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## Thorbourne reverses decision -will not resign as promised

## By SUSAN REED Brunswickan Staff

RC President Perry Thorbourne will not resign his office this onth, as he informed an SRC summer council he would do. provume announced the possibility of his resignation at a regular C meeting March 31. Then, at the August 11 meeting, when Science presentative Mike Hughson asked Thorbourne if he still intended resign, Thorbourne replied that yes, it was still his intent.

On Wednesday, Thorbourne told the Brunswickan he would not sign.

thorbourne said he had originally planned to leave office because feit he had done a full four-month term. Ke mentioned there had en some controversy surrounding his office. As well, he had been ry busy academically.

Thorbourne said his attitude had not been right at the time he was nsidering resigning - he had been tired and needed a break.

Over the summer, he said, he had considered his position and ined a different perspective on his office. He said he began looking the union in a new light. Previously his view of the job had been too

narrow, he said, he had been concerned only about his office and his own projects.

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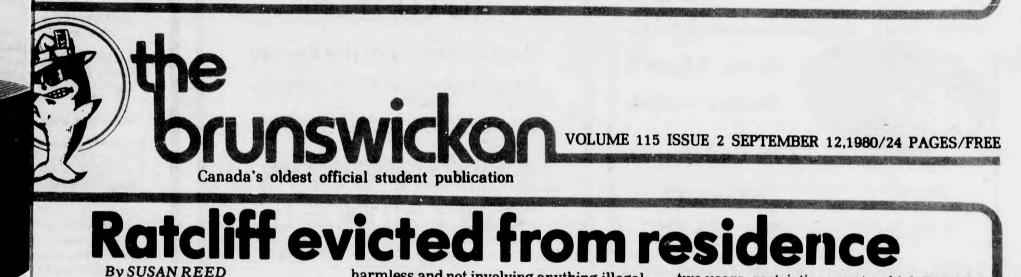
One of his major problems, Thorbourne said, was that he had not been delegating enough responsibility. He said he should not have been so active in everything but should have kept informed.

Thorbourne thought his presence was especially necessary with the new union administrator coming in, in order to provide background information on the union.

Thorbourne said he wants to complete the projects he has started. He said that in taking office he accepted a responsibility and would be letting himself down if he left now.

However, Thorbourne said he would no longer be receiving the \$70 weekly salary or tuition costs in order to avoid a three course load limitation. Instead, the president will be paying tuition and taking five courses. Thorbourne said he has worked his schedule out to adjust to this. The responsibilities and duties of his office will come first, he said.

Thorbourne said he intends going out to the students more, becoming actively involved and more visible, not only in campus affairs, but those including the Fredericton community as well. "I want to start listening more to the students," he said.





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ones House President Kevin Ratcliff has en evicted from residence. He received a ter from Dean of Men's Residences J. bert Smith at 10 a.m. Tuesday asking at his room be vacated by four that ternoon.

his was in response to allegations by the hannel. Automatin of Jones House, David Brescacian, that wo Way Speak tcliff was responsible for violating the gulations governing orientation week

atcliff said his house had "stuck with the es." Orientation events for the freshmen d been fun and informative, allowing the eshmen to meet people and get to know e campus, he claimed. egulations included the stipulation that

events take place before 7 a.m. or after dnight. Ratcliff was evicted for supsedly scheduling two events during these nes, content of which did not meet with Don's approval.

hese activities were a late night swim and e traditional Judgement Night. However, tcliff said these two events were not entation events but simply voluntary tivities. Fourteen freshman and seven perclassmen were involved in the swiming and almost the entire house particited in Judgement Night.

udgement Night is the traditonal winding of Orientation Week at Jones House. eshmen are given tasks to do and items to tain, which Ratcliff described as being harmless and not involving anything illegal. Ratcliff stressed that these two events were entirely voluntary. Out of 35 frosh, 30 participated in the judgement. He said he had been acting as a representative of the house and was doing only what Jones house members wanted.

Ratcliff said that Sunday night, the night of the Frosh Judgement, he had been approached by Jones House upperclassmen to hold the event. Accordingly he made out a list of tasks for the freshmen to perform with the help of Orientation Chairman Dick Cote. When this list was submitted to the Don, Brescacian said he was not in favour of the event and was quite upset about it.

Ratcliff said the house had been strongly in favor of the event and as it was to be voluntary they decided to hold it. This was announced at a House meeting the same evening, at which the Don spoke, stating that participation in the judgement would be on a voluntary basis only. At no time, said Ratcliff, did the Don ever

say "Let's not hold this event." Nor was anything said about resulting disciplinary action, he said.

Monday, Ratcliff was called to the Don's apartment to explain the events under investigation to Dean Smith, the Don, three proctors and the Resident Fellow. The next day, Ratcliff met again with Smith and shortly afterwards received his eviction notice.

Ratcliff said the university has tried to change residence activities over the last

two years, restricting events which Ratcliff claims promote house spirit and participation. Ratcliff said Jones House upperclassmen are in favor of frosh activities because they've seen the good results produced. He charged the university with wanting a dormitory system rather than a house one. A Jones House member claimed that "Kevin was kicked out because he's a 'no man." He said Ratcliff was acting on behalf of the entire house. The Jones House member, who did not wish to be identified, added that freshmen initiation is a traditional ritual, beneficial to the frosh. The feeling a new Jones House member experiences after Judgement Night, when he becomes a member of the house, is something that has to be experienced, he said.

The student emphasized that Ratcliff is the elected representative of everyone in the house. Ratcliff's eviction is both harsh and unfair, he said. "Kevin got in the way of our puppet Don."

He went on to accuse Dean Smith of being a dictator and labelled the Board of Dons "yes men." He said Smith had also been unfair to former Don, Jeremy Forester, who was forced to resign as a result. The student mentioned other houses activities similar to those under question, wondering why "nothing had happened." He said "The house wants Kevin back; Smith is stepping on us, but we're not going to fold."

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