

Interview with Larry Long — New Vice-President Administration

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What do the responsibilities of your new position, Vice-President Administration, consist of?

First of all, I guess, one of the most important ones is that I'm chairing the committee that deals with the constitution, making amendments, and passing them. I also work with all the clubs and the different societies that are formed by the SRC. I have to deal with those clubs as well as the residence system. I have been told that there will be room for expansion in each of the vice-president's jobs in areas where we see there is a possibility for us to become involved in. I think that there is going to have to be a process to see where the different vice-presidents fit in in the overall scheme of running the university.

Do you think that the new system of four vice-presidents will work better in getting more things accomplished for the students than the system of previous years?

Yes, I believe the old system was too big a job for a vice-president and a president to handle just themselves. In fact, the resignation of the last vice-president put a lot of pressure on John Bosnitch and he seemed to take everything on himself. Even with one vice-president, there was just too much work for only two students to handle.

Did your involvement with the MacKenzie House issue encourage you to run for this position?

Yes.

How do you propose to use your position in regards to that issue?

Well, I've talked to the presidents of the different residences. In fact, we all met with Mr. Gair, and after that meeting it was decided that something should be done to get the students of UNB more involved with the decisions of the residence system. The residence system never seems to get involved with the SRC. The best way to solve their problems in the residence system is to have people in the SRC that do realize what's going on in the residence system now, and can help them get things moving.

What are your main goals as vice-president Administration for this year?

One thing is to try and get some system set up in the residence system, where there is a committee that is made up of, not only the dons, but also made up of student represen-

tatives from the residence system.

Have all the vice-presidents had a meeting yet?

At this point, we have just had a general meeting for all the SRC members. We will be having a meeting for just the new committee members on Wednesday, November 28th.

What is your feeling on having Larry Fox as president, not John Bosnitch?

I think Larry Fox doesn't have quite the personality John Bosnitch has. From what I've seen he's a very nice person but he doesn't have that domineering aura about him. Larry Fox has good ideas, but won't be

quite the force that John Bosnitch was. But things are going to be split up a little more among the five in the executive committee. There will



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be a lot more ideas, naturally, with five people, instead of just two.

When does your term in office start?

Mine starts now, but the president and vice-president Finance do not have to resign

until January so the people filling these positions do not officially start until then.

Clark establishes Ethiopian fund

The establishment of \$50 million Special Fund for Africa, along with specific initiatives to help Ethiopia, were announced today by Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark.

Canadian concern for Ethiopia has been overwhelming, said Mr. Clark. The recently-appointed Co-ordinator for the African Famine, Mr. David MacDonald, has been deluged with calls from across Canada with offers of assistance for the people of Ethiopia. Non-

governmental organizations have been vital in mobilizing Canadian support, and the Secretary of State for External Affairs reiterated the list of NGOs who are accepting contributions for the African famine. He also indicated that parts of the Special Fund for Africa will be used to match funds raised by Canadians, with formulas being developed following consultations between the voluntary sector and Mr. MacDonald.

Mr. Clark also announced that the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) will be contributing an additional \$3,525,000 in humanitarian relief assistance to Ethiopia through such organizations as the International Committee of the Red

Cross, Development and Peace and Oxfam Canada. Furthermore, CIDA will be providing \$4 million to send 10,000-15,000 more tons of cereal to Ethiopia.

Apart from these immediate efforts, the government is working to promote long-term development. The Rural Water Resources Development Project, which has already

provided safe water for 200,000 people in Southern Ethiopia, is being extended at a cost of \$800,000. For Africa as a whole, CIDA, in conjunc-

tion with international agricultural research institutes, has approved two projects to improve wheat and bean production, at a total cost of \$6.9 million over five years.

Food assistance from Canadians has been a critical factor in sustaining life among Ethiopians, said the Minister. As the drought intensified over the last three years, Canadian food

aid accounted for almost a third of all food received by Ethiopia; in the past year it has accounted for more than half of all food aid delivered to date. In Africa at large, Canadian food assistance this year will be \$150 million, reaching more than 30 countries; only the United States provides more, and even then on a per capita basis Canadians are the largest donors of food aid in the world.

Canada will be redoubling its efforts to stimulate further co-ordination by the various donors in tackling the African crisis. The government has already taken the lead in organizing co-ordination meetings on the ground in Ethiopia - an initiative which

has been much appreciated by the other donors there; and Canada, in concert with other donors, has urged upon the UN greater co-ordination of the food aid emergency programs in Ethiopia, which has resulted in the appointment of a special UN representative.

Last Tuesday Mr. Clark sent a letter to each of the Foreign Ministers of the seven Western Summit nations. The Secretary of State for External Affairs stressed that many more Ethiopians will die of starvation and disease unless massive amounts of food, and humanitarian assistance and logistical support are provided. Mr. Clark also reported to his counterparts his impression that the Ethiopian Government was making a serious and sustained effort to respond to the crisis.

The Government will be reviewing the African situation constantly, said Mr. Clark, to determine what further initiatives and extra funds might be necessary to alleviate the situation. He urged Canadians to continue their overwhelming generosity, either through the NGO community or by contacting the office of David MacDonald at (819) 994-6138.

Smoke Shoppe does not get long-term lease

The Board of Trustees of the Student Union Building (SUB) at UNB made its second report to the UNB Board of Governors on Thursday, Nov. 29. All of the trustees' recommendation on SUB operations and management were approved by the governors.

The six trustees—who were appointed by UNB President James Downey on Sept. 28, after the SUB Board of Directors then administering the building was judged to be in disarray—evaluated SUB personnel policies, financial procedures, leasing arrangements and building operations.

Recommendations approved by the Board of Governors include:

- the appointment of Kim Norris, now interim director of the SUB as permanent director, effective Dec. 1;
- the signing of long-term leases with all but one—the Smoke Shoppe convenience store—of the building's commercial tenants;
- the revision of the rental rate for the current Smoke Shoppe lease, Aug. 1, 1984-July 31, 1985;
- evaluation of the various alternatives for the operation of a convenience store in the SUB.

The last recommendation is aimed at working out the difficulties that ensued when Campus Services Limited, a student-run business, opened a

convenience store last spring. The trustees support the concept of a student-operated enterprise, but are concerned about its sale of food which contravenes the university's contract with Beaver Foods Limited, and its presently unfair competition with the other commercial tenants in the SUB.

To address this situation, the trustees, who were unable to negotiate satisfactory terms for the continued operation of the CSL store in the past few weeks, made the following recommendations, which were approved by the governors:

- that Campus Services Limited be directed to limit its sales to those items authorized by the university: books and texts, paper, writing materials, general stationery, student publications, ID cards, events tickets, equipment rentals and photocopier service;
- that the opportunity be given to amend this list by application to the Board of Governors;
- that continued operation of the CSL store be contingent upon termination of the sale of food items and payment of the space occupied, June 1, 1984 to July 31, 1985.
- that the CSL store be evaluated when all convenience store alternatives in the SUB are examined;
- that failure of the CSL to meet these terms by 5:00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, will result in the closure of the store and a

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