

Firstly Steeves believes in himself...



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By FUD STEEVES

In order to convince you I'm the best man for the job of Comptroller I should, first, believe in myself. I do... and I'll expound on why.

The person who fills this position should have; an understanding of the workings of the SRC, a special interest and knowledge of the economic dealings, and the ability to work for and co-operate with people. My platform, as such, entails endorsement of the following:

-establishment of permanent travel office to be under the control of the Finance Chairman, and entertainment offices. The entertainment chairman would have a certain percentage of the budget to work with and thus we would eliminate the red tape involved in procuring "Big Name" groups.

-greater emphasis on student oriented activities instead of capital expenditures.

-more cohesion between the SRC and the student body. Were dealing with a lot of your money (\$35.00) you should know where it's going.

To be sure, there are less significant matters I should relate if space permitted but even maintenance of status quo is a job in itself. My proposals are not grandiose or aw-inspiring but their redeeming quality is that they are viable and beneficial. Your Comptroller has to be sympathetic to student opinion and open-minded enough to view the problems from both sides. I've been involved in enough activities eg. Red n' Black, Winter Carnival, and the occasional pub to be able to gage and understand student opinion.

Essentially the position of Comptroller is one of reaction as opposed to long-range planning. The only long-term considerations are capital expenditures (of which this has been a banner year),

budget contingency reserves and Winter Carnival, Orientation Week are traditional type activities.

Having been a member of the Administrative Board (AB) and Business Representative on Council, I've been in a position to know what to do and how to do it. So, more than knowing where it's at, I know where it should be going. Committees, (a bureaucratic technique meaning passing-the-buck) have been an integral part of my learning process. Course Evaluation, Awards, and Busing Committee—they do teach you how to get things done and who to talk to.

These qualifications do not automatically insure my competency. The most important factor is adaptability and willingness to conform and compromise (but not at the expense of the students). Since inhibition was never one of my "biggies" I'll not hesitate to express a pertinent point of view on your behalf. I am aware of the responsibility of the position and its effects on the average student.

The only long-term promise any candidate for Comptroller can make (and expect to keep) is to deal competently, positively and conscientiously with problems and student affairs while in office.

Fisher wants to provide serious leadership

EXPERIENCE: Student Representative Council, Rep. for 2 yrs— 1 yr. Business Administration Rep., 1 yr. Rep. at large.

COMMITTEES: 1 1/2 yrs. on Administrative Board, active on Food Services and Constitution Committees, Guest Lecture Tour Fund, Winter Carnival Committee 1972, Orientation 1972, Housing Committee (active), UNB-STU CHSR Commission.

SENATE: 1 1/2 yrs. on Athletics Board, Health Services Committee (active) Placement Review Committee (active).

SUB on Board of Directors, Program Committee, and Constitution Committee Chairman.

TEAM SPORTS: Rugby '69-72 and Wrestling '73.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS 3 yrs on Brunswickan (active on), 3 yrs on CHSR (active on) - Advertising Manager 1971-72, Business Administration Soc., Executive Member 1970-71, CO-OP: Finance Committee 72-73.

Look at my experience.

There are certain key areas that are relevant. The 2 yrs SRC experience with 1 1/2 yrs on the AB tells you I know what the job is all about. Having been on the UNB-STU CHSR Commission and being on the Finance Committee of the Co-op tells you I have fairly good financial knowledge and skill.

I would like to be elected Comptroller to provide the effective and serious leadership that is needed by our student union in the financial area.

The Comptroller has two major responsibilities. He is responsible for all the finances of our student union and he is a member of the executive of the SRC. If he is a good comptroller then

he will be expected to make competent and informed contributions in both areas.

Most students are not interested in the SRC as a governing body. They want the services that it provides. The SRC is not a political organization but a service organization for the students. Let's set our priorities right.

The SRC has to move into a whole new area of responsibility in a big way.

Entertainment is the big issue on this Campus. A lot of students were pissed off when we missed the chance to bring in Lighthouse. So was I. What's worse, is that St. Thomas brought them in under our nose and sold them out. Our beautiful bungling bureaucracy also messed up the chance to bring in Neil Young for \$3000, a bargain at that price.

This bungling of entertainment was the biggest shortcoming of the present administration.

I want to see an entertainment fund with \$10,000 to subsidize big name groups especially at Fall Festival and Winter Carnival and other dates. Everybody will make that recommendation but no one will do it. I will.

The office does, however, need to be changed ever so slightly. I would like to put non-council members on the Administrative Board. This would open it up more to the student body and improve communications between the Administrative Board and the student body. The first two members that I would invite would be the Business Manager of the Brunswickan when appointed, and the Business Manager of CHSR. There are important benefits to this move. The budgets of the Bruns and CHSR are the two largest of the SRC and any im-



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proved communication between all bodies concerned, would be a benefit.

Out of the Comptroller's Office would come more information regarding student travel plans. Co-ordinated by the Finance Chairmen more students will be able to take advantage of AOSC and the Xmas flights and other student plans that most students miss out on.

University financing is of major importance and the executive of the SRC has to fight for the students rights.

My knowledge of the job is complete. I have been close to past Comptrollers for three years and I know what they did right and wrong and why, and that is important. It also gives me many ideas of what is needed for the future during my term of office and beyond.

Look again at my experience and see how it will help our student union.

Thank you very much for reading this. It is important to me that you know some of the issues, even though I do not have space for them all here.



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