) and need not necessarily be radical (with ones hair dyed green) which tends to upset the parents, the professors — the "establishment".

The valedictorian, on the one hand, has something to say on behalf of the graduating class, the "parthian shot", the last word: a "thank-you" to those who have played an obvious role — the President, Board of Governors, Senate, Professors . . . and also to those great unknowns who have worked behind the scenes, to balance budgets and generally make the University run smoothly. A kick in the pants, a constructive criticism, some strong suggestions — in general, the valedictorian voices the attitude, the feelings, the ideas of the students. While not the rebels of the 60's, the students of the 70's still have a desire for individuality in an increasingly specialized, bureaucratized society.

To voice the opinion of the individual as well as the graduating class as a whole is a tricky task but to this end, I remain respective to ideas and suggestions of any member of the class who wishes to be heard.

The valedictorian also has a message for the students themselves: We are entering the decision — making world and it is up to us now to build a more human environment for ourselves, to compensate for the deadening influence of an overorganized society, to generate an attitude that is at once sophisticated, tolerant, and critical "knowledge isn't a commodity, and the University is not a factory for its production." The real educational experience is the stimulation of one's own personality. We've learned how to learn; now it is up to us to put such experience to work.

One last word: the important thing is to participate, to have your own voice in what is said — so please, take part — VOTE ON WEDNESDAY FEB 2.

Here's a chance to find out who those SRC presidential personalities really are, what ideals and attitudes they represent, as their views will be aired on UNB student cable television program at 6:30 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 30.

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THE ENGINEERS COLUMN

There is something February that encourages argy, laziness, and sloth very slack month. This is opinion but rather a fact. February is so bad that shortened by decree.

Further proof can be found for this position. In the SRC elections are in February. This is not due to coincidence rather a politician's instinct dictates that candidates get to the voters while it is down. Why are there acclamations in the February Blues of Canada?

A second proof is the 'March' break starts at the February. Obviously that prevent terminal brain week should actually be 'February' break and be ed by a sleep-in in the halls. Come to think already is all 4 weeks of

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