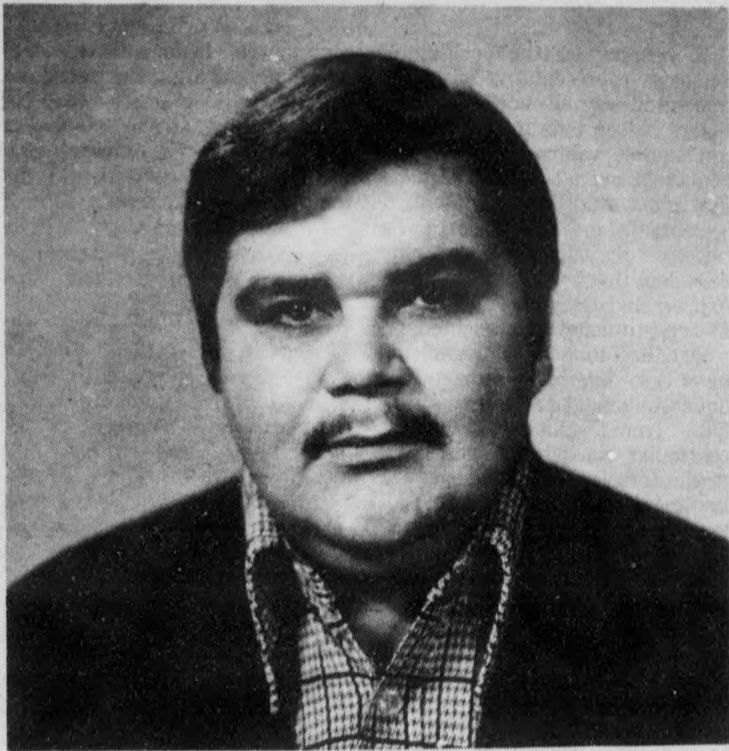


# Candidates for SRC president



Dale Saulis - Canadian for SRC President

"Together we can do it!" This is the main campaign theme of SRC presidential candidate Dale Saulis. "Many vital issues need careful and immediate attention," Saulis said, "We must as a student body unite to solve the following problems."

"The SRC must be united and solidified into one cohesive body that will work together for the benefit and best interests of all students. The restoring of respect in the SRC is of vital importance," he said.

Dale felt the SRC budget must be economized and stabilized. Dale said he will work towards this "with a view to avoiding unnecessary expansionist tendencies and working towards deleting unnecessary costs. My immediate aim would be to present a budget which would permit a reduction in the student SRC fees for 1976-77," he said.

"The SRC communicates with the student body only at election times, we must work towards making everyday a day to exchange ideas and give advice," he said. Many student groups, Saulis felt, could be better utilized for this purpose i.e. student associations, resident committees.

On the question of student aid, Saulis stated that "we must continue to assert and make representations that will result in the improvement of student aid particularly with a view to making a more equitable distribution between those students in real need and those whose need is less."

Saulis said he felt the benefits of the NUS membership can be maximized here in order to mobilize enough political pressure for a change. "It is only after the failure of a diplomatic and dialogue process that we should take more drastic actions such as strikes and demonstrations," he said.

In referring to the responsibility of the president, Saulis said, "The SRC president must make regular weekly reports, via the Brunswickkan, on all matters relating to student affairs. Without information, students cannot express concerns on matters that affect their futures. The SRC should be no more than a responsive, sensitive body responding and reacting to the wishes and needs of the student body. The power rightfully lies with the student body not an

elected representative group."

Concerning student housing Saulis said, "Immediate action is needed to take specific steps towards dealing with the student housing problem. The SRC must not initiate such action. Specific avenues of approach must be identified or new ones created to work effectively in solving this problem."

"Priority must be given to residence student parking problems. Proper parking space must be made available to students living in residence."

Saulis is in third year Anthropology.

More entertainment - other than pubs - is the campaign promise of Christopher B.J. Pratt, one of three candidates competing for the position of University of New Brunswick student president.

The 21-year-old Philadelphia native will make his third attempt to win the position when he vies with Dale Saulis and incumbent Jim Smith in a Feb. 18 election.

Pratt said in an interview Wednesday he will be elected despite his previous rebufs - including one to Smith - because "students want a change."

He said students want more entertainment and educational leisure activities and are not now getting the full value of their \$45 fee. He drew attention to his suggestion as one student government meeting that council borrow \$10,000 to turn the Student Union Building games room into a coffee lounge.

This would not mean the end of the games room however, he said, but a transfer of the activities to another part of the SUB.

He said the popularity of John Dean as a speaker indicated the need for more use of the visiting speakers fund. He said there are "a lot of interesting Canadians who could come and talk", giving as examples Pierre Berton, Adrienne Clarkson and 'top political leaders'.

Pratt said he disapproved of the SRC voting to support the demonstration for student aid changes by Universite de Moncton students with \$1,000 recently. Representation by students on policy-making bodies and an extended time before repayment became necessary were demands with which he agreed, he said. However, Pratt said he felt the other demands were "financially irresponsible," that students have asked for money than is needed.

He said the major fault with present student aid legislation was

that the deserving students were not getting it.

Students should not be criticized for not participating in the demonstration, he said, since they indicated that they had as priorities attending classes and enjoying Winter Carnival as a break from their studies.

"If these are the students' priorities," he said, "then the SRC should reflect this."

Security was another issue, said Pratt. He called for campus police officials who would patrol the campus rather than hold only stationary posts. Council should also purchase a 12-person capacity van to make late-night runs for female residence students.

Pratt's final point was the

necessity that the College Hill Student Radio go off campus next year. The delay from the originally planned extension last year, he said, had meant that the move would cost less and be more beneficial to students.

Present plans call for new AM and FM stations which are due to apply for CRTC certification in the spring to include CHSR program in their transmissions. Pratt said this would avoid the cost of cable hook-up for off campus students, which would have been necessary had the original plan been followed.

Pratt will resign his current post as SRC arts representative if elected and will end his term as CHSR station director Feb. 18.



Christopher Pratt - Candidate for SRC President

there was a need for such a person. He would like to see a student elected or appointed by council for this office. An ombudsperson would handle student problems both on the campus and off that the individual has trouble with.

-Continued pressured on the administration for a solution to the student housing problem. To date there has been no immediate action other than the release of the housing committee.

-to increase the range of social activities on the campus such as coffee houses, more guest speakers to make the new Aitken University Center. Smith said he did not want the venture to become a "jock palace" as some people suggested it was. The lighting and sound problems have been resolved according to Smith.

-the final point in the platform is to improve the relationship between the city of Fredericton and the students of the university. Smith wants to see the position of a Community Affairs Secretary created to act as a contact with the city. He pointed to the Senior Citizen day held on this campus last fall has one of the most successful events.

Regarding points from the last campaign Smith said "much work has gone into my previous election promises and from the eight weeks of work I will continue to serve the students to very fullest. He is expecting to hear from bank manager Rebecca Watson this week as to the extension of banking hours on campus.

Eric Garland has been contacted on the matter of lighting on the campus and a suggestion was made that a body of engineers do a survey for better lighting of the campus.

Another suggestion that the campus police may be asked to parole the grounds on the weekends because of the assaults of the past few weeks.

Smith said that he did not think he needed to speak at this point on student aid because every one knows that he supports the demands made to the government. Regarding the chances of a victory he said "I'm confident of the job". "I believe that I am very prepared to serve the student council and the UNB students to the best of my ability."

There is a need to have the honorarium schedule reviewed in light of the fact that the administration will only allow three free tuitions rather than the four asked, said Smith. Smith dismissed the rumor that he was in favour of reducing the present SRC fees to \$25 from the present \$45. If this were done it would mean discontinuation of many of the clubs and groups on campus.

Concerning the expansion of the SUB Smith said that the general feeling is to expand. No firm decision has yet been made and final plans will be a while coming. Answering the charge that he might have an unfair advantage, Smith said "no unfair advantage on anyone as implied". He was referring to the fact of his being in office and being able to collect a salary while there.

Smith will continue to communicate with the students as he has done in the past. He agreed that there are no real issues in this election and it could well turn into a personality and promotion campaign.

Smith said he has a lot of support from the various councillors and felt sure of a victory.



Jim Smith - Candidate for SRC President

Student council elections are just around the corner and Jim is reoffering for the SRC presidency.

Smith's campaign is now well under way and he said he plans a fairly extensive one. Posters outlining his plans for his next term in office are up and Smith is going a door to door to gather support.

Smith said he has five planks in his platform;

-there is a great possibility that tuition and residence fees will be increasing next year, "definitely not going down". Smith said he intends to "fight" to have these fees frozen were they are now. "At the rate of increases of the past years, the new tuition could be up to \$800 plus".

-Presently there is no position for an Ombudsperson of this campus and Smith said he felt