

Student governor Mike Richard explains his job

By MIKE RICHARD

No doubt many of you have been wondering what in fact takes place behind the closed doors of the Board of Governors' meetings. The purpose of this article is to provide you with some understanding as to the Board's functions as well as the role which students fulfill.

The Board of Governors consists of some 32 individuals who have been either elected or appointed to the Board. These representatives of the alumni, faculty, province and students meet on the average once a month to deal with such matters as faculty appointment and promotions, property acquisition and role budgeting allotments and recommendations from Senate.

Students have gained an initial advantage through electing three members to the Board in that we are no longer informed of policy decisions when it is too late for any student input. We are now in the position whereby we are informed of any and all important administrative decisions made. As a result if the Board were to accept a certain course of action that would be detrimental to student interests, we now have the means whereby the student governors could provide the necessary information in order that they along with the student senators and SRC could join forces to express to the administration a unified voice of student discontent and hopefully present the implementation of such policy.

Student Governors are able to sit on any Board committee, it is

through these committees that one is able to impress the importance of the student's viewpoint in relation to policy decisions and future planning. The Executive and Salary committees are examples of committees which deal with matters that are of a profound interest to students. The latter committee is not cognizant of the students financial status might very well award faculty a salary increase at the expense of increasing tuition. The information flow on the Board of Governors has become a two way process, the members are no longer subjected to those student views which the administration cares to bring forth, but rather are subjected to opinions from students who have a vested interest in making certain that all students are dealt with fairly.

As a member of the Board it has been my experience that the Board is very receptive to student requests. Before sitting on the Board I felt some apprehension that students might be ostracized by the other members I have since noted with pleasure that students have been accepted and are constantly consulted by the Board members who wish to ascertain student opinions on such things as student housing, extension of campus medical services, feasibility of building a new arena etc.

Students on the Board are able to effectively operate as a lobby for student interest.

Should you have a complaint or suggestion that you feel should be dealt with then write me a note

care of the SRC Office. If I can not be of aid to you then perhaps I would be able to channel you to the individual or committee which would deal with your point of contention.

The challenge that is before the student governors is to change the

format of the operation of the Board, specifically to open the meetings to the students, faculty and people of this province and to increase the student representation on the Board in order that it might be more representative of the university community. I ask

that you aid us in doing this by keeping yourself informed through the university media and provide us, your student representatives, with your views in order that we continue to represent you in a conscientious and democratic fashion.

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Goot mornink people. Vondering what ziss Blurb is all about? Ist most eazzie questionn to ansvr. Blurb tells all about vhat's happenink by people whoze doink, notably SRC (You Laugh?? ve have vays of dealink with you).

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Charles Morgan Jr. the lawyer for the Democratic Party couldn't make it here on Tuesday. Seems like we had the right man at the wrong time. He's preparing the impeachment papers for Nixon. Seems like he's getting the wrong man at the right time. Thanks be to history!!

Fall Festival is coming!! Alex Mersereau and his committee are working to put together the Second Annual Festival. One of the biggies is the Red'n Black Revue. Should be the best show of

the year. The Playhouse is the spot and the dates are Nov. 12, 13, 14.

For all the student leaders on campus the Leadership Conference is on Sunday Nov. 4 in the Faculty Club at 10 a.m.

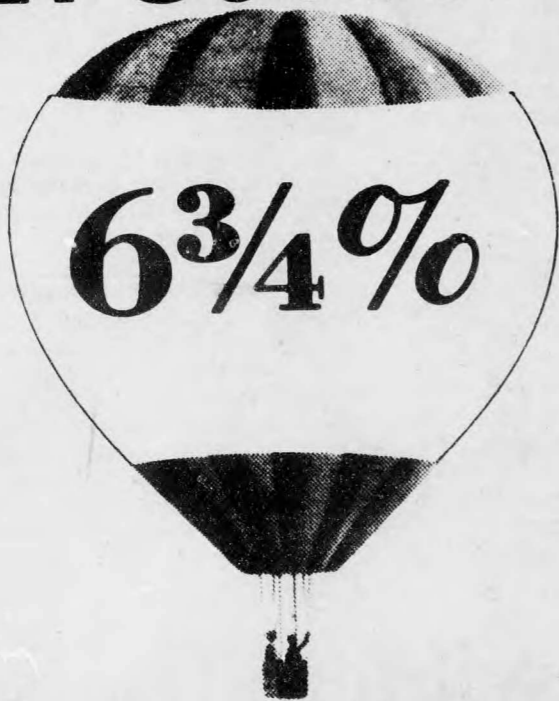
Encourage your executives of faculties, clubs and organizations to bring their problems their hunger and their thirst. We'll serve lunch and solve problems. Our thanks to Art Doyle and the Alumni for their help.

News on the health director, housing project and the arena will be coming soon. Sir Max, and the President deserve our thanks for their efforts.

Too bad that a few folk put Forestry Week in the wrong limelight. The week is going well so far. For any group or its members in the future who carry out nocturnal nonsense we (in one of our heavier moments) will have to cancel or reduce the activities. Paint and brick don't mix. A word to the wise.....

Get news of your events to Chris Gallotti, Co-ordinator. We'll let everyone know. See you next week.

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