

# Applications to be received for activity awards

By KEN CORBETT

The Activity Awards Committee will be calling for applications for awards within a few weeks, according to Committee Chairperson Alex Mersereau.

Activity Awards will be bestowed upon those individuals of the graduating class who, during their time at UNB, have taken an active part in extra-curricular affairs. For example, continued Mersereau, members of organizations such as the SRC, Senate, Student Athletic Association, the Brunswickan, Winter Carnival Committee, et cetera, would be able to collect points towards either a silver or gold ring, depending upon the number of points they receive.

A definite number of points is awarded for each different activity. The scale ranges from a maximum of 100 allotted to the SRC President to a minimum of 1 point given for an article published in the Brunswickan.

In order to receive a silver ring, a student must have accumulated 100 activity points during his or her years spent at UNB. For a gold ring, the magic number is 150 points. Mersereau speculated, however, that this system may be changed somewhat this year.

The committee outlined Mersereau, is a sub-committee of the SRC consisting presently of three members, with the possibility of another member being appointed in the near future.

Mersereau explained that the object of the committee is to select the recipients of the awards. However, he stressed that neither he nor other members of the committee would actively solicit the prospective recipients, but that any aspirants should come forth personally and apply to him, Mersereau. No points will be awarded for membership on varsity sport teams, he said, because "the SRC involves itself in only non-athletic activities".

Mersereau viewed the purpose of the Activity Awards in this fashion: "It recognizes the many hours of work that a lot of students put in and receive little or no credit for." He also added that the committee has another authority, that of setting the honorariums and salaries to be paid to those students involved in SRC-related activities.

The rings awarded this year will replace the pins of previous years. Mersereau said that he was uncertain as to the amount that will be spent this year for these rings, but expressed fears that "it will undoubtedly be higher due to the increasing value of gold on the open market."



Alex Mersereau, Activity Awards Chairperson

## Board not qualified to rule on MacKenzie pipeline's fate

Peterborough (CUP) According to Bob Page, energy expert of the committee for an Independent Canada, the national energy board is dangerously ill-qualified to decide the fate of the MacKenzie pipeline project. The board will act as a court with adversary proceedings in which each side presents its case.

In a CBC broadcast last Tuesday, Professor Page discussed the unsuitability of that government body to entertain the monumental problems involved in reviewing the case.

Currently the members of the national energy board are drawn from narrow civil service and corporate ranks, for the board was designed to handle limited technical financing questions.

However, within a few months, it will be asked to judge the largest project in Canadian history, the MacKenzie pipeline. Included in those hearings will be fundamental questions of national economic priorities, native rights, and ecology, yet there is no one on the board with experience in these areas.

Other problems of the upcoming case include the money available to the opposing parties.

The consortium of multi-national oil companies who are applying to build the pipeline will have spent at least \$68,000,000 on their application; the Canadian interest groups (CIC, Pollution Probe, and the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee) who are opposing the pipeline have only a few thousand dollars at their disposal. Is this going to be a fair hearing?

The condition that legal counsel

must be made available to all involved parties appears to be an expensive, if not questionable practice, since the estimated price of legal counsel at \$1500 a week will mean a total bill of \$60,000 to \$70,000 for the entire year of the hearings.

With its emphasis on expert data and witnesses, the court hearing the case would seem to be set up to the disadvantage of the opposition groups to the pipeline. Given their limited funds and the fact that expert data confirming the scientific soundness of opposition to the pipeline currently in government documents will not be released, the groups opposing the pipeline can little afford faith in the fairness of the hearings, Page said.

Labelling the board a "convenient decoy" for the Trudeau government to effectively evade responsibility for a controversial issue in a minority parliament, Page questioned whether the autonomy which the government has supposedly given the board is actually meaningful or not. With Trudeau's announcement in the house last month, confirming the government's decision to go ahead with the pipeline, and John Turner's busy work with the Wall Street barons in New York, "It will take a brave national energy board to recommend now that it not be built," said Page. "The national energy board hearings, unless drastically changed, could turn into a sham performance for a gullible electorate."

Page also expressed disgust with the NDP position on the case, since "David Lewis is prepared to go along with the arrangements to support the 'corporate welfare bums'."

## Check your box, folks

Students should check the mailboxes at the campus post office for their mail, a post office employee said this week.

Also, the post office will be

closing at 4:30 p.m., slightly earlier than usual.

The campus post office is located in the basement of the Old Arts Building.

## Workers may strike next week

By DERWINGOWAN

Ken Corbin and Fred Storey explained the position of campus maintenance workers and the nature of the conflict between their union and the administration at the SRC meeting Monday night.

Corbin stated that the maintenance workers are considered as "light-bulb changers and petty pick-up men," when they are actually specialized workers.

He also said that negotiations have been "stymied and made longer" by the administration, and that the administration "was insulted" when the Brunswickan requested an interview.

Corbin, backed by Storey, asked

the SRC to take a stand on the issue, preferably backing the union, "at least in principle".

"As far as the contract goes, they only live up to it when it suits their purposes," stated Storey.

He mentioned that maintenance workers in Fredericton just received a pay raise. He then said that the University is supposed to use the city of Fredericton as a standard. However, they won't match this raise.

"I can almost expect a strike next week sometime," said Corbin, to which Storey added, "They just won't talk, they just show up."

It was also mentioned that the union and the administration would be meeting that night.

President Roy Neale and Comptroller Fud Steeves suggested that some sort of forum should be taken among students, and that the opinions of the student body should be known before a position is taken. Their reasons were that the SRC is supposed to represent the opinions of the student body, and not merely their own opinions.

It was decided that this matter should be looked into, and a position taken.

Vice-President Valerie Jaeger concluded the discussion by saying that it is incumbent on all representatives to get in contact with those whom they represent, and to get their opinions.

## Carnival will have lots of music

By FORREST ORSER

This year's UNB Winter Carnival is going to have lots of music.

Tuesday, February 5, the Mike Quarto Jam Band and Chad Allen will do two shows at the Playhouse at 7:00 and 9:00.

Quarto music has been described as like having a sustained orgasm, a blend of classical, Santana, love songs, and hard rock.

Ghad Allen, formerly of the Guess Who, had recently recorded an album called "Sequel".

Thursday, February 7, Ryan's Fancy will play at McConnell Hall. They are considered by some to be the best Irish folk group in Canada.

On Friday, February 8, the SUB Extravaganza will fill the Student Union Building with music

Heartaches's Razz Band will play in the cafeteria. MacLean and MacLean will play in the Blue Lounge. Liverpool preforms in the ballroom.

Heartache's Razz Band combines vaudeville comedy (pie in the face and all) with their music.

MacLean and MacLean is an acoustic guitar group.

Beatle Mania strikes again, full of nostalgia and good old Beatle music, all right out of Toronto. Liverpool, four Canadian lads, specialize in the early songs of the Beatles. Talking in Liverpool accents, dressed in early Beatle style suits, they do songs ranging from "She Loves You" to "Lucy In

The Sky With Diamonds."

On the night of the Extravaganza you pay to get into the SUB and then wander freely through the building, carrying your drink with you, listening to what ever strikes your fancy.

Sunday, February 9, it's Toga Nite at McConnell Hall. With the music of Brussel Sprouts, the students of this campus will take part in an actual Druid style party. All are encouraged to come dressed as Druids.

The Carnival Ball will feature The Mystics in the SUB ballroom the same night.



Photo by Stew Majka

The Winter Carnival committee is busy putting the final touches on Getafix.