

Ex-pres gives end of year report



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In his end-of-the-year report Jim Murray ex-Student Union president remarked that there "must be a continued hard look at the balance between politics and finances in the Union," placing an emphasis on living within means . . . "making every effort to check or monitor" finances.

One of his first points or recommendations was that of the

vice-presidents or sub-committee of council be detailed to the task of keeping familiar with the entertainment files with the implementation of a referral system where agents could be in contact with regards to available acts and lecturers. "The Union needs these entertainment agents contacts especially at times such as Orientation and Winter Carnival. To let this contact system falter would be a disservice to students. In that this aspect of providing entertainment from Union fees is a large, tangible benefit from Union membership."

On the subject of apathy Murray attributed the problem to a failure in communications saying that "students individually seem to be off in their own world concerned about their interests." He continued on to say that there has been a shift in priorities to those of studies and graduating. However apathy is occurring everywhere as politics and club activities are suffering with involvement below

what is even minimally acceptable. Here Murray suggests a form be drawn up and distributed at the beginning of the fall term in order to gain student interest and involvement. "The Party or social clubs" says Murray "would be an excellent area to start" — phone numbers and club officials' names could be put into a reference file by SRC.

Speaking on tuition and recent university cutbacks Murray said that it appeared as if the administration was cutting back those items which are easiest to cut, without cutting themselves back either staff-wise or salary-wise. "any more decreases in student services only cause a shrinking value in education yet ironically causing us to get less for more. Tuition only passes on to the student the deficit in the increase to the university operating grant.

We all remember the National Union of Students issue, claims Murray — "I would not tolerate spending \$5,500.00 per year from

union fees to go to such a cause that claims to benefit students in rather nebulous terms." He also went on to state that their campaign during the fall elections was basically all propoganda and a brainwashing scheme towards the first-year students.

"It was only unfortunate" says Murray "that the AFS (Atlantic Federation of Students) was so close to NUS as he generally supports the idea of rallying student opinion in the regional sense. Murray feels there could be a viable group — if they shed their NUS affiliation and the radical members. At present UNB is a member of the Association of Student Councils of Canada — which is a non-profit organization controlling Canadian University Travel Service.

It is C.U.T.S. that are the sole distributor of the International Student Card in Canada (sold through our travel office) which enable discounts for students travelling abroad. However, says Murray, there is one major problem and that is with the A.O.S.C.'s closer affiliation with N.U.S. (done to overcome cash flow problems). (NUS felt A.O.S.C. needed them more and added a few "strings" attached "motions" including a membership to A.O.S.C. only if one was a NUS member, states Murray.

"No institution should be forced to join NUS in order to gain membership in A.O.S.C." The answer says Murray would be to attend the Spring meeting of A.O.S.C. and C.O.T.S. and "politic" among the representatives from various universities to vote down NUS's motion. "NUS memberships should not have the sole rights to selling 'our' International Students Cards". In light of the Travel office Murray feels that it is a benefit to all students and thus should be maintained in the future.

Campus Services Limited says Murray has not yet turned a profit but still should remain registered with the Province for tax purposes (should there be any "heavy profit-making venture). As Murray stated "it cost the Union too much money to incorporate and should not be undone." However Murray

goes on to caution that there be careful consideration given to supporting schemes that have not been "thoroughly investigated."

"Leadership and solidarity amongst our Board representatives is a must if the best interests of the building (the SUB) are to be preserved," says Murray, who feels that in the past that the Director of the SUB has been almost dictating policy and procedures. Says Murray, there are several areas within direct jurisdiction that require close monitoring, such as the media, ensuring student dollars are being properly spent (especially in light of C.H.V.W. a station which has recently become a reality).

Speaking on the future council Murray hoped they would familiarize themselves with Union documents such as By-laws, Regulations, Acts of Incorporation and Financial Policy and any books concerned with meeting procedures. He further emphasised the fact that the council was to represent the students — "not", says Murray, "to bolster their own self-image through distractive and puffy political speeches that tend to enhance their own self-importance."

On the other hand the Administration has intended to ignore the student politicians (although the Dean of Students has greatly aided in cutting down red tape and created a link with the administration) says Murray, "a stronger voice by the students with the administration is needed. . . and not allow them to erode student services and the quality of education."

His final comment was in Alumni power which he feels should be curbed when it is infringing on student rights.

In ending his end-of-the-year report Murray wished his successor luck, saying that he enjoyed his term of office, calling it a "rewarding experience."

Residence rates for 78-79

The University of New Brunswick Board of Governors decided Tuesday upon a \$50 increase in residence rates for the next academic year.

Room and board charges will increase \$50 or approximately three per cent. The rates for a double room will be \$1,700, single \$1,850, special \$1,950 and multiple \$1,550. Rents for Magee House and other university apartments will go up 8 per cent, as permitted by the Residential Rent Review Act.

Regular Year (Sept. 1 to April 30)

| | From | To |
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| One bedroom | \$179.12 | \$193.45 |
| Two bedroom | 213.79 | 230.89 |
| Three bedroom | 231.12 | 249.61 |

Summer Discount Period (May 1 to August 31)

| | From | To |
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| One bedroom | \$121.34 | \$131.05 |
| Two bedroom | \$144.45 | 156.01 |
| Three bedroom | \$156.00 | 168.48 |

Meeting in Fredericton, the Board of Governors also reviewed food service proposals for the new fiscal year. On the basis of tenders submitted, it was decided to enter into a three year contract with Beaver Foods Ltd. covering the residence, non-residential, concession and vending machine food services on the Fredericton campus. The present caterers are Saga Foods Ltd.

Other details of the next fiscal year's budget — including tuition fees — will not be announced until the university establishes its global budget for 1978-79. It is expected the budget will be presented to the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for May 17.

OFS blames economy

Applications for enrollment of first year students into Ontario Universities has dropped an average of eight percent. The Ontario Federation of Students places the cause on dismal job prospects for graduates, increased tuitions, uncertainties over student aid, and differential fees for foreign students.

The registrar at the University of Waterloo claims that a student's first reaction upon completion of High School was to go to university, but now it is to look for a job and come to school as a last resort.

Although the numbers of grade 13 graduates is predicted to rise until 1979 by the Ontario Ministry

of Education, students seem to be opting to work instead of continuing their educations.

Enrollments in Ontario's universities are down this year already, but that province's enrollment decreases, as well as Quebec's, are immediately accountable to the introduction of differential foreign students fees this year.

The fact remains however that applications are down, and if enrollment should follow the same pattern, depending on how many applicants meet academic standards, Ontario's university institutions could meet with grim financial problems.

UNB's large foreign student

population would pose a problem at this university if foreign differential fees were ever instigated in New Brunswick. The losses in tuition revenue would be recovered at the expense of the students; both financially and by operating cutbacks.

Protests in Toronto have been organized to voice discontent over tuition increases and the lack of student aid and university financing by the government.

Several universities recently shut down classes for one day to enable students and faculty members to partake in a demonstration at Queen's Park, the provincial Government block in Toronto.

CHW Schedule- Saturday March 25 (Seen on cable 10)

12:00- CHW In Depth News

12:30- Geo Weather Watch

1:00- 'Nature Flash and Funk'- a program of blues, folk and jazz music

1:30- CHW Talks" with Paul Honna. Paul is the Director of Theatre New Brunswicks Young Company and teaches drama at UNB

2:00- CHW's Game of the Week. This week we present game number 5 in the NB Junior A Hockey Finals between the Fredericton Junior Red Wings and The Cap Pele Fishermen!

4:00- Sign off.

don't be late
the Arms is
hoppin' long before
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Red Eye
March 24-25,
Fri. & Sat. Matinee

Wayne & Shirley March 27-April 1