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Students Help Ethiopia campaign gaining momentum

Students Help Ethiopia (SHE), drought-relief organization at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, launched a campaign Nov. 20 which already has brought in \$1,805. In addition the \$10,000 proceeds from UNB graduate student Richard Hutchins' week long fast will be channeled through SHE.

The students plan to step up their campaign in the next two weeks. On Wednesday, Nov. 28, members of SHE and the UNB African Student Union

will man collection booths from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in Tilley Hall, the Student Union Building, the Science Library, and the Administration Building at Saint Thomas University.

All contributions collected by SHE are turned over to the YMCA, which operates two refugee camps in Kassola province near the Ethiopian-

Sudan border. The money is used for an emergency feeding program and to distribute basic supplies such as blankets. None of the funds is used for administrative purposes.

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) has made a commitment to match contributions to the YMCA's drought-relief efforts.

All 13 campus residences

have been challenged to top each other's donations to the campaign and the UNB Film Society has pledged its proceeds from an upcoming movie.

Local businesses also will be involved through a Skate-a-thon, organized by Canada Life agent Murray Write. Scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 16, from 7:30 to 10:30 pm at

the Aitken University Centre, the Skate-a-thon is designed to

collect pledges in support of participants who skate all or part of 100 laps (10 miles) of the rink.

Mr Wright will distribute pledge forms and donation kits at a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 2

at 7:00 pm in the Alumni Memorial Building on the UNB campus. He also plans to challenge schools and businesses to participate.

Executive members of SHE -all UNB students - are pleased

with the response to their efforts. Most of the money collected has been donated by the Fredericton Community through trust fund accounts at all branches of the Bank of Montreal, Bank of Nova Scotia; Continental Bank, Imperial Bank of Commerce, Royal Bank and Toronto-Dominion Bank. Fredericton's three trust companies -Canada Permanent, Central Trust, and Royal Trust - are also accepting donations and issuing receipts.

Who is this man who wants to "streamline" SRC finances?

By Ian Campbell

On November 21 the students of UNB voted overwhelmingly, nearly two to one, in support of third year Business Administration student Doug Burgess over Oliver Konz as VP Finance. What this means for UNB students in terms of action will not be known until the days after Doug takes office on January 7. One thing we already know is that he is not without opinions and ideas for the SRC.

Burgess ran a precarious campaign of many antagonistic remarks directed toward members of the SRC and CSL which he felt were necessary and strategic. Strengths in that campaign were not in a record of University involvement, but rather on job experience, notably work with Bayview Credit Union in Saint John and with Irving as a cost accountant. The only University group he was involved with was the Young Liberals on campus whom he "proudly" and actively supports. This limited involvement, however, does not detract from his popularity on campus as the election results demonstrate. In a recent interview at the SUB cafeteria this reporter was hard pressed to retain Burgess's attention because of frequent interruptions from fellow students. It is yet to be seen whether Burgess has the political abilities to manage student union finances, but whether he does or does not, he certainly has the gregariousness of a politician. Within the November 16

Brunswickan pre-election "Here's what the candidates have to say" section Burgess's only commitment was that he would "streamline the financial system of the SRC to ensure value is received for our money". When asked about this vague statement Burgess unveiled some of his plans. Those concerns addressed were chiefly about the organization of club finances and the CSL.

The distribution and record keeping methods of clubs' moneys is an issue for Burgess who claims it is inefficient as it stands. Today clubs have a budget and are granted money on a purchase order system.

That means that for every purchase made by a club a cheque is issued by the SRC financial department which approves the purchase and handles all receipts. The system Burgess would like to institute would divvy money to clubs, half or a third at the beginning of each year and half year, and let the clubs handle their own books which would be perused by the VP Finance staff on a half yearly basis. The result of this scheme, Doug related, would be the cutting down travel and transaction time to and with the SRC, consequently making it easier for all involved.

Burgess's concern with the CSL is larger and more problematic. His interest is in the ownership of the corporation. He claims that, "students don't own the CSL. It is owned by the SRC." He explained that SRC representatives have shares in the CSL. The

representatives were elected, but as members of the CSL they are not responsible to the SRC directly. Burgess makes the point that, "the student

council can't order the CSL to do anything." They are separate organizations with separate meeting places and times. The CSL is not directly

responsible to the SRC at weekly meetings. Burgess further points out this is a minor flaw, but one which could cause serious problems in the future.

Problems it causes today, he notes, are efficiency ones. CSL meetings take place in addition to SRC meetings. "Why should there be two meetings in a given week?" Burgess asks. His solution is to make CSL a subsidiary of the SRC rather than to retain its separate cor-

poration status having its own Board; students would be served better. Doug Burgess complains that the financial records of the CSL would be more accessible and more responsibly kept if the CSL was directly controlled by the SRC. CSL financial records would be prepared and accessible to the student body at the same time and with the efficiency that SRC records are kept.

Whether or not these changes will be instituted is to be seen, but one is certain that the talkative, opinionated Doug Burgess will present them to the council. Let us hope that his methods of working with the SRC are as efficient and streamlined as his hopes are for the changes outlined in this article, and that he is able, as he states, "to work with anyone who is willing to work for the students."

Doug and the Slugs: Rescheduled

By CALUM JOHNSTON
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Doug and the Slugs were going to play here at UNB until Curtis Baxter, head of CSL Entertainment, phoned the Slugs' agent last Thursday and told him that CSL can't afford to put on a concert of such magnitude just now, but look forward to the possibility of hosting Doug's Slugs in February.

Baxter told the Brunswickan that there were no signed con-

tracts or any confirmed deal to begin with and at the time of cancellation still hadn't received word whether the Slugs had even decided if they were coming to Fredericton or not.

Next term, CSL Entertainment hopes to put on a number of concerts like Katrina and the Waves, Rough Trade, and Doug and the Slugs; all of whom were planned to appear this term but then were all "rescheduled."

EUS Handbook under investigation

The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission is investigating a complaint that a student handbook published this year at UNB was sexist.

The complaint was launched by the UNB Student Women's Committee about a book that was put out by the Engineering Undergraduate Society.

A spokesperson for the women's group, Kathleen Murphy, says the handbook was full of limericks which she describes as degrading to women.

UNB Dean of Engineering, Frank Wilson, has also come under criticism because the book contains a letter of greetings from him. Wilson says that he did not see the book before it was published and had no idea what the letter would be used for.