

McKenzie cites UNB's student leadership capacity

By LORNA PITCHER

External co-ordinator Warren McKenzie and Comptroller Chris Gilliss gave the highlights of last weekend's Conference of Atlantic Area Student Unions, held at U.N.B., at the Monday night meeting of the S.R.C.

McKenzie congratulated those who did turn out for the sessions, and mildly chastized those who didn't.

Council voted unanimously to accept a motion by McKenzie to express their thanks to Peter

Forbes, Rod Doherty, Wayne Charters, Doug Bearisto, and Doug McKay for their assistance in the conference. McKenzie also verbally expressed council's appreciation to The Brunswickan for "their excellent coverage of the Conference plans, and their help in its publicity."

McKenzie said the sessions he attended were for the most part directed toward desirable reforms in the whole field of Student Aid.

He stressed to council, "We've got to get something going in the field of student aid here at U.N.B.,

and involve ourselves in the concerns of the students, outside the bounds of this campus. We've been too involved with providing pubs and not enough with what we'll face when we leave U.N.B."

"One of those problems is this whole business of student loans. We must organize, then push government to increase bursaries, NOT loans. We must discourage the increasing indebtedness of students when they leave the university, especially in the face of today's spiraling costs."

"U.N.B. has a chance to act in a

leadership capacity, and as the largest university in New Brunswick we should."

Another important topic of importance discussed at the conference was the possibility of forming a permanent Atlantic Region Student Union. "This would be comprised of the fourteen unions who attended the conference this weekend," said McKenzie, "and is a very desirable thing, even if it costs us \$15,000 or so a year - the cost is negligible when you consider the benefits we can accrue. There's a great potential power in a union of this size; if we don't unionize all reforms in student aid will be to the benefit of established unions like the Ontario Federation, or the union in British Columbia."

This Atlantic area union was agreed in principle at the conference this past weekend. "It's a 'de facto' organization right now," explained McKenzie, "the major problem in making it permanent and well-organized is the distance over which these 14 organizations are spread."

McKenzie said the delegates proposed a conference in January on the specific subject of student aid. The conference will probably

be held at the Truro Agricultural College.

"U.N.B. will be acting as a clearinghouse for reports from the unions prior to the student-aid conference - we've already assumed a leading role, along with Dalhousie," McKenzie said.

McKenzie informed he will not act as External Co-ordinator after the October 9 election, when his term of office ends. "I feel no one not sitting on this board should presume to disseminate council policy," he explained.

Gilliss chaired a session mainly dealing with financial administration.

"One of the best recommendations of the session, passed unanimously, was that course evaluation be undertaken by all the 14 institutions that attended the conference," Gilliss said.

"My personal favourite, however, was on which promoted the publication of all union activities in the areas of student aid, course evaluation, and services offered. The publication should be mostly in written form. We all felt the communication of union work is absolutely essential," added Gilliss.

Budgets approved

By LORNA PITCHER

Several major budget items for the 1974-75 academic year were passed at the Monday night meeting of the SRC.

Media budgets approved by council included \$4,128.00 for CHSR, \$541 for the Amateur Radio Club, \$600 to be paid for the CBC program Campus Report, and \$16,235 to the Brunswickan.

Clubs, services, and societies funded included the Student Police, \$642.18; Business Society, \$355.00; Rap Room, \$564.65; History Club, \$50.00; Entertainment Committee, \$100.00; Pub fund, \$50.00; Interservice Christian Fellowship, \$64.00; Comptroller Fund, \$1000.00; and the SRC office, \$22,500.00.

The SRC also voted to purchase an IBM stencil cutter machine at a cost of approximately \$18,000.00.

President Peter Galoska said, "It's really a terrific machine, very versatile." Comptroller Chris Gilliss added, "We can now copy colour pictures, things we've never done before. We'll save in the long run on Graphic Services costs, not to mention eliminating the time and inconvenience involved in getting outside agencies to do our copying."

Space problem solved

By STEPHEN FOX

A lack of office space caused by an addition to the faculty at the beginning of this year in the Business Administration Department seems to have been solved. Professor Sharp, chairman of the faculty said he felt that the junior staff members ought to have priority over office space.

The situation was bad enough that Sharp vacated his own office and set up shop in the hallway. In a recent interview with The Brunswickan, Sharp said that the situation was rectified shortly after an article on the problem appeared in The Brunswickan two weeks ago. Sharp also added that "office equipment arrived six weeks ahead of schedule".

Gilliss fielded questions from councillors on the details of the budgets.

He explained the Amateur Radio Club needed an increased budget to advertise a long-distance phoning service that will be offered free to students, using phone patches.

The Rap Room also wished to advertise more widely, thus their increase in budget, he explained.

"The Administrative Board feels the budgets passed tonight could not have been reduced," Gilliss said, "but next week we will be presented with some budgets, such as the Camera Club, which could probably be cut down. They will be scrutinized by the A.B. and presented to council next week."

Gilliss brought the fact to the attention of council that funding requests for conferences and speakers must be made separately, and they will be filled from a Speakers Budget.

He noted the Business Society tour to Boston is sold out; Galoska commented, "The Business Society put on a really good membership drive this year - they tripled their membership."

A spokesman from the Caribbean Circle asked council to raise their orientation budget by ten dollars to \$50.00. He explained, "We like to put on a party each year to orient new students from the Caribbean to the Canadian way of life, and to conditions at UNB. We do this free of charge to the new students, including a bar."

Gilliss spoke to council advising them against this increase, and made a motion that the group only be allotted \$40.00. He said, "I'm leery of parties - our budget priorities rank social activities third in priority."

External Co-ordinator Warren McKenzie said he felt this party was Educational and Cultural in orientation, but that he would not allocate more than \$40.00.

Councillor Carolyn MacKay moved to increase the amount to the requested \$50.00, but did not receive the support of council; therefore Gilliss's motion to allot \$40.00 was passed.



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