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Thorbourne reverses decision

-will not resign as promised

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SRC President Perry Thorbourne will not resign his office this month, as he informed an SRC summer council he would do. Thorbourne announced the possibility of his resignation at a regular SRC meeting March 31. Then, at the August 11 meeting, when Science representative Mike Hughson asked Thorbourne if he still intended to 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 he felt he had done a full four-month term. He mentioned there had been some controversy surrounding his office. As well, he had been very busy academically.

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

Over the summer, he said, he had considered his position and gained a different perspective on his office. He said he began looking at 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.

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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Ratcliff evicted from residence

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Jones House President Kevin Ratcliff has been evicted from residence. He received a letter from Dean of Men's Residences J. Robert Smith at 10 a.m. Tuesday asking that his room be vacated by four that afternoon.

This was in response to allegations by the Dean of Jones House, David Brescician, that Ratcliff was responsible for violating the regulations governing orientation week.

Ratcliff said his house had "stuck with the rules." Orientation events for the freshmen had been fun and informative, allowing the freshmen to meet people and get to know the campus, he claimed.

Regulations included the stipulation that events take place before 7 a.m. or after midnight. Ratcliff was evicted for supposedly scheduling two events during these times, content of which did not meet with the Don's approval.

These activities were a late night swim and the traditional Judgement Night. However, Ratcliff said these two events were not orientation events but simply voluntary activities. Fourteen freshman and seven upperclassmen were involved in the swimming and almost the entire house participated in Judgement Night.

Judgement Night is the traditional winding up of Orientation Week at Jones House. Freshmen are given tasks to do and items to obtain, 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, Brescician 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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