

Student senators comment



Dave Mallory
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Tuition fees, the quality of teaching report and the varsity team name change were among topics discussed in an interview this week with Student Senators Dave Mallory and Perry Thorburn. Mallory and Thorburn were dismayed that senate at its last regular monthly meeting defeated a motion which they introduced that would in effect have recommended to the Board of Governors that tuition be frozen. Their motion created somewhat of a procedural problem, but it finally came up for intensive discussion before Senate. Some professors sided with the Student Senators on the issue, but many felt that a freeze on tuition would seriously affect the level of teaching and education at U.N.B.

Asked to comment on their personal opinions on raises in tuition both student senators agreed that tuition increases are

almost inevitable. In fact, despite personal feelings the senators felt obligated to raise the issue of tuition "on behalf of all students". "Students are not immune to increases in costs" commented Mallory and he felt a tuition fee increase was necessary. Thorburn seemed to also agree with Mallory's analysis on the issue of tuition. "Tuition fees now represent only 14 percent of the total university budget as compared to some 31 percent of the total budget a few years ago," Mallory added.

Mallory also had many extensive comments on the "Quality of Teaching" report just tabled at Senate. Being a member of the committee was a worthwhile experience according to Mallory and he feels the report will be helpful to students. A "total self analysis" of teaching was done and the report was a good one said Mallory. The report appears to have forced many departments "to set up an evaluation questionnaire on the quality of teaching" Mallory said. Mallory was a bit concerned that "little student interest or comments on this report have been forthcoming".

He invites any students to submit their reactions on the report as all comments are certainly desired and welcome.

Both senators expressed the belief that course evaluation at UNB is rather hard to achieve without creating more problems. "It is hard to achieve a satisfactory



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result" according to Thorburn who believes that sometimes a course evaluation may turn into "an act of revenge" against a professor. Mallory believed a long course evaluation questionnaire may not be worth the "time, effort, or even the money". In many cases professors are apprehensive about course evaluation. Many professors know their own problems but cannot change their habits all of a sudden. Both student senators did not rule out the possibility in the future of having course evaluation, but felt there were many problems to be solved before it could ever be effective.

The varsity sports name change was also raised in the interview. Asked to comment on the situation student senator Thorburn was "against the name change". Mallory felt the "pioneers" was not a suitable name and felt there was no association with this name and U.N.B.. Both senators expressed the opinion that the referendum on this issue scheduled last Wednesday will be important and will give us an indication as to student opinion. The petition presently being circulated for presentation to the next senate meeting will be an indicator of student reaction as well, both agreed.

Both senators felt their job was not an easy one because five senators must cover suggestions from all students. Both expressed their thanks to Dean of Students Barry Thompson for his efforts. "Before each meeting Dean Thompson goes over the agenda with student senators and provides advice on many matters", according to both senators who find it helpful.



Second year Arts student Kathryn Wakeling was elected Brunswickan Editor in Chief Wednesday night at the annual elections. Elected unanimously by the staff they also ratified her decision to appoint Mike MacKinnon, a second year Computer Science student as Managing Editor.

Wakeling has worked for the Brunswickan for the past two years, her current position is Offset Editor. She said that she has many plans and aims for maintaining the present standard of quality that UNB expects.

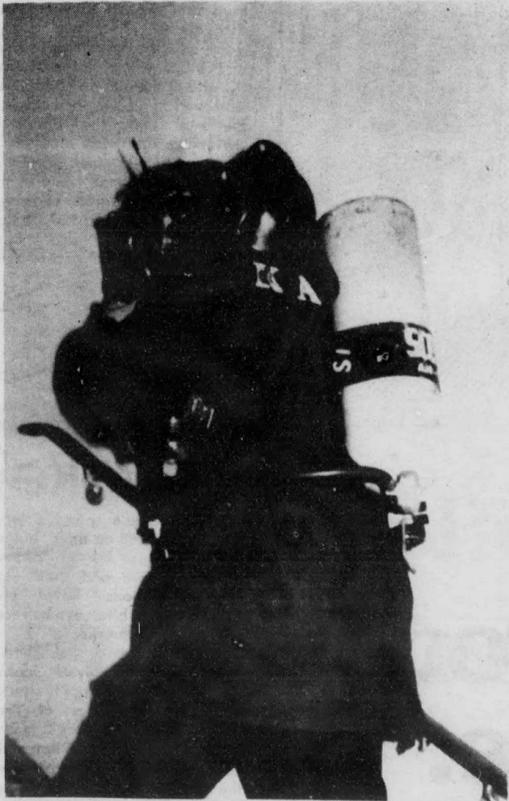
Wakeling would like to see an increase in participation from the campus body, "not only freshman but also from upper classmen. She feels that upperclassmen have a deeper knowledge and experien-

ce of the university. Wakeling would also like to see professors and other members of the faculty contribute.

One of the major areas where Wakeling would like to see improvement is the number of writers for the paper. She feels it would be a "definite asset" next year to have a greater number and in addition it would provide the department editors with more independence.

Features, Photo, News, and Sports Editors will be chosen and ratified at Monday's meeting.

The Bruns looks forward to their new publication in 79/80 and feel the new editor is going to do a great job. We will also miss the staff members who are leaving and wish them the best of luck.



Yet another suspicious fire in Keirstead Hall has left extensive damages to one office and smoke and water damage to several other rooms. The fire is presently under investigation. Story to follow next week.
Photo by Brewer

SRC - 'liason with CHSR'

In a motion passed at Monday nights SRC meeting, it has been decided "To provide an SRC representative to the CHSR executive." In this way a "liason" can be formed and information carried back to council.

Presented by Rep-at-large, Peter Archibald, it was explained that the "SRC could lose control over CHSR, and by appointing an SRC member, a direct link for accurate information would be established".

The motion met with opposition from SRC President Dave Bartlett who said that CHSR could function on its own. He said the people who

are involved with CHSR "know what's going on" and any problems are controlled by CRTC regulations. "There is no need for babysitting," he added, "and it shouldn't be." A we vs they attitude.

CHSR Director Doug Varty said later that he was glad that the SRC didn't put anyone on the Executive. He emphasized that CHSR meetings are open to members and the SRC will have to pay the membership fee if they are to attend - but they will only attend as an observer. When asked Varty said he did not foresee any problems from having an SRC member attending meetings

and any matters concerning CHSR editorial scrutiny would be held on a closed door basis.

