

Maritime Entertainment Union awaits revival

By MARY-LEE GALLANT

The Maritime Entertainment Union, formed last October for the express purpose of booking 'big name' bands at cut rate prices for Maritime campuses isn't dead, but rather seems to be waiting for a revival.

Members of the union are UNB, St. FX, STU, SMU, and Dalhousie. The aim of the MEU is to link everyone together and through black booking avoid high costs of bringing good entertainment to the campuses.

Figures given by Neale showed the value of MEU. If UNB were to book a band for about \$3,000 to \$7,000 it would cost \$42,000 to play six places. However through MEU the rate could be reduced

to \$20,000 and the expense shared.

"The second purpose of the union," said Neale, "is to establish a need for the groups that can be brought from all over Canada and parts of the U.S."

The band for Orientation Week was booked through MEU and plans for the Winter Carnival bookings are in progress.

Bookings have been made through Roscoe and Donald K. Donald productions. Brooks Diamond, who was the representative last year, is to retain the position. The hope of MEU is to book big name bands in New York, but they seemingly disappear into small towns where the price is right.

Several problems have made the MEU only semi-successful. "The problem is," commented

Neale, "that even if a price agreement is reached the union does not always come to terms about the band itself." This it seems is the major stumbling block, that has limited the use of the union. Neale noted that, "UNB would not be willing to be bound to any group that was proposed by a union such as MEU for the very specific reason that such a group might not be conducive to the time of year, the event or the audience."

He also noted that UNB may be able and willing to pay a certain price for a band but a smaller institution may not have the funds to hold up their end of the deal.

But the union hasn't been all problems and no benefits. Dr. Music was booked last year through MEU and as a

result played at St. FX, Dal, and UNB at very good rates. The savings by block bookings are great and there are definite reductions in tours, said Neale. He pointed out that there was a cut in price for the group at the Irish Eyes Pub because by mere chance they knew the Dublin Corporation's whereabouts. This would have been a good time

to put the union to work, he said. But not every university has the same tastes and wants in a band. It seems to lead back to the idea of being conducive to the occasion. The MEU is a chance for us to talk to other people about entertainment and to promote home talents and folk concerts.

SRC budget shows substantial changes

By MYRNA RUEST

This year's proposed Students Representative Council's budget shows changes - some of them substantial - in the amount of money allotted each group it sponsors. These changes have been mainly attributed to increased costs for materials and new equipment.

Groups applying for greater funds include: Engineering Undergraduate Society up \$1800; Overseas Chinese Students Association up \$400; SRC office up \$2,000, partially due to the president's salary; Law up \$1800; Action Corps

up \$280; and the African Student Union up \$200.

In fact, it appears that most groups received increases to some degree except Drama down \$3,000; Winter Carnival down \$2000 due to lack of a "big name" group; Orientation down \$1000 because of more realistic budgetting. The Brunswickan budget will remain the same.

SRC Comptroller Chris Fisher stated that funds for Honoraries are at a standstill until a meeting is held to decide how much money is actually necessary.

Revenue is down \$8000 due to approximately 300 less students enrolled this year. The net income was approximately \$16100 less S.U.B. payment of \$64500 is approximately \$87,800. The contingency reserve creates the final sum of approximately \$96,500.

One change in budgetting which affects most groups sponsored by the SRC is the removal of conferences from each budget and placing them under one overall budget for conferences.

Fisher said he has hopes that students will approach him for money for worthwhile causes. One idea which has already had affect is the new televisions for the Health Centre.

SDC allows students to be dealt with by peers

By FORREST ORSER

The University of New Brunswick Student Disciplinary Committee has the power to fine any student up to one hundred dollars, to suspend student privileges, and to recommend to the Board of Deans that the student be suspended from the university.

The function of the Committee, composed of six students, is to allow students to be dealt with by their peers, rather than by the Board of Deans, or by the legal authorities. Offenses which the SDC are responsible for include those against the Student Union Building Policy, the Campus Police Constitution and Regulations, and all non-academic rules and regulations of the university.

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