

Election 1979:



Perry Thorbourne

President

Perry Thorbourne said he is running for president of Student's Representative Council with hopes he can "get into the office to form a better government and administration." Above all, he said he wants to "work for the students."

The policy he is concerned with the most is the establishment of lines of communication between the students and the SRC. He said the majority of students on campus know very little, or nothing about the functions of the SRC. As well he said, "The SRC must know the students' needs, in order to accomplish anything for them."

Another point he brought up was "for the administration and the SRC to meet, in order to discuss the lack of entertainment available on campus, plus student financial loan scholarships." This ties in with "the social aspect; no open pubs, and renovation of the SUB. This would help the student entertainment problem," he said.

Thorbourne commented on "SRC bureaucracy, and the amount of external squabble", within it. He said he feels the "SRC isn't working as a whole, and there is a need for student opinion." He touched on the fact that UNB still lacks a president. "Therefore the students suffer," he said. He also spoke on the poor office conditions of the student services. "They are cancelling in a cubby hole," he stated.

"Lighting on campus is very poor; there's too much vandalism and rapes now, and it's become unsafe for female students," Thorbourne added. "The students are paying high costs for education, and they're not getting their money's worth. Things should be looked at, evaluated, and something done about it," he said.

Thorbourne said he wants to represent the students at SRC and administrative meetings, or with the president of UNB to "help build this place up again."

He said the SRC "is centered on itself but it involves other universities and the public as well. It's time to forge ahead into the future; the enrolment is decreasing, therefore make UNB worthwhile coming to." Currently Thorbourne is involved with two other committees, the major one being the Orientation Committee. As of Tuesday evening he will resign from the Chairman posi-

tion, "depending on the outcome of the election," he stated. "President of SRC will take most of my time. I have no qualms of resigning from other committees. I don't intend on taking a summer job, because I'll accomplish more right here."

If there is a non-representative council he said communications between the SRC and a club is harder to form without a representative. he said the "SRC must get out and set the spark with various clubs. Either they come to the SRC or we'll go to them, whereas issues can be explained to both the clubs and students."

Thorbourne said he feels there are a lot of major issues because "nothing has been done this year. There is no school entertainment, and the lines of communication are poor, which in turn causes apathy between students, university officials and the SRC." He commented on the financial status of the students, the SRC bureaucracy and the lack of communication with those other than friends. He said "there isn't a driving issue as yet, something that calls desperately for attention."



Doug Varty

President

Doug Varty, who is running for SRC President, said he "wants to try and get rid of the apathetic feeling among the students and SRC. What we need is student involvement back in the SRC, because anything else is useless without student and SRC participation."

If elected Varty would like to see a variety of policies set into action. He said he feels the "SRC needs to regain respect with the students because there isn't enough being done with public relations."

To remedy this problem he would like to have reports about the SRC meetings either written or aired on CHSR so students will understand the issues. This way students will know what the SRC is doing with their money. He said "we need a broad representation of students on SRC committees, by calling people involved in clubs rather than simply picking friends."

"There is also a need to improve student aid," Varty said, "and it can be done with loan-remissions, scholarships, charging the mixing of loans and bursaries and the percentage of summer earnings."

These ideas were presented in a report from the Maritimes to Improve Student Aid. Some of the student financial ideas Varty

agrees with, and some he would like to change. "One item I would like to especially fix is the student services buildings spread all over

campus. These include the counselling service, manpower and campus ministry. Most are in obscure places and most students

don't know about them because the majority of these offices are too far away from the main academic buildings."

Varty said he would also like to seriously look into having the facilities at the SUB renovated. "The money wouldn't all have to come from student fees. Maybe the Alumni could help or the MPHEC," he said. He also

commented on the fact that there is a need for a "broader spectrum of students on the SRC committees. We need different interests of students from different faculties like campus planning and student services." "There's not enough exchange of ideas," Varty said.

Doug Varty isn't against the student union, "just some things that were going on in it." The SRC provides entertainment and services for the students, therefore he agrees with open pubs in residence because "there's a need to have them. The administration has gone too far."

Generally, Varty wants to keep the students informed with the events of the SRC and hopes to enforce some of his policies. The outlook of the SRC needs some changes, he said. "The main thing the SRC must realize is they have to interest students in what they're doing through better communications and public relations. In order to serve the wishes of the students we must talk with them," he said, "and get feedback from committees. This way students can either support or oppose their ideas."

Since Varty isn't involved with any other committees he feels he can devote his full attention to the SRC without having it suffer any. He also said if a non-representative council is formed he would put forth "a massive public relations campaign and talk to the classes to tell the SRC what they're doing, and what the SRC is doing for them."

"This may take awhile to get the public relations going," he said, "but if people go to their faculties and stir enough interest at first then people would apply when nominations are called for earlier." He said it's hard to reverse "the distrust that has arisen. Anything now must be on a temporary measure due to the apathy on campus." Varty said the major election issues are the "lack of diversity on committees, something that is undesirable in any government and the communication problem which is at an all-time low." Varty also discussed "the normalizing of residence pubs. It would give the students a chance to socialize and help release student pressures," he said.



Christopher Earl

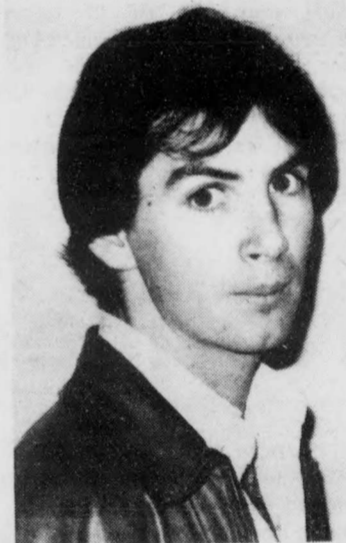
Vice-president

Christopher Earl is the acclaimed vice-president of the 1980 SRC.

He has stated that he is sorry that his position was uncontested, however, he is pleased to see that every SRC position is either filled or being contested for the first time in two years.

Earl sees the purpose of the SRC as providing and maintaining services, for the students of UNB and representing them in issues concerning them.

He intends to carry out his job as v-p to the best of his ability.



Steve Howes

Comptroller

Formerly involved with the winter carnival and the Orientation Committee, Steve Howes, a third-year business student is running for comptroller.

With a background including experience in handling sums of money, reporting of sales and producing financial statements of daily incomes, Howes has also had the responsibility of keeping federal records. "I needed to have a knowledge of their contents and keep the records up to date on a continual basis." With this previous experience, Howes feels he can handle the student council records.

Already trying to familiarize himself with the financial policies and statements concerning committee budgets, Howes has been formulating some ideas for the role of comptroller. One aspect he noted was the degree of confusion that he said is apparent

throughout the campus in such areas as policy making and budget presentations. "There is a need for better wording, but I'm not sure how as yet," said Howes. He also said there is the possibility of rewriting certain areas of the policies that would make the committees and organizations on campus gain a better understanding to policy making. He said he feels his role would include offering his services to the various committees to help produce budgets and enable them to gain an understanding of policy when they come before the comptroller.

"My role," continued Howes, "will be to follow the budget that has been prepared by the AB and to study the past records of the comptroller in the handling of those budgets. Come September when it is my turn to produce the SRC budget, I will try if time allows, to personally talk to the organizations on campus who are submitting budgets to my (in front of the AB) so that I will understand their needs when approached."

"I want to understand why they wish certain funds," said Howes. "The lack of knowledge by the previous comptroller has possibly hindered him in his analysis of budgets presented to him. I feel it's the role of the organization to also understand exactly what restrictions the comptroller is bound to."

Howes concluded his interview by stating that media relations with the comptroller are of great importance in that it is the only way that a majority of students gain any information on their allocation of funds. "I will be more than happy to meet with any student to explain the comptroller's role and where SRC funds are going and how they have been allocated," he said.



Akumu Owour

Comptroller

Akumu Owour said he feels he woe the SRC a service. And, he added, it would be selfish not to share his wealth of experience with the council by offering as comptroller.

Owour is a first-year Education student. In his native Kenya, Owour was president of the Student Union of Keny Polytechnical and was president of the Kenya Technical Teachers Association. As well, he has participated in a number of councils and was a high school teacher for two years in Kenya.

Owour said he believes foreign