

Holds number of student positions

McKenzie gives priority to presidency

By DAVE SIMMS

Warren McKenzie said this week his position as University of New Brunswick student president would take priority over any other posts he holds.

McKenzie was elected to the boards of directors of the Association of Student Councils (AOSC) and the Canadian University Travel Service (CUTS) Aug. 26.

These positions he holds in

addition to posts on the senate Aitken University Centre advisory committee, the senate computing centre committee, the senate campus planning sub-committee, the provincial caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students, the senate academic and campus planning committee and his ex-officio membership on the student union building board of directors.

CUTS, and its parent organization the AOSC, work basically to

promote and facilitate student travel.

"Two directorships don't take up that much time," said the Students Representative Council president. Some of his appointments had come before his election, he said, and he planned to re-offer only for the ACPC and AUC committees since these were related to his work as president.

McKenzie said his election promise to delegate authority had been kept. "I've delegated more

authority than presidents in the last three or four terms," he said. "Not all of it's been delegated, of course. The problem is finding someone to accept the responsibility."

McKenzie is one of two representatives-at-large on the seven-member board. Others include an executive director and representatives from the Atlantic region, Manitoba and northern Ontario, British Columbia and Ontario.

Yearbook editor trained

By CHRIS HUNT

The 1976 yearbook, to be published next summer and distributed at the opening of university next fall, is already shaping up well.

In a recent interview this year's editor, Dianne Phillips said that last year's staff were, for the most part, newcomers to the work and the editor had been unable to devote much time to the yearbook.

This year, with the experience from last year, the staff is most capable. She attended a conference this summer and learned a great deal about the layout and production of yearbooks.

She said she plans to spend as much of her time as possible working on the yearbook.

The theme of the 1976 yearbook will tie in with the Olympics that

will take place next summer in Montreal.

The SRC is subsidizing the yearbook this year, making it possible for the cost to be lowered to five dollars. It will, however, retain the same quality as last year; in fact it will have a better quality cover, eight full colour pages, eight second colour pages plus more special effects.

Those who order their yearbooks before Oct. 1 will be eligible to win a TV, radio or wristwatch. There will also be a drawing for five Olympic lottery tickets.

Positions are still available on the yearbook to help in layout and photography. Anyone interested should get in touch with Dianne Phillips at the Yearbook Office, Room 31, in the Student Union Building.

Student aid program rapped

During a recent meeting of New Brunswick Student Leaders under the auspices of the Atlantic Federation of Students it was determined that the N.B. Student Aid program was both elitist in form and unworkable in practicality.

Student leaders feel that the combined effects of inflation, unemployment and an unrealistic assessment of students' financial needs may force students not to return to school this fall, or drop out part way through the year. The

government's failure to recognize the full ramifications of inflation upon N.B. students may, in the near future, return post-secondary education to a bastion of the wealthy. As one spokesman outlined it:

"Unless you have parents who contribute extensively or your summer job was extremely financially rewarding, returning to university may be difficult this fall."

Reasons for such a pessimistic view are primarily based upon the

governments assessment methods. The assessment period is unofficially restricted to 32 weeks, which seems to ignore rents to be paid during Christmas vacation, or March study break, or the time and expense incurred while the student is looking for a place to live. The maximum assessment for room and board is \$38 per week, a figure that is lower than that allowed a single person unit receiving social assistance. In addition the student is expected to clothe and maintain himself on \$13.50 a week.

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Lottery eyed for housing funds

VANCOUVER (CUP) -- A monthly draw lottery is in the works to raise \$400,000 for student housing at Simon Fraser University.

A proposal submitted by McFarlane and Associates, managers of the Orpheum Lottery, has been forwarded to Ross Powell, student union president.

Initially the proposal was sent to SFU administration who apparently were not interested, and then to Powell.

"We've just started to check out the proposal," said Powell, "but if the scheme seems workable, our position will be that the administration should take it on. Student

housing is their responsibility and they've been doing a very poor job of providing it."

Powell said the McFarlane proposal is, in fact, three proposals; the weekly draw, the monthly draw and the "one" draw lottery. The biggest money maker would be the monthly draw which projects a return in excess of \$400,000 over ten months.

However, because of the increased competition - the growing number of lotteries for a variety of causes - the weekly draw looks like SFU's best alternative. "If it doesn't seem to be working you can get out without losing much money," Powell said.

There are incredible profits to be made, said Mel Wooley, who works in the Resources Office under University Services vice-president Stan Roberts, the person who sent the proposal on to Powell.

He said students should "put the administration on the spot" and get it moving on this proposal.

"The longer we wait the more severe the housing crisis will be." Plans for new SFU housing are already there, he said. "They're exceptionally innovative because of the input students provided in the planning. It would be ideal low-cost housing for 400 to 500 students."

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