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## Parking, arena Galoska's most recent priorities

Playing a long game of musical parking places on campus lately? Every year the ugly problem of who is going to park where emerges and it doesn't look as though the situation has improved over last year.

But do not despair, there are students on campus who are trying to do something about it, and one of the most influential is Student Representative Council President Peter Galoska.

Galoska said in an interview with THE BRUNSWICKAN that the parking problem is something he has discussed with President Anderson and Dean of Students Barry Thompson.

He explained that Council's most logical approach is to take up the matter with Senate. But here, he says, there is always trouble, mainly because Senate members are faculty who also park cars and they don't want to give up their spaces. Galoska mentioned student senators will be used as much as possible in the issue.

One of the possible solutions could be peripheral parking, in other words, nobody parks on campus. But Galoska can also see problems in that suggestion, in that there would still be the question of who parks closest to the campus. His objective is to obtain open parking or the old "first come first serve" method. In this case, he said, the only people with designated parking places would naturally be, more or less, the hierarchy of the university.

Another area which Galoska has been devoting his time is the new multi-purpose arena. Quite a number of changes in the original plans of the structure were made over the summer, including the loss of the installed stage due to monetary problems. However, the building will still house a portable stage the same size as the original but for less money. In the beginning, the seating was to be all individual but it has become necessary to make the two end zones bleacher seats. Galoska said the loss is only about 45 seats, because of the bleachers since it could have been more as the size of the building has been altered slightly. Apparently the edifice will be a little narrower than originally planned.

The only other major difference from the plans is that the varsity club room (the only room licenced for liquor by the building) will not be completed. The shell will be built but the inside will remain unfinished until money is available for decorating.

Galoska said he wrote a letter to Anderson on behalf of Council asking for a reconvening of the arena users' committee, and he said Council was afraid the users committee input in the future decisions would not be on an official committee basis. He added that Anderson was "concerned that we were concerned". He added that he asked to be allowed to draw

up a list of people for the committee including the former members who are still connected with the university.

In concluding Galoska said, "We have been assured by Dr. Anderson and John Meagher this will not be a one shot deal; we will meet over the next year with them and take an active part in planning the various stages."

A copy of the new plan will be sent to the SRC in the near future and Galoska has invited any interested student to come in and look them over.

Another of Galoska's priorities this year is to obtain cable TV in the residences. Cost, he said, is a very important factor since the number of feet of cable which would have to be laid up to the university is so expensive and there would not be enough subscribers to make it worthwhile. (cost is estimated at \$8000). He did mention a suggestion he felt might be feasible which would have the academic budget pay for the installation to the academic buildings and then the residence budgets could handle the rest.

At this time the university did not feel it would be proper to spend the \$8000 themselves since there was residence fee hike this year. It was thought students might get upset the money was being spent on a luxury.

Galoska also mentioned the success of Orientation activities this fall.

It has been just fantastic. I've never seen a keener bunch of frosh made up of the best bunch of sports. They're literally running the upperclassmen ragged. They are even turning out in fairly large numbers for the non-exciting events. The attendance for the pubs etcetera has been super although there have been some hitches."

SRC Comptroller Chris Gilliss also expressed satisfaction with Orientation. He said they ran into the usual problems but nothing too serious. Gilliss mentioned orientation had a good cross section of events based on educational, cultural and social activities. He was particularly pleased about this since he said the "cultural and educational have fallen down".

Galoska mentioned the SRC elections to be held Wednesday, October 9th which will include the usual fall slate plus some half term positions: These extra seats have been left vacant by students who did not return to UNB this year.

Galoska stressed the need for people to run in the elections. He particularly aimed the need at the freshmen. "Freshmen need to get involved, that's the theme of Orientation. Council is where they learn experience. How else are we going to groom future SRC Presidents and VP's".



Photo by Tim Gorman

SRC President Peter Galoska is hard at work with a number of important issues including that ugly ever present parking problem and the building of the Aitken University Centre, our new multi-purpose arena.

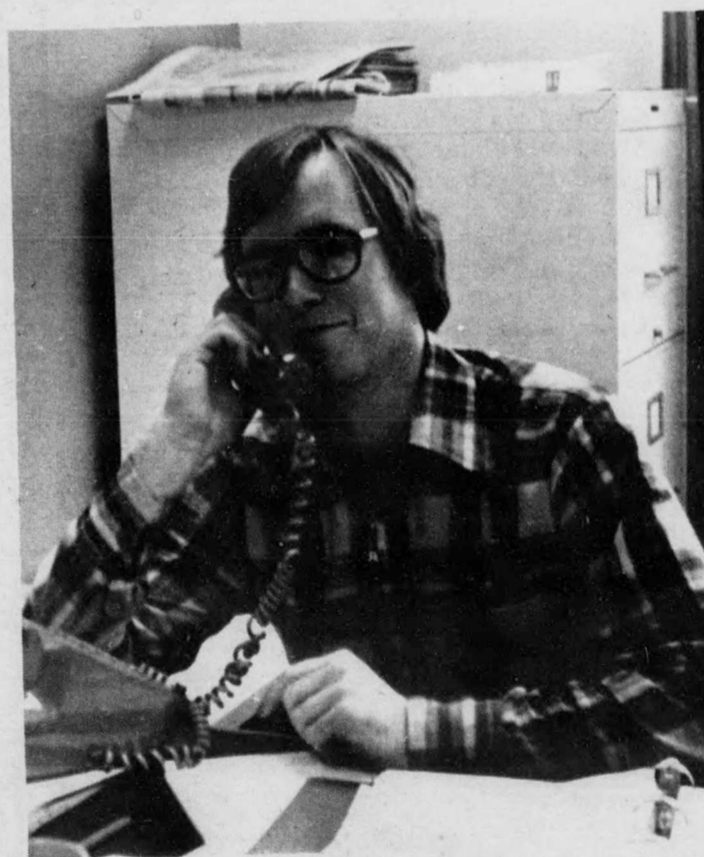


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SRC Comptroller Chris Gilliss is pleased with Orientation this year. He said there have been no major hassles.

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