

# "Government a calamity" says Hildebrand

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thirty-one stoppages in play for fouls alone, all continuity and value in playing was completely lost.

In a period when gym time for inter-residence activities is at a minimum, and scheduling arrangements are strained, we cannot sanction irresponsible play that reflects badly upon residence sports.

I strongly recommend that the Victoria House basketball team be informed that their attitude is unacceptable and in the future they must conduct themselves in a more responsible manner or they will put in jeopardy their right to participate in the inter-residence basketball league.

Yours truly  
Randall Heather  
Harrison House

## Round two

Dear Editor:

I am a bit annoyed by Mr. Best's letter to the editor in last Friday's Brunswickan. I do not think that I can accept Mr. Best's accusation of myself being a "self-serving individual on council". I would also like to remind Mr. Best that I am not "filling the capacity of executives of other club & association" -- as he claimed, "the overseas Chinese group", which, I believe referred to the Overseas

Chinese Students' Association (OCSA).

Being an ex-Bruns staffer, having worked with Mr. Best for a rather long period of time in the same department, may I request Mr. Best to do more research before he accuses anybody.

For Mr. Best's interest, I will be running for vice-president of the OCSA in the next OCSA election. If I acquire this post, I'll explain SRC policy to the OCSA instead of what Mr. Best claimed.

Yours truly,  
Phil Wong

*Editor's Note: Phil, if you read my letter carefully, you will notice that I did not name any names and used the OCSA and African Society only as examples. I also did not say that you were on the OCSA executive. P.S. please come home. T.B.*

## Hildebrand

Dear Editor:

I believe the affairs of the Student Union, especially finances have been grossly mismanaged over the last year and that most of the blame must lie with Jim Smith, president of the union. Jim, I'm not saying that you are dishonest or lazy; I know that you have worked hard and accomplished significant things. However, you seem to entirely lack any overall realistic perspective of government and money. You have ruined the union

financially and your only recourse is a ten dollar fee increase. As a member of the Administrative Board (the financial advisory committee to the SRC) I have had a better chance than the average student, to learn the facts.

Firstly the statement of projected sources and used of funds and preliminary budget released by Peter Davidson, comptroller of the union, shows a deficit of 12,000-20,000 dollars. The only way the picture can seem this bright is through a variety of shuffles. Revenue to the union this year was \$245.00. The budget expenses of this year total \$299,500 (after a reduction was applied to all organizational budgets) which realistically indicates a deficit of \$54,500. The difference between the two figures is a result of:

(1) A surplus of \$26,800 from 1975-1976 which has typically been with us. In other words each fiscal year has seen a surplus of \$20,000 so each president only spent the revenue of his year in office. Jim spent the entire surplus.

(2) The comptroller, Peter Davidson, included an item in his statement of projected sources and uses of funds which is termed "Expect Unused portion", a sum of \$15,500, which has never been put in any previous budget and is necessary to make the budget look close to balancing.

As well Jim spent money in

other ways. He got \$15,000 more to spend as a result of the reduction of the contingency budget from \$20,000 in 1975-76 to \$5,000 in this year. As well the \$10,000 he spent on Subterranean, one of Jim's campaign promises, is spread over three fiscal years so that only \$4,000 shows in this year's budget. Jim, you went to an AFS conference with a consensus from Council that they did not want an ornately structured and expensive AFS, and come back with a \$1.00 membership betraying Councils original wishes. (Incidentally I hope all you people out there vote NO on this AFS fee increase; it's not worth it).

During your term an honourarium schedule was approved which allows for increases exceeding 200 and 300 percent which was completely unjustified.

However, the crowning booboo has to be the \$50,000 lost through Campus Services Ltd. and last Monday night was the first time I ever heard you admit it. As well, last Monday night Council was asked what it thought of an explanation of the proposed \$10.00 SRC fee increase. The explanation was a piece of purest propaganda. The \$10.00 fee increase is unjustified, unnecessary and merely gets Jim out of a hole he dug for the union. Please vote NO on that fee increase.

Campus Services Ltd. needs the axe, that honourarium schedule needs the boot, and student

government on this campus needs sanity. I disagree with the Bruns editorials when they say that two small steps might be the start of sensible government. However, there is a way to stop this lunacy.

A motion narrowly defeated Monday night read "Whereas not all students benefit from membership in the Student Union and whereas students should have the freedom of choosing union membership be it resolved that, above and beyond \$15.00 towards the SUB mortgage, payment of the SRC fee be made optional to all students." - I moved it and Steve Berube seconded it.

A provision in the constitution allows for students to overturn a decision of the SRC or force a referendum on the issue by getting a petition together and collecting names. The procedure is somewhat complicated but you should have a chance, starting today, to sign such a petition and if 540 signatures are collected the SRC is going to have an interesting meeting.

I know if membership were optional the present system of government would have to be largely changed, however the feedback situation produced by optional membership would produce a responsive government. I believe in having an organized government but the one we have now is a calamity.

Yours Sincerely  
Alan Hildebrand

## IMPORTANT NOTICE STUDENT MEDICAL INSURANCE

With effect from February 1, 1977, students will be required to pay to the drug store the full cost of drugs obtained upon prescription.

Upon presentation at the Business Office of the receipted prescription bill, the University will refund the cost to eligible students, less the \$1 per item that is presently charged. Such refunds will be made only during the last 5 business days of each month.

Refunds will not be made against a cash register receipt unsupported by a prescription bill, and it is essential that the drug store receipt indicate the student name and number.

During the summer months, refunds may be claimed either by mail or in person.

S.S. Mullin  
Comptroller

Saturday, January 22, 1977 marked the 16th anniversary of the College Hill Student Radio (CHSR). It was the time of year for the Barry Awards to be presented to various workers of that organization.

The presentations made were as follows:  
Best Newsman - Mike Zinck, BA, Hometown - St. Stephen; Sports Award - Mike Gange, BA, Hometown - Fredericton; Room of the Year - Bill Burroughs, BE, Hometown - Saskatoon; Best Production - Don Andrew, BSc, Hometown - Fredericton; Best Night Show - John Hello, BA, Hometown - Campbellton and Director's Award - Michael Bleakney, CE IV, Hometown - Fredericton.

This last award is given to the person, in the sole opinion of the Director, who has contributed to

## TAVERNS:

### Is it

By MEGAN MORELAND

The majority of us can remember when a 9 oz. glass draft cost only a quarter. Now, four years later, that same glass is \$1.55, or more than a 100% increase. Two of the three Sorbus Side taverns are now instigating a one dollar cover charge on the weekends.

The NB Beverage Retailers Association applied for the right to charge the fee in the latter part of the year. On December 3, the Liquor License Board granted the



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