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- 2. Payout on SU Executive Life Insurance Policy
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 4. Ratio of parking tickets
- faculty, staff, and student.

 5. Ratio of parking spaces
 available to parking passes

actually paid, divided by

- 6. How much the TJ pays its own photographers.
- 7. Lamrock's monthly footmasseuse bill.

Student leader claims auditor lied to protect "out-of-control" audit procedure

Lamrock to Auditor: You Lied

by Joe FitzPatrick Co-News Editor

Two weeks after the issue first became public knowledge, SU President Kelly Lamrock has issued a scathing personal attack on the auditor he believes wrote the memo that was leaked, revealing his personal loan audit. Lamrock believes that the memo, now that he has seen it, reveals the motives for leaking it, and points to the perpetrator.

"On Saturday, *The Telegraph Journal* printed the entire leaked memo to the Minister. Like anyone else would be, I am very hurt and upset by this invasion of my privacy," Lamrock told Council on Tuesday in a prepared statement. "However, this was, ironically, my first chance to see this memo and to respond to allegations in it that I had failed to disclose income to the Student Services Branch."

Lamrock told Council he felt "vindicated" by the release, and stated "I can finally make an informed statement to the citizens, to my fellow student leaders, and most of all, to the students who have offered me so much support throughout this incident."

His statement: "I have done nothing wrong, and ... these allegations [of failure to disclose income] are the result of misleading information given by a bureaucrat covering up an audit procedure out of control."

Two popular beliefs have been held about Lamrock's conduct since the audit was first leaked: that he "failed to disclose" income to the auditors, and that he failed to disclose his personal stake in the audit issue. The latter was most forcefully made by *The Telegraph Journal*. Lamrock is confident both of these contentions can be dispelled.

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The easier to dispel is the claim that he had not made clear his personal stake in the issue. "This Council will remember that I publicly declared my audit when Council first discussed the issue, as did several other councilors. The Brunswickan . . . was aware of my audit. And the leaked memo clearly

reflects that I made that declaration in my meetings on the subject as well — but then insisted that we discuss my constituents, not my case. That is full disclosure, and it is also a choice to use my position to promote the interests of my constituents, not myself. This is what leaders must do. The failure of *The Telegraph Journal* to pay attention is not my failure to disclose."

Discrepancies "normal"

Lamrock explained that the "discrepancies" alleged by the memo are normal. "Students know that this is normal. Applications for student aid are done at the beginning of the year, and one predicts the income for the year ahead."

Lamrock stated that, in 1993, he earned money he had not anticipated from "performing and speech writing" in addition to the tuition credit he received after being elected as a vice-president of the St. Thomas Student Union following a resignation in October 1993.

Lamrock disputes the charge of nondisclosure because "I reported all this income honestly on my tax return at the end of the year. I then voluntarily gave this tax return to Student Aid in August, before my audit." He emphasized, "I was under no legal obligation to do so."

"Of course two documents have different numbers." he scoffed, "One is a prediction, one is a report afterwards. And since I volunteered both to the Department, how can there be a failure to disclose?"

"It's like being told, after predicting that the Red Wings would win the Stanley Cup, that 'you failed to disclose that the Devils would win the Cup.' My response would be: 'No, I didn't 'fail to disclose' it – I guessed. And I guessed wrong," Lamrock told *The Brunswickan*.

Lamrock also rejects the figures of "\$150 part-time income plus income from the honorarium for services rendered during the 1994-95 academic year."

"This number [\$150] is a number I offered verbally to an auditor," said Lamrock. "I pick up twenty dollars here and there for doing stand-up comedy shows. I told the Department 'just to be safe, add \$150 to my total." Lamrock added, "that seemed very open and honest at the time."

The discrepancy between \$4,204 and \$4,379.20, also cited in the memo, was



SU President Kelly Lamrock, weathering the storm

explained by Lamrock. "I first reported the box marked 'UI Insurable Earnings' from my T4 slip, then called back to tell them the other box was the correct one." The difference of \$175.20 is the total of UI and Canada Pension Plan premiums deducted from his income.

Timing suspect

Lamrock also brought to light the events which he believes led up to the memo being written. "Around 1:00 PM [of October 19, the day the memo was written] I called that student loan auditor to discuss a number of audit problems of UNB students, including my own. During that conversation, it became clear to me that I was getting conflicting answers to questions about disclosure and process. I asked for a

written copy of the audit rules. The auditor informed me that she was conducting all these student audits with no written procedures whatsoever. After some strong exchanges, I informed the auditor that my reading of the Youth Assistance Act was that audits were a regulation requiring written rules, and confirmed that I would raise these issues with her superiors."

photo by Mike Dean

Lamrock admitted that he does not know who leaked the memo, but stated, "I know it was written by an auditor willing to lie about personal records entrusted to her in order to avoid ministerial scrutiny."

"Clearly someone didn't like me asking these questions. I hope students will steel their resolve to ask them even louder, because the answers may make students' lives better."

Grad Class Project too costly - to be "re-voted"

By Joseph FitzPatrick Co-News Editor

The projected cost of the 1996 Grad Class Project has necessitated a "revoting of the project."

The project was to have been a wrought-iron gate across the Western entrance of the campus. Jeff Clark reported to Council that the estimate was \$6,000 for the iron-work and \$19,000 for the foundation on which to

put the gates, for a total of \$25,000. A structural study had determined that the current set of gates would not support the mass of the wrought-iron.

Dana Debly, President of Grad Class, disagreed that the re-vote represented a victory for a group of students who voiced their opposition to the project. "It's not a victory because it's not like it's an us against them thing, we're all grads." She also defended the original project. "The project couldn't have been as bad as has

been suggested, because 87 of 100 students at the meeting voted for it."

"There will always be students who dislike the project chosen," she said, "but I, as President of Grad Class, have the responsibility of promoting the project which is decided upon by the students who show up to vote, even if the project chosen wasn't my personal choice."

To accommodate the re-voting, a General Meeting has been called for Sunday, December 3, in Room 105 of people will attend."

MacLaggan Hall. Graduating students with suggestions for the project are asked to submit them, in writing, to the Grad Class office, Room 117 of the Student Union Building, by Friday, December 1 at 4:30 PM. "All suggestions will be brought to the meeting," Jeff Clark told Council on Tuesday.

"The meeting will be well-publicized for the next two-week period," Debly said. "We hope this will mean more people will attend."