

New Brunswick defends 1976 spending restraints

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The provincial government defended Monday their 15 per cent ceiling on spending for 1976.

Rejecting criticism of restraints imposed on education and health spending, premier Richard Hatfield stated the measures announced for New Brunswick recently were not as harsh as those announced in other provinces.

The universities, one of the louder

voices opposing the restraints, must accept these restraints as "at least proportionate" to those imposed in other areas of public spending, said Hatfield.

University of New Brunswick president John Anderson termed the 6.9 per cent increase in provincial grants to universities this year, "disastrous". Students are faced with increases in residence and tuition fees due to these budget limitations.

These same students were turned down in their bid to change the student loan system, a move which some students feel would have allowed them to return next year even with the fee increase.

Federal restraints announced last year will mean a decrease in

summer employment opportunities, according to Canadian University Press.

Some students feel they are getting it from all sides. There are also those who feel they will be working next year rather than

returning to university.

Government's reply has been that it understands the "special problems" of the universities, but in view of the relatively larger freedom universities have had in gaining acceptance for their

budgets we must now expect them to make an effort in restraint at least proportionate to that being made by other activities in the public sector," said Hatfield in concluding the throne speech last week.

Werthmann, Potter are co-editors

Ed Werthmann and Pat J. Potter are co-editors for The Brunswickan for the 1976-77 academic year.

A two-thirds majority is needed for the Editor-in-Chief but this could not be attained. Therefore, the two agreed to share the responsibility.

Werthmann is a first year student, active in The Brunswickan as a cartoonist and Features Editor. He is enrolled in education. Potter is a third year biology student and was Assistant News Editor since Christmas.

Two other candidates, Bev Hills and Derwin Gowan, were dropped after two ballots, and a third vote did not break the deadlock.

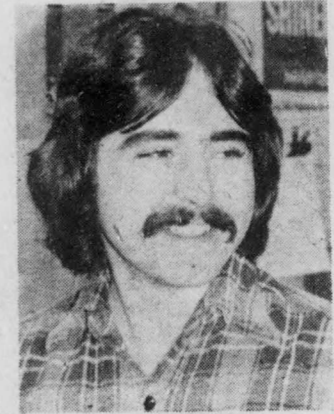
All candidates praised the work of outgoing Editor-in-Chief Tom

Benjamin and called for more in-depth reporting on student problems. However, they all agreed this was hard to do with staff restraints.

Potter and Werthmann will take over next issue of The Brunswickan, the last of the season.

Benjamin is resigning his post after four years with The Brunswickan, one of which was spent as Editor-in-Chief. He is going to Ottawa to take over the position of Canadian University Press president for one year.

This organization, of which The Brunswickan is a member, is a news and advertising co-operative supported by membership fees. As well, CUP provides consulting services for papers facing difficul-



Tom Benjamin

ties. Other editorial positions have yet to be announced.

Explains Winter Carnival deficit

In addition, the report said, due to inadequacies of the ballroom, electricians had to provide more outlets for Liverpool, running up a cost of \$152. Beer and liquor sales were \$300 less than expected.

"Fortunately," said the controller, "one band not showing reduced costs by about \$800."

Printing of tickets ran to \$304, some \$154 over projections.

The report said Steak and Stein had a loss \$328 over what was expected. This is attributable to more free steaks being given out than was anticipated as well as a rise in the expected cost of beer mugs. SRC members and winter carnival staff were given free steaks.

Winter Carnival committee expected donations from a local corporation for Moosehunt. "Un-

fortunately," the report said, "there were complications which resulted in no support." Therefore, this event cost about \$100 more than the expected no cost.

The major carnival movie was Deliverance which was booked well in advance. However, Davidson explained, one week prior to winter carnival this movie was shown on television and was shown on campus earlier. Overall, the four movies lost about \$100. Initially they had a profit of over \$600. The report said that revenues were projected using maximum capacity or "full house" audiences which did not materialize.

All pubs at McConnell Hall made less revenue than expected the report said. The overall difference amounted to almost \$1000. Davidson said the main reason for this

loss was due to errors in budgeting for beer, liquor, and mix. Other factors such as the plastic coverings for tables and hiring labour to move equipment were involved.

"Due to a lack of snow and an overabundance of rain earlier in the week," said Davidson, "the turnout for ski-day was poor. This resulted in more than \$600 in lost revenues."

Residence pubs lost about \$400 in expected revenue as, after consultation with residences involved, it was agreed all profits would be turned over to those residences.

Cabaret lost over \$300 due to the fact that people were paid to work. As well, there were high costs in mixing drinks.

Warmup pubs lost about \$100 due to poor attendance.

Davidson said costs were underestimated in many minor events to the tune of about \$300. In addition, there were losses of alcoholic beverages through breakage and theft.

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Student clubs, the big offenders being the Progressive Conservatives, Liberals, the Hemlock Club, the Anthropology Society, and Cine-Campus, among other SRC organizations are not picking up their mail on a regular basis from the SRC office. "Yet, the SRC is being blamed for not communicating with the people," said Gordon Kennedy. If you don't pick up your mail once a week from now on you will find it at the dead letter office of the post office.

Allman

By DERWIN GOWAN News Editor

"I will not be associated with execution in any way," said Canadian Solicitor General ren Allmand to a press conference at the Fredericton Press Friday.

The major topics of the conference were capital punishment, law and order, and new prisons. Allmand charged that the "badly informed" capital punishment conference further said they based their decision on an "emotion" rather than facts.

"There is no doubt that the country wants its prisons to be safe," said Allmand with them 100 per cent of the role of criminal law is to protect the public," he said, but this should be done by "correction" and "rehabilitation."

The penalty for murder is greater than for any other crime, said Allmand, but the must still on rehabilitation will necessitate "new types of prisons" and a rehabilitation program.

However, some people believe the lives of prisoners would be endangered. Allmand said polls taken on the subject often did not

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By DAVE SIMON

Construction of oil gas pipelines in northern Canada is a "tremendous" inflationary force on the economy, says Gary Yabsley, legal counsel to the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada.

Yabsley, legal counsel to the Inuit Tapirisat of Canada, spoke to several members of the Inuit community in Fredericton March 13, of Native Land Settlement.

The 29-year-old U.S. New Brunswick graduate Inuit want the federal government to prevent companies from using their exploration rights until questions about the effect on the environment have been resolved.

If extraction is completed at the present rate, he said, it would be needed in the River valley (including the line and three feedlines) beginning a Keeweenaw more off Labrador.

These could be built at a cost, he said, and this "firing up" the southern economy would probably include restraint on the federal government's central bank would continue for a long time and exacerbate present inflationary pressures. "Is the gas and oil not going anywhere, have there been millions have to end this mentality. When they say they're investing