

# Ratcliff assumes office

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Kevin Ratcliff has officially assumed the office of President of the UNB Student Union. Ratcliff was seated at the regularly scheduled SRC meeting held Monday. He replaces outgoing President Perry Thorbourne. Akumu Owour was seated as the new Comptroller of

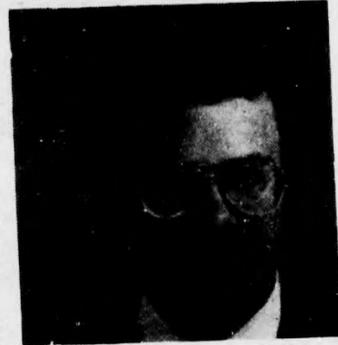
the Student Union. In his final address to council President Thorbourne outlined several of the events that had taken place during his term of office. "My activities are a matter of public record and have been recorded in SRC minutes reports and the *Brunswickan*", he said. "I will not dwell on the past, he continued and outlined several changes that he said

were important for the immediate future. Thorbourne said there was a need for a part-time bookkeeper to lighten the workload of the current SRC administrator. Proposals to hire a bookkeeper three Afternoons a week and an accurate job description have been prepared according to Thorbourne. "This entire proposal will be passed on to the new execu-

tive for their consideration" he said.

Thorbourne said an update on the constitution of the SRC is an important priority

"Of course, the issue of rising tuition and residence fees will be important to address in the next several months as well," he said. Thorbourne concluded his address by characterizing his term of office as a "learning experience" and wished President Kevin Ratcliff well in the year ahead. In other SRC business, outgoing Comptroller Steve Howes stressed the impor-



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January 25. All students especially SRC members were urged to attend. Council appointed Don

Kurstens assistant campus police chief. Fred Welsford and David Mills were appointed to the Student Disciplinary

Committee and charged with the responsibility of hearing cases under the new discipline code.

Two students have applied for the student-at-large position on the CHSR board of directors. The closing date for applications is set for

next week and a decision from the applications committee of council can be expected soon Thorbourne said.

## Marks given away?

By LYNN REICKER  
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A UNB professor who wishes to remain anonymous has made the claim that some Arts professors are distributing good marks freely because of declining enrolment in the Arts faculty, thus hoping to

encourage students to enter the Arts program. These allegations have been countered by Peter Kepros, dean of arts. He said he has seen no evidence of this himself. Rather, the number of student courses taught in the Arts faculty is not decreasing, but increasing.

Kepros said they are busier now than ever. He also said courses that have always had a high average have remained so. Kepros said "the onus is on that professor to produce evidence" with which to support his criticism. He said he feels the professor should have gone first to Senate he can justify, rather than to the *Brunswickan* and without any evidence.

Kepros said he "dismayed with rumor spreaders" whose tales may damage the morale of students who did well in these courses. He stresses two points on which he feels very strongly: first, that the professor should identify himself; and secondly, that if he has any data to confirm his suspicions, to take this issue to the Secretary of Senate or a Senate Committee to be discussed in Senate.

## Arts faculty plans change

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The Faculty of Arts is planning a change in its curriculum, including the introduction of a core curriculum. Dean of Arts, Peter Kepros, says it is still in the preliminary stages. A Curriculum Committee has been set up and has given its recommendations to the Arts Council, which has agreed to them in principle.

Discussions are going on with UNBSJ, as an agreement with the Saint John campus is important so that it will be fair to any student wishing to transfer from Saint John to Fredericton or vice versa.

At present, the committee is trying to get student input. The Dean said the committee will come back to him with its results and then notices will be sent to all members of the faculty of Arts. After this a plebiscite will be voted upon. When this has been accomplished, the results will go back to Council and then on to Senate. By this time the Fredericton campus will know how UNBSJ feels. In two or three months, it will come back to the Arts Council again.

The courses which would constitute the core have not been definitely decided on as of yet. A core was proposed by an Advisory Committee and presented to

Council and to the Curriculum Committee. However, that may or may not be the core that will result if the plan goes through.

## Counselling services relocate

Director of counselling Services Ralph Bierman said their new offices, located in the Alumni Memorial Building, are a "fabulous, superb" improvement. He said students finally have the counselling facilities they deserve. Bierman said counselling had essentially "made do" with their offices in Annex B in what were supposed to be temporary quarters.

"The new facility will be more welcoming," he said, "and will enable us to serve the students more adequately."

The new offices are roomier and cheerier, he said. He compared them with the old offices which he described as "oversize closets."

A career counselling program has been created, Bierman said, which he hopes to expand in the future. The new location also boasts a group counselling room - something Annex B lacked. There, sessions were held in a lounge. A special room for group sessions is important, said Bierman. This room is still to be furnished.



Director Ralph Bierman and secretary Marilyn Rees

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