

SRC discusses SUB funding

A meeting between members of the SRC, the SUB Board, and other student leaders held last week to arrive at a consensus about the future funding of the Student Union Building was termed "a success" by UNB Student Union President Kevin Ratcliff. Ratcliff told Monday's regular SRC meeting that the mortgage of the SUB would be paid in full by October of this year and that the SUB Board is

now in the process of preparing plans for future renovations. "The proposal should be ready by November," Ratcliff said and a decision about funding will be made then. Next year, UNB students will continue to pay \$15 of their student union fee to the SUB to pay off the remainder of the mortgage and contribute to other projects in the building.

The UNB Red Shirts will receive \$500 from the student union towards the purchase of team blazers. The UNB Alumni and the university are also making a contribution towards the \$3000 cost of the items. The contribution by all three parties is to honor the Red Shirts, who won the Canadian Soccer championship last November.

A financial report for this year's Winter Carnival is not yet complete according to the SRC Assistant Comptroller Andy Young. "A report will be presented at the next meeting of council once all of the extra liquor has been sold," he said.

Winter carnival and its apparent lack of success sparked a heated debate as law representative Phil Chaddock pressed members of council and the executive for an explanation. Councillor Dave Leblanc blamed the weather, lack of experience on the executive, and apathy on campus. The main problem was "lack of participation," Leblanc



SRC executive at Monday's meeting.

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Seniors offered free tax help

Senior and third year students in business administration are planning to offer to senior citizens in the greater Fredericton area free assistance with the preparation of their annual (1980) income tax returns.

Project TAXAID is designed to integrate classroom learning with experience, develop an awareness of social responsibility and provide an avenue for direct community involvement. While providing senior citizens with assistance with the annual tax-filing ritual, it affords them an opportunity for providing our future business leaders with 'real-world' situations in a person-to-person context.

Arrangements are being finalized for small groups of students, accompanied by faculty supervisors to be available on specifically announced dates beginning in early March, at a convenient central location in the city. Those senior citizens wishing to make use of this service are invited to bring their tax forms and required information and to receive whatever assistance and advice they might require. For those who are disabled, attempts will be made to go to their place of residence, where this is feasible.

Students volunteering for the project will participate in 'refresher' sessions to review the 1980 tax form and the types of situations most likely to be encountered.

Senior and third year business students wishing to add their names to the duty roster should contact Prof. Gerry Cook at Tilley Hall 316, 453-4869 or Ross Libbey, c/o The Brunswickan.

said.

Chaddock questioned the lack of public relations and posters advertising Winter Carnival events. Chaddock suggested carnival should be organized at an earlier date if the event is to be more successful.

A special ad hoc committee of council was formed to review Winter Carnival and report to council before March 30. Chaddock, engineering rep Susan Lynch, rep-at-large Beth Quigg, business rep David Leblanc and Orientation Chairman '81 Gerard Finnan were appointed to the committee. Science Rep. Mike Hughson

suggested the application committee of council begin the search for a Winter Carnival '82 chairman as soon as possible rather than wait for the fall as is now the practice.

Chaddock also questioned the lack of SRC-sponsored entertainment on campus. Chaddock said Bruce Cockburn was scheduled to be at Mount Allison March 23 and asked why UNB is not part of his scheduled tour. No answer was forthcoming but David Leblanc pointed out an entertainment committee had been formed and said they were attempting to get organized.

SRC President Kevin Ratcliff said that entertainment has been a real problem for several years and informed council that an entertainment conference will be scheduled after March break to look at the problem. "A change in strategy is needed," he said.

In other council business, Wednesday, March 18 was set as the date for the spring SRC elections. Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, March 18 for all senate and SRC seats. The next meeting of council is scheduled for Monday, March 6.

Bio-Engineering receives grant

The University of New Brunswick and Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce jointly announced a grant of \$136,000 by the bank which will enable the university to expand its internationally recognized Bio-Engineering Institute.

The grant represents a further two-year commitment by the Bank of Commerce to the institute's applied research program for the development of electronic arms for children who have lost limbs as a result of accident or disease.

In presenting the cheque for this year, Donald Simpson of Halifax, vice-president and general manager for the Atlantic region of the bank, said, "We at the Commerce are

delighted to be associated with a program of such obvious worth, particularly in 1981- the International Year of the Disabled Persons. We began our support of the institute with a \$100,000 grant two years ago during the International Year of the Child, and the progress made in this humanitarian endeavour has been heartwarming."

In responding, UNB President James Downey said, "The bank's generous gift will make possible the expansion of facilities and the addition of professional staff for the fabrication and fitting of myo-electric (muscle-activated) arms, as well as the provision of ongoing therapy for children involved. We consider it to

be a fine example of corporate social responsibility undertaken by a major Canadian institution."

Those on hand to mark the occasion included Catharine Wallace of Fredericton, a director of the bank and

chairman of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission; Robert Scott, director of the Bio-

Engineering Institute; and Jack Kim, manager of the main branch of the Bank of Commerce in Fredericton.

International day

International Day is now being organized by the various International Student groups on the Campus, by WUSC and by the International Student Office, will be held at the SUB on Sunday March 8, from 2:00 pm until 11:00 pm

Tickets will go on sale through the International Student Office, the SUB and St. Thomas University.

The film & slide show and the exhibits will be available free of charge.

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