

Here they are folks - you pick 'em

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CHRIS NAGLE - Law I

Board of Governors hopeful Chris Nagle said he would use his position on the Board of Governors to make his position as student senator more effective and vice versa.

Nagle, a first year law student, is serving his second Senate term and is a proctor at Victoria House. He received his Bachelor of Business Administration from UNB.

Nagle identified two main issues affecting students within the jurisdiction of the Board of Governors.

The first issue is student housing. Nagle said the university has shown its "good faith" with respect to the student housing issue by opening Victoria House and "running it at a loss for awhile."

He said the administration should be encouraged to Victoria House "for awhile until it starts to break even."

Nagle said a large number of students were living in sub-standard housing and would be interested in new residences.

Nagle also suggested that the university should invest in apartment buildings near the campus. He said this would be attractive to the administration as it would be a paying proposition. If student enrolment went down, the apartment buildings could be converted to non-university uses, he said.

The second major issue identified by Nagle was the salary structure for UNB professors.

Nagle said reports released by Senate indicate that UNB professors are among the lowest paid in Canada. "I think this would be detrimental in the long run to the academic quality of UNB and probably has prevented us from being a lot better today than we should be."

Nagle said increased salaries for professors are necessary to offset declining enrolment at UNB in the future. "I think it's essential that UNB has a good academic reputation so that it can offer more attractions to a declining pool of potential university students," he said.

"My attitude is 'nuts to NUS,'" said Nagle. "If anybody can show me that we are getting \$6,000 worth of services out of NUS, I'll eat my hat," he said. "I feel that we should get out of NUS as soon as possible," said Nagle.

Nagle was also against the proposed fee increase for the Atlantic Federation of Students. "Well nuts to that too," he said.

Nagle was in favour of SUB expansion in principle. "We can have SUB expansion if we can afford it," he said. He said he would like to see the referendum

on SUB expansion pass providing its object is to examine different proposals rather than finalize the issue.



RAY SHALALA - Arts IV

"My whole reason for running is that I'm worried about increases in costs to the students for the next year," said third year arts student, Ray Shalala.

He is running for the positions of student union external vice president and two year seat on the Board of Governors.

Shalala said he was student union treasurer and student representative on the board of governors at UPEI, where he was a student two years before coming to UNB. He was responsible for finances and budgeting for the UPEI student union as an ex-officio of the board, he sat on the budget committee, staff and organizations committee, and the buildings and grounds committee. He was appointed by the president of UPEI to a special budgeting committee, the salaries and negotiations committee, student appeals committee, and building priorities committee.

Shalala was a student representative for the Atlantic Federation of Students, and was chairperson of a committee which pressured for and was successful in getting a reduction in proposed tuition and residence fee increases at UPEI.

He also worked on the student newspaper and radio station.

If elected, Shalala said he would like to be appointed to the university budget committee where he could oppose any proposed fee increases. He said he would also like to set up meetings with the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The Oct. 20 student elections will elect the first external vice-president ever, and Shalala said the position would involve the student union's relation with the National Union of Students and the Atlantic Federation of Students.

If fee increases are proposed, he said he would appeal to AFS and NUS to "push the government for higher student grants and more summer employment." The external vice president would be the voice of the UNB student union at NUS and AFS meetings.

The external vice president would also be responsible for establishing contacts with other organizations outside the student union, he said.

Shalala said he would like the UNB student union to remain a member of NUS. "It's certainly going to do us more good than harm," he said. "I'll stand behind NUS 100 per cent."

Although he said he did not have full information, with respect to Student Union Building expansion, Shalala said, "If it's necessary, I'll support it."

Shalala said he would also support the Atlantic Federation of Students because they could be a very effective organization," he said. AFS is worth "very much more than a dollar," he said.

Shalala said he was in favour of the idea of making NUS and AFS fees separate from the student union budget, meaning an increase in student fees. The increase would be "more than worthwhile," he said.



ALEX KIBAKI - Education II

Students are not getting adequate information concerning student union activities said second year education student Alex Kibaki.

Kibaki, incumbent education representative on the Students' Representative Council, is running for the position of external vice-president in the upcoming student elections.

"Having stayed here for one year and on half, I have been able to see student politics on campus," said Kibaki. "Students don't get to know what's going on," he continued. "There's been very little literature between the union and students."

Kibaki said he studied the job requirements for the newly created position last summer. "The job description, if carried out properly, is the missing link between the council and students. The position would also be the missing link between the student union and the university administration, and between UNB and other student unions."

The external vice president would be responsible for liaison with "the overall external environment," he said. "Basically ... it is a public relations officer," he said.

Kibaki, if elected, he would gather information from external bodies that would be useful to the student union. Further, he said, "We as students have concerns we would like to express." Kibaki said the external vice president should be a means of communicating to the outside world.

Kibaki said he believed UNB should remain a member of the National Union of Students. "The word I would like to throw out to the rest of the student body is a challenge in good faith to reassess either as individuals or as groups the worth or benefits of student solidarity." Further, he said, "The ideal under which NUS is built is a desirable endeavour."

"Needless to say, we need a united body," said Kibaki. How-

ever, he said that students should identify "weak areas" in NUS operations and offer "constructive criticisms."

Kibaki said he was not in favour of the proposed increase of Atlantic Federation of Students fees to \$1.00 per capita. "Looking at the past performance of AFS, and although I believe that we need a common front to tackle the issues pertaining to students, I hold it that their aforementioned performance does not reflect or justify that increment," he said.

Kibaki said it would not be "appropriate" to increase student fees in order to pay AFS and NUS fees. "For if there is any justification for this university to remain in those organizations which is recognized by the students here and backed by the majority of students on this campus, then the union should be able to pay from its funds and not ask for more money from the students," he said.

Kibaki said he was in favour of expanding the Student Union Building. There is not enough room in the SUB at present, he said. However, Kibaki said it was necessary to have better knowledge of the financial capabilities of the student union before plans are finalized.



JAN MCCURDY - Nursing II

"I think it is time that some interested students got interested in the right job," said student union internal vice president hopeful Jan McCurdy.

McCurdy said the internal vice president should be "mainly concerned with internal affairs and meeting people."

She was critical of several aspects of the student union operation. Off-campus "have hardly anything going for them on this campus," she said. She also said that all clubs and organizations should have uniform constitutions. She said student activities should involve a greater cross-section of the student body, and suggested that more "non-boozie" events be held.

As vice president, McCurdy said she would like to "see that everything is run smoothly." She was particularly with the bylaws and regulations of the student union.

"When a problem comes, I intend to tackle it," said McCurdy. She said she would not "shove it in a drawer."

McCurdy was non-committal on the issue of National Union of Students membership. She said she would carry out "whatever the majority of students want on this campus. I'm doing what is best for students," she said.

McCurdy said she was not in favour of increasing Atlantic Federation of Students fees. "Inflation is only to a certain point, then you have to do what is best for your own campus," she said. However, McCurdy said she would want UNB to remain a member of AFS even if the fees are increased. "I think that the Atlantic Federation of Students is a good thing," she said.

"Again," McCurdy said, "It's going to be left up to the students."

McCurdy said she was not in favour of increasing student fees to pay NUS and AFS dues. "That's quite a large amount of money in relation to what some kids are getting back for their money now," she said.

She said AFS and NUS fees could be handled by the student union budget as long as they remained at a "low level."

McCurdy said she was in favour of SUB expansion. "I myself am a member of a group that has no place to meet on campus because the SUB is not big enough," she said.

Said McCurdy, "It's the students who are coming behind us who will have no place to meet."

She said expansion would mean an increase in student fees, but it "would be well worth it."

PHIL "LURCH" WEBB - Arts IV

Vice presidential internal hopeful Philip Webb said he wants to reorganize the SRC to make it more receptive to student input.

Webb, an Arts senior, said, "I'm running basically because I'm not an SRC buff." He said the SRC always seemed like a clique to a lot of students and he wants to change this.

Webb said the internal vice presidents job was one of organizing. "My personal wishes are not going to weigh very heavily," he said. "According to him, the faculty representatives have a more difficult job than the vice presidents because the vice presidents should "merely be the leader of it."

"I would want to bring some leadership into it" if elected, he said.

Webb said councillors "mean well" but do not always represent students. Representatives should set objectives and get student feedback, he said.

"The students are not running the student government," said Webb. "The SRC is running the student government."

Webb did not say "yes" or "no" with respect to National Union of Students membership, but, he said, "I don't think it's going to do us an awful lot of good." However, he said it would be unfair to judge NUS at this time due to the short time UNB has been a member of the organization.

Webb was definitely against a fee increase for the Atlantic Federation of Students. "Unless I can see that they are giving us any further benefit, no."

"I wouldn't want to increase student union fees," he said.

Webb was in favour of SUB expansion. "I really think it will be a great benefit he said."