

# Two student council positions are up for election

By DAWN ELGEE

Candidates running for the upcoming SRC election to be held October 22 have submitted campaign statements.

Gordon Kennedy is vice-president by acclamation.

Danian Bone and Chris Pratt captured art seats by acclamation. Steve Patriquen took the position of science representative.

David Porter and Sally Davis took the education and nursing seats by acclamation. There were no candidates for forestry, business administration or phys. ed.

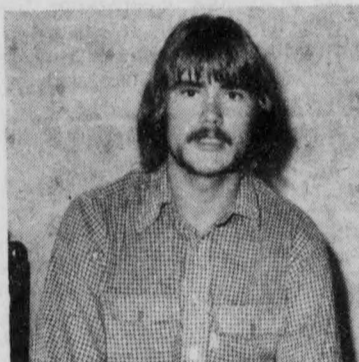
Polling stations will be positioned as follows:

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. - Tilley Hall, Head Hall, Forestry Building, Lord Beaverbrook Gymnasium, F.T. Toole Hall, MacLaggan Hall, Marshall D'Avray Hall and Ludlow Hall.

11:30 a.m. - 1:30; 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. - MacLeod, Lady Dunn and Maggie Jean.

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Student Union Building.

## Engineering Rep



LAWRENCE (PETE) JOUDRY

In the front of this year's calendar, somebody has made an estimate of the minimum costs of one year of university. My feeling is that these costs should be reappraised and increased to a more reasonable level because whoever made these estimates has obviously never had to try to live on that much (these estimates are the ones accepted by the Student Loans incidentally). And speaking of student loans, I feel, (as probably do thousands of others) that the present loans are not high enough to meet the present cost of living. Student pressure should be applied to have

students placed on the loan appeal board (as students are voters, right?).

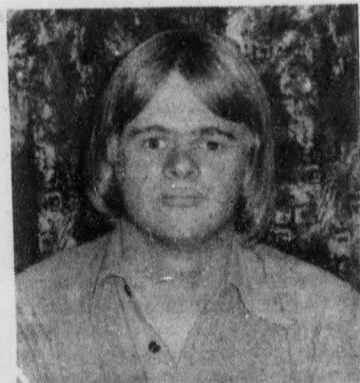
As for the perennial parking plague, I feel strongly that the parking lots should be opened on a first come first served basis.

On the housing front, the university should take more responsibility in assuring accommodations for off-campus students by trying to maintain a balance between the amount of available accommodations and the number of students accepted. In my four years here, I've found that the housing crisis has gotten worse each year. Along with the list of available accommodations, perhaps it might be useful to add a list of not-recommended places, or an opinion survey amongst students. Perhaps that would shake up a few landlords (landladies?)

As far as the issue on NUS is concerned, I'm against it because I feel the money could be put to better purposes right here at home. So far the NUS has not proven in my estimation to be very effective in its lobbying at the federal level.

These are my opinions briefly on a wide range of current issues.

"I believe that the students at the present time are not properly represented by some of our elected members on the SRC. I feel that a great number of our councillors are too busy dealing in personalities and emotions or supporting members of the SRC executive in their bid for personal glory. I feel that it is due time that council be made to realize that they are elected to serve the best interests of students and not themselves. The sooner they do, the more efficient our student's government will be."



ERIC SEMPLE

## Representative at Large

"Now is the time for political bull or to tell the people that there will be no bull. Of course, in view of this, you cannot trust my, or anyone else's campaign statement. However, please believe my honesty. I am not going to offer campaign platforms, simply because this is not the time for platforms. Certainly the main concerns of students are currently housing and financial aid. These are complex problems which cannot be solved by simple ideas such as campaign platforms and promises. These are problems in which students rely on their relationship with the system. The solutions, for lack of a better word, are in students operating in an organized effort in the form of negotiating, lobbying, and bargaining with the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, the



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federal government, and the provincial government.

Concerning the SRC, I have been aware of problems in the organization for a couple of years.

I have not had the time until this year to do much about it. The main origin of trouble is incompetent people obtaining positions of importance in the SRC. Some of these people gain seats on Council by acclamation. Their reasons for seeking various positions in the SRC are varied, the most prominent of which are ego tripping and future job resumes. In the past two years I have tried to help improve the operation of the SRC and work within it for what I felt were necessary goals. I have been continually frustrated with the knowledge that if I was on Council I would be able to do a much better job. On council, I, if elected, will be better able to help improve the operation of the SRC and take care of what business should be taken care of the way it should be taken care of."



STEVE FOX

"Everybody asks me what the issues are in this election. There are no issues. I could run and say I would solve this problem and that one, but it would just be a put-on. Some people run for election planning to set the world on fire when and if they get in. In reality it doesn't happen that way. The best I'm hoping to do and the most I'm hoping to accomplish is to impart some common sense into Council. That farce last week when council tried to get rid of McKenzie, shows how much this is needed. If they had just taken enough time to think about what was going on, they could have avoided making fools of

themselves. Instead, they got caught up in the excitement of the moment and voted in a motion which was much too strong for the situation at hand and had no hope of succeeding anyway. It was just an exercise in sensationalism. So all I'm promising is to do the best I can. I think I can provide some valuable input to council and I think I'm needed here.

The one thing that I would like to do would be to get council thinking about instituting some program to combat student apathy which gets worse every year. I won't be surprised if this election receives less than a 20 percent turn out."

"Since we are faced by many of the same problems and frustrations, I find that election platforms are inadvertently similar; housing, student aid and how it is influenced by the cost of living and the new price and wage controls, NUS and its effect on us all, the need to watch-dog the use of student funds in various facilities, the work load distribution between council and the executive, and last but not least the granddaddy of them all, apathy. But, who cares?... The few students who decided to run for council!

The SRC alone cannot solve the problems of student housing, but I believe that it can exert a greater pressure on the administration and government to do so. To achieve this, a cohesive council backed by

an equally unified campus is needed. A task which is difficult to do, but not impossible.

I believe that NUS would serve a useful purpose in keeping campuses across Canada informed of common goals and difficulties as well as being a tool for unifying them for efficient lobbying for fairer deals in student aid.

Sitting on council on Monday evenings is not all there is to being a councillor. There is an inherent responsibility to work for the student body. This may be in committee form or by simply keeping an eye open as to where student money funnels to in various campus facilities. Maybe even get a few more students



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involved in their environment. Ignorance may be bliss-being shafted is not.

With your support I'd like to work on your behalf."

## National Union of Students to meet this weekend

By DAWN ELGEE

A general meeting of the National Union of Students is to be held in the Student Union Building this weekend.

The main theme of the conference, according to NUS Executive Secretary Dan O'Connor concerns who will pay for post-secondary education. The federal act which sets the framework for government funding of universities and colleges is being renegotiated by the federal and provincial governments.

"It is hoped that the conference will establish the principles of the new fiscal arrangements," said

O'Connor. "It has been recommended that the position include introducing an equalization formula so the Atlantic and Prairies institutions can receive adequate funding."

Plans are to be made to convince the government to increase the level of funding and continue to pay at least 50 per cent and hopefully to go over this. The conference aims to find a way to let students, faculty, and administration have a say in the funding.

Housing will be another major topic. Members will review federal provincial and municipal housing, so to get a better idea of the overall situation and get a better ideas of

the causes of the housing crisis. Ideas will be discussed on how to get information to the students and how they can get better housing. Students are encouraged to join groups who are working in the same direction.

"Student aid is still on a day to day level," says O'Connor. "We are going to try to concentrate more on several student aid issues such as the representation issue. We want student participation at the federal and provincial level. Many decisions and made in Ottawa such as the framework and basic criteria. We want students to be involved in this. The best way is to push all governments at the

same time, so students aren't working against each other.

Student radio policy will also be reviewed. Members will look at the CRTC regulation of student radio and how to improve it. This is now an area under direct federal regulation.

Preparations will be made for the "conference on women in colleges and universities to be held in November. Some discussion will be held here, as UNB is sponsoring the conference.

NUS will look at the government's foreign student policy which should encourage those foreign students who actually need the education. They will also be

encouraged to participate more in Canadian university and college life.

An additional topic to be discussed is Free Labour. "Some courses offered involve working for government or private industry," says O'Connor. "We are trying to see that these people who are working are not exploited and are being paid for their labour."

A minimum of 35 universities and colleges will be attending the conference with about 75-90 people. The conference is open to those who want to come, including UNB students. The meetings are to be held in the SUB Ballroom and rooms 102, 103 and 203.