

McKenzie describes SRC external co-ordinator job

By FORREST ORSER

On February 25, Warren McKenzie was appointed external co-ordinator. The position had been held by only one person before this. McKenzie described his job as one of keeping up communication with groups and organizations off campus including other universities and their SRC's, student federations and various levels of the government.

He explained that the external co-ordinator "takes a load off the president," while not undermining his authority. McKenzie said he feels it allows the president to do a better job, by not taking on too much work by himself.

McKenzie said that with letters, phone calls and conferences, he and the former external co-ordinator have created "a very informal network" for communications between the UNB SRC and the student governments of other universities.

He said this communication "may save us from some pit falls other people have fallen into."

During the March Break McKenzie and SRC Comptroller Chris Gilliss visited a number of universities in Ontario, and met members of the student governments there.

McKenzie said he feels this will enable him to communicate with these universities on a more personal basis, rather than "just writing to a name."

He added that during these visits he and Gilliss learned a great deal, including new ideas for concerts and for services provided by other

student governments, but not provided at UNB.

"I'm not sure how much of this should be used at UNB, but it's interesting to note the trends," McKenzie said.

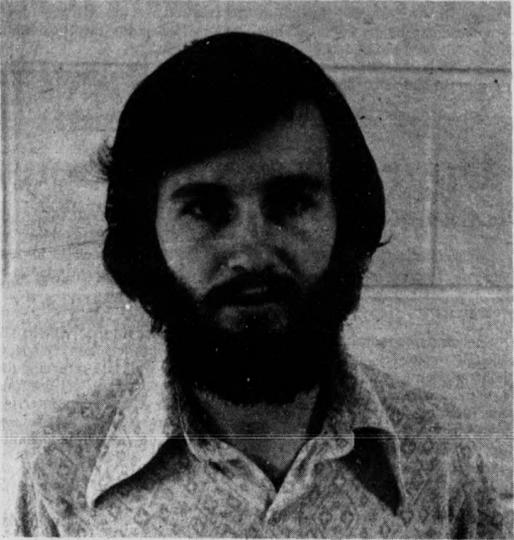
He also said that he noted a wide range in the amount of student representation on university government. Some students are still not represented on their university's senate, while other students

are fighting for a number of student senators equal to the number of senators appointed by

the administration.

McKenzie said, "We're somewhere in the middle." He pointed out that there is currently an attempt to have students appointed to the Senate's Appointments Committee and the Student Standing and Promotions Committee.

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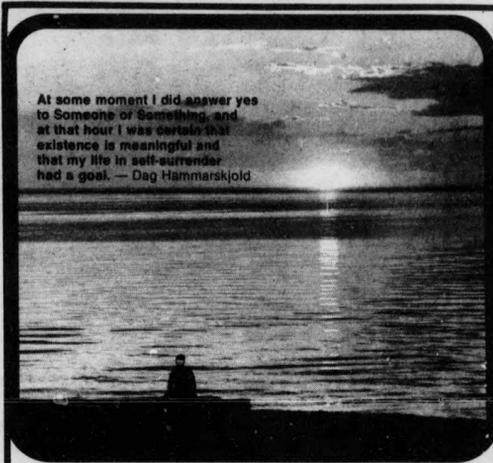
of student government as "the best I've come across." He explained that by only electing half of the SRC at one time, the new members are able to learn how the SRC works from the older members.

He said that in some universities an SRC election can be a very unsettling event, since at one time almost the entire council changes.

McKenzie said that on many campuses the SRC president is the only executive elected. He said he feels that by electing three of the top SRC executives, as is done at UNB, the SRC is more responsive to the students.

He pointed out that the Ontario Federation of Students receives 40 cents from each student in member universities. The money is used to employ a full time staff to do research. The results of this research is used to lobby the provincial government on matters concerning university students.

Commenting on his job as external co-ordinator McKenzie said, "I'm still learning." He explained that there is a great deal involved in maintaining communication with all the organizations and groups of interest to the UNB SRC.



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Big Bamboo Night March 23

Although Carnival has ended in Trinidad, marking the traditional end of festivities until after Lent, the fun has just started on campus at UNB. On March 23, the Caribbean Circle will be holding its second Big Bamboo Night Club.

Caribbean Circle. Supplementing their efforts will be the amazing Prince Oscar, who performed at the Trinidad and Tobago Pavilion at Expo '67 and was widely acclaimed for his bottle dancing, limbo and fire-eating act.

For the last four weeks, the members of the Circle have been in constant practice in preparation for the show. From the rehearsals so far we can assure you that together with Prince Oscar and the Tropical Knights, the Caribbean Circle will be presenting entertainment which won't be forgotten for a long while.

The show this year is a combination of amateur and professional efforts. The amateur side of the show consists of a number of songs, dances and skits performed by members of the

The variety show will be followed by a dance with music being provided by the Tropical Knights, a West Indian band currently playing in Montreal. This year again, the audience will be treated to a sample of West Indian cuisine.

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