

# Downey withholds SRC funds

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UNB President James Downey has refused to release almost \$250,000 to the Student Union until SRC President John Bosnitch returns money forwarded to him last year for Third Century Fund rebates. In a letter to Bosnitch dated September 11, Downey made it clear that the quarter-million dollars, the amount collected from students at Registration as they forty-dollar Student Union fee, will be withheld until Bosnitch transfers the remaining funds from the \$50,800 he received along with an accounting of which students did receive their ten-dollar rebate.

At last year's registration, UNB students automatically

donated ten dollars to the university's fund-raising drive, the Third Century Fund (3CF). Students' contribution, however, were refundable and available from the CSL Exchange starting in October of 1983. Originally, the Student Union was using its own money to refund. On April 24, 1984, Bosnitch received \$50,800 from the 3CF. Bosnitch was to replace to the SU approximately \$10,000 that was refunded, and give the rest back to the Fund. He promised to return the remainder in early August. On August 29, President Downey wrote to President Bosnitch, telling him to turn over the money to UNB Comptroller John O'Brien by September 5, or else "the University will have no choice but to take appropriate action."

Bosnitch countered that the process of accounting for the rebates was a very tedious task, thus the reason for the delay. He also claimed the right to deduct a 3% administration fee from the money. Downey's letter of reply, dated September 11, dismissed the notion of the Student Union charging a 3% fee, noting the university

Groups from CHSR-FM and the Brunswickan to the Photography Club and the Albert Ross Society could find themselves in dire financial straits. Campus Services Limited, which operates numerous services from a variety store to book rock concerts, could find its survival threatened.

takes no fee for collecting Student Union Fees at registration. Downey also made it clear that the Student Union would not be receiving its student fees until the Third Century Fund money is returned.

Without its \$250,000, the Student Union will not be able to fund numerous campus organizations which rely on them for their budgets.

## SUB renovations pushed forward

'The SUB for at least five-six years has been in a state of disrepair.' With these words by John Bosnitch, SUB renovations will be pushed forward by the new SUB Board.

The renovations will occur in five specific areas, according to Bosnitch. The first comes in the refurbishing in various sections of the building, such as in the Blue Lounge. Building hours will also be extended from midnight until two a.m., while at the same time introducing a new student oriented housing office. The third renovation comes with the assurance that employees of the SUB will be selected on the basis of free and open competition. Visitors to the SUB will also find adequate changes made in the first aid facilities, the T.V. areas and the spaces provided for student clubs and societies. Finally and most importantly, according to Bosnitch, is his personal guarantee that the control and operation of the SUB lies in the hands of the students, and not in the hands of administrators.

The funding for these renovations will come from three sources. According to Bosnitch, the SUB has been sitting on a surplus of money which was being held back for this specific purpose. The second source comes from the student's contribution through the Third Century Fund. Rental incomes from the SUB's tenants, which has approximately doubled over the last year, have also provided the necessary funding.

According to Bosnitch, the doubling of rent income was as the result of a statement prepared by the Fredericton Appraisal Ltd., which revealed that 'the SUB has been

massively undercharging in rent for sixteen years.'

When contacted at the Fredericton Appraisal Ltd., Mr. David Hildebrand, AACI, who was in charge of the appraisal of the SUB, denied the above statement, revealing that he did a study of the rents, and then prepared a report to the Board of Governors. Hildebrand went on to state that in no way could he be credited with charging that the SUB had been undercharging their tenants.

Meanwhile the plans for the renovation will continue which will provide a fresh new face for the SUB.

## Parking changes because of Royal Visit

The arrival of Her Highness Queen Elizabeth II at the University of New Brunswick will mean those using automobiles on campus will have to adjust their usual routes. For reasons of security the following restrictions will be in effect on Tuesday, September 25, the day of the Royal Visit.

- parking adjacent to the Old Arts Building will be prohibited all day
- automobiles will be excluded from using the roadway running between the Provincial Archives and Neville Homestead

all day  
- the gates at the intersection of University Avenue and arrive on campus at approximately 12:15 p.m. and is scheduled to depart at 3:00 p.m. following lunch.

All those expecting to use automobiles on campus are advised to utilize peripheral parking areas and walk to their respective destinations for this one day. Beaverbrook Street will be blocked prior to the arrival and departure of the Royal entourage

The Queen is expected to

## Reavely Gair appointed Dean of Men

Reavely Gair, professor of English, has been appointed dean and provost of men's residences at the University of New Brunswick, effective July 1.

Dr. Gair has been don of UNB residence MacKenzie House for the past 18 months, has himself lived in residence as a student and was a resident fellow for one other year. He will oversee the running of one co-ed and seven men's residences on the Fredericton campus and jointly administer with the women's residence system, the newly acquired Rosary Hall, which is located off-campus and will be a co-ed residence. His responsibilities include discipline, building maintenance and the encouragement of social activities under the auspices of the dons and resident fellows. 'UNB residences should be

made as attractive as possible to as variety of student interests and tastes. In order to further this aim, I intend to offer alternative lifestyle choices within the system,' Dr. Gair said. As examples, he offered the two newly designated co-ed residences under his administration, one house designated as a graduate quiet house and another as a senior student quiet house. Next year he intends to introduce one non-smoking house in response to student requests.

Other of his aims include introducing computer terminals in one or more of the houses so that students can do their computer work in the residence, and computerizing the residence admissions system which is presently on a card index. This year, for the first time, Dr. Gair has ap-

pointed a woman as don of an all male residence. He said he believes in appointing the best person for the job, regardless of sex or age.

For the moment, Dr. Gair is coping with a flood of inquiries from such places as Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Toronto, Goose-Bay, not to mention all over New Brunswick. In the near future, he expects the residence system to 'move into the university's third century, making the necessary changes and adjustments that our new country demands.'

A graduate of St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, Dr. Gair joined the UNB English department in 1968. He has taught an extensive variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and was honored with the Allan P. Stuart Memorial Award for Ex-

cellence in Teaching in 1983. The author of several articles and two books, he has also developed audio-cassette courses for open access learning and tele-conference courses for distance education. While dean and provost, he intends to continue teaching, doing research and writing. In addition to editing a volume of a seventeenth-century play by John Marston, he is currently the general editor of a N.B. bi-centennial project on the literary and linguistic history of New Brunswick. The history deals with Indian, Acadian and English legend, poetry, prose, and drama, and will be available later this year in both English and French editions.

Dr. Gair succeeds Robert Smith, who is returning to full-time teaching duties in the classics department.

## No conflict of interest

By SHELLY NELSON

Currently, the Student Union President, John Bosnitch serves on the over one hundred Student Committees. Because of his heavy involvement in such numerous

groups, there has been concern over the issue of conflicts of interest.

According to the constitution, every president is required to be a member of every committee, or face the risk of impeachment. Bosnitch goes on to defend his stand by stating that 'if one of these committees was the Fredericton Businessman's Society, an administration support team, and the Student Union, then there would be a conflict of interest, but because these committees are the student's not only are there no conflicts of issues, but it is in the absolute interest of the president to protect the student body on each committee. This situation is identical to that of President Downey.'

Timothy Lethbridge, who is on several committees with Bosnitch, tends to agree with the president on this issue, but adds that '(Bosnitch) is not capable of running the Student Union and the SUB at the same time. The same goes for the people surrounding him.'

To put the matter to rest once and for all, Bosnitch exclaimed that 'the SUB Board and other student bodies have adopted word for word the Board of Governor's conflict of interest guidelines.'