

Meet the Candidates

For President

We need a new type of student government, one which is forward looking, optimistic, and RESPONSIBLE. A student government that properly represents and responds to the concerns of students. We need a Student Union that puts behind it the controversies of the past and in cooperation with all parts of the university community tries to make a real difference in the quality of student life.

There are several issues I feel need to be addressed and need attention. It is time the UNB Student Union takes responsibility for publishing a Student Handbook for all students. It would provide information on services offered at the university and the Fredericton area. Second, the issue of entertainment on campus has come up when talking with other students. I would like to see an Entertainment Committee established in that they would be responsible for the entertainment which takes place on campus. By doing this, I feel the planning which is a necessity for such events could be handled in a responsible fashion. Third, I feel the service provided in regards to photocopying and typing must be improved in order to accommodate the number of students wishing to use them. Fourth, a Yearbook Committee must be established in order to ensure a Yearbook for each graduate.

These issues bring out one central conclusion. That is, the Student Union lacks direction. UNB is viewed as a "trouble spot" in regards to its Student Union. This must be changed NOW. In order to do this, an Inter-Atlantic University Communication Link must be formulated to seek ideas and policies with other universities in our region.

Overall, the Student Union needs help and I am willing to work hard but I cannot do it alone. I need your comments and encouragement. As Vice-Chairman of Orientation, I have had the chance to watch and participate in students cooperating with other students. At this time, I ask all students to consider supporting me in order to build our New Student Union Council.

Well, it's that time of the year again, time for the students of UNB to show off their infamous apathy towards student government. I have two concerns in regards to this statement, one, that you do get out and vote, and two, that you vote for me. My name is Tom Rivington and I am running for the office of President, a fact that when I decided to run surprised myself and shocked my friends. Like most of the students here at UNB I did not partake in any of the elections that have occurred during my two years in the BBA program. Also like the majority of students I found fault with and complained about our student government. The constant bickering, immaturity, and misuse of student funds drove me to the reality that if we want responsible government with the best interests of the student body paramount, those of us who have showed apathy in the past must be the ones to make the change. The concept of student government has incredible potential to improve ones stay at university both financially and socially, the past administrations have failed miserably in both these areas. This is where the meat of my platform is, my aim if I was elected, is to first improve the financial well being of the Student Union and in turn relief of the financial woes of students, and then to maximize the social benefits that attending a university can offer.

With regards to finance, the dire economic circumstances the SU is presently in I believe can be cured through various fund raising activities, possibly lotteries if lawful, or through the development of a used textbook service. This textbook service would lower the cost of textbooks for students while at the same time generating needed income for the SU. There are other ways of raising cash, but due to limited space they cannot be discussed here. Another of my peeves with past administrations is their reluctance to pressure Provincial and Federal Gov'ts into stabilizing tuitions costs, constant yearly increases make it difficult for many students to make ends meet.

Finally, we need a SU that is in touch with the needs of students. The only apparent activities within the SU are either immature remarks to one another or useless, wasteful, and cash consuming legal actions to the tune of

\$60,000 that lead one to believe that these people are children rather than adults.

If you have found yourself in agreement with what I believe are the problems the Student Union faces, then vote for Tom Rivington for President and a much needed overhaul will occur.

Thank you,
Tom Rivington

The students in this University have been cheated of any benefits the Student Union could have provided to them in the past year. Instead, the students are given controversy, misrepresentation, and irresponsible decisions on the part of the Student Council. Council, seemingly, is now a group of students who are looking out only for their own interests, and ignoring the input provided by the student body at large. The students receive virtually nothing for their 30 dollar investment in the Student Council. Secret, closed meetings at which important decisions are made and rash, knee-jerk decisions to problems are what seem to characterize the Student Union over the past year.

In the future, I would like to see actual services provided to the Students. The current Council has decided to sell the remaining photocopiers in the photocopy centre, which was the last remaining service provided directly by the Student Union. The Student Union has the potential of generating revenues from its photocopy services, while at the same time providing a useful service to the students. At the same time, there is potential of generating revenue from a regular movie series, a lecture series, and sale of yearbooks, none of which have been done in the past year. What a loss to the students that the Council would rather waste their time on infighting rather than providing Student Services. This can, however, be remedied in the next year.

The Student Union must do serious long-term planning in the coming year. Past decisions have been rather obviously short-sighted, not taking into consideration the future of the Student Union. The present legal conflicts must be resolved in order to guarantee the future of Student Government on this campus. To that end, I will work towards obtaining

an agreement between the parties involved which will end the needless waste of Student money on legal battles.

What the students in this university need is Representation, not Misrepresentation. I support regular referendum questions which would decide important issues. I believe in Democracy, and will not impede the democratic procedures by holding up the seating of any elected official, whether I agree with his or her views or not.

If elected, I will strive to obtain the most Student Services and the greatest amount of true Representation and Advocacy possible in order that the Student Union can enrich both the social and academic needs of the Students of UNB.

Tony Tracy

For Board of Governors

I am a first year student currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration program. I am not in any way affiliated with Student politics. This, I feel, is very important because political aspect should not overflow into, and impede the effectiveness of student representation on the Board of Governors.

The Board of Governors is responsible for making any financial decisions on behalf of the University. As a member of the board, I would have the following aims as my first priorities:

- 1) Fight any increases in tuition and/or residence fees that may be proposed.
- 2) Try to introduce a health plan that would be more comprehensive, yet at the same time agreeable to the majority of students as well as the UNB administration.
- 3) Increase student awareness of the benefits produced by the board.

On March 25 make a choice, the right choice. Vote Chris Nakash for Board of Governors.

Sincerely,

Christopher Nakash

The UNB Senate is made up of 64 members, only 6 of whom are student representatives. Similarly, the Board of Governors is made up of 46 members, only 3 of whom are students. I am seeking election to both the Academic Senate and the Board of Governors because I believe a student representative should pursue both the financial and academic interests of the students of this campus and not those of the administration.

The Board of Governors is responsible for financial and administrative affairs on campus. If elected, I will raise and seek pro-student response to the following issues:

1. The Board of Governors should not, as it consistently has in the past, be permitted to increase tuition in May after the majority of students have left. The Board should be required to announce any tuition hikes prior to exams enabling students to plan for or question such hike.
2. There must be increased lighting on campus to prevent sexual assault.
3. The University Senate has approved plans for an Ombudsman to hear student grievances. So far, the Board of Governors has done nothing concrete to fill this position with a qualified applicant.
4. The University should include free birth control pills as part of the Health Insurance Plan as well as allowing condoms to be made freely available on campus as protection against sexually transmitted diseases.
5. UNB should develop a new, comprehensive policy (similar to a collective agreement) for graduate and undergraduate student teaching assistants.

The function of the University Senate is to regulate academic policy and procedure on campus. I seek election to the Senate in order to push for the following reforms:

1. Despite recent grants, there is still a critical shortage of funds for library acquisitions. It has been predicted that the University libraries will not be able to purchase new books or journals in upcoming years. It is vital that the Senate study areas where fiscal fat and waste can be cut so that money can be transferred to library purchases.
2. Each year the calendar describes many courses that are often not offered. Senate should take steps to ensure that

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