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SU runs up budget deficit

By Gordon Loane
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The UNB Student Council will be left with an estimated \$26,000 to \$28,000 deficit at the end of the fiscal year in April according to a report tabled this week by SU VP-Finance and Administration Luc Pinet.

The SU office budget is the main culprit. Pinet estimates the SU office will spend some \$65,000 more than estimated last April.

The over expenditure includes \$14,000 for several new computers, a new insurance policy that ran nearly \$15,000 over estimates, and salary increases in January for the SU's four full-time employees and costs for several part-time students that totalled \$10,000 over the original budget. The SU also spent \$8,000 more in wage subsidies for several full-time student employees last summer.

The general office supplies and equipment budget has already been overspent by some \$10,000. Items purchased that were not included in the original budget include a new computer for the accounting office and \$2,800 for office dividers and furniture. Other items, including an auditor's adjustment, totalled a further \$4,600 over budget.

Pinet estimates the office budget and

council activities will have a further \$8,000 over expenditure before the end of April in several areas.

On a more optimistic note, Campus Activities and Student Services are expected to be some \$9,100 under original estimates.

SU publications such as the Consumers Guide, Student Directory, Handbook and Yearbook will finish some \$4,600 under budget.

Clubs and societies, cultural groups and special interest groups are expected to save the union \$10,000.

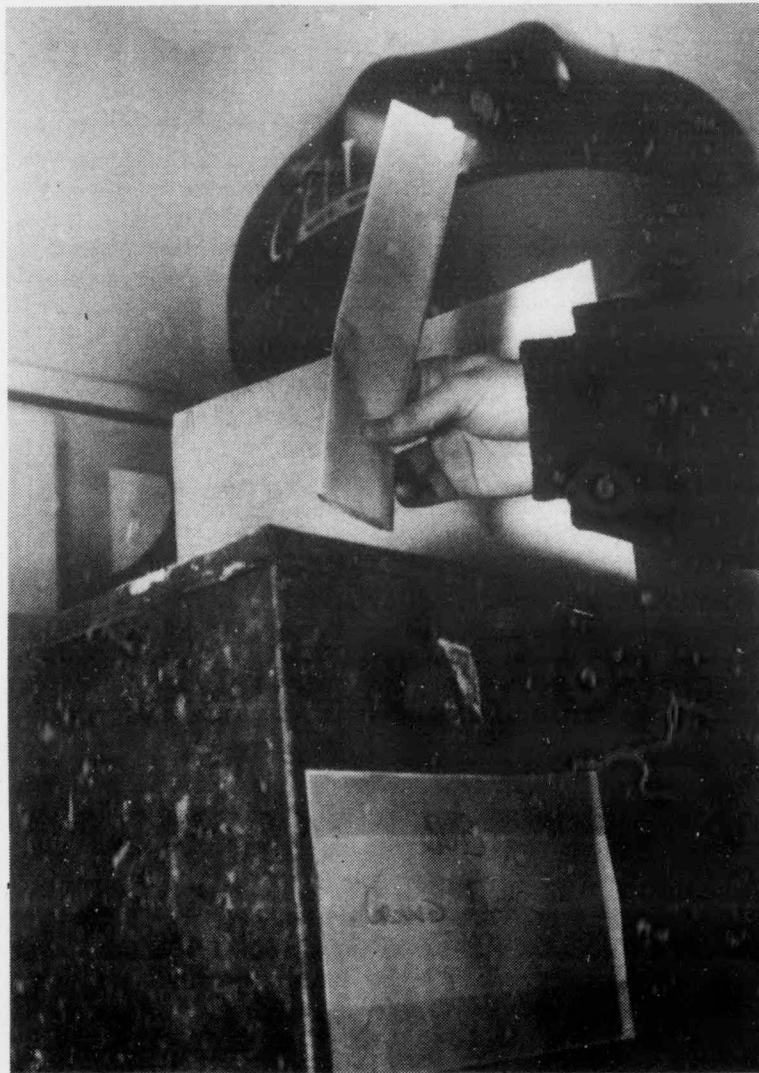
Other items including the reserve and contingency fund should contain \$6,700 at the end of April. The student media should be about on budget.

Interest Revenue from SU investments and the Health Plan should bring in \$15,000, about what was expected.

Council began the year last May with an overall surplus of \$60,000 but the estimated budget deficit and loans to the new student owned and operated pub The Cellar, totalling \$41,000, have caused nearly all that to disappear.

"The deficit is no surprise to me and should be no surprise to Council," Pinet said. "Council authorized the over-expenditure for various reasons."

"We'll have to be more accountable and more financially responsible next year."



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