SRC Wants Aitken Centre Cost Reduced

By DAVID MOGILEVSKY **Brunswickan Staff**

The SRC is currently trying to secure a policy from the Administration that will result in the Aitken Centre being rented to the Student Union for free or for a reduced rate. The Administration is reluctant to grant special rights to the SRC, stating the Aitken Centre must be run like the business it is.

The position of the Student Union was formalized at the January 23 SRC meeting when comptroller Aubrey Kirkpatrick moved a motion that was passed unanimously. The motion read "Be it resolved that the Aitken Centre be available to the students on a priority allocation and cost basis."

The University Vice-President (Finance and Administration), Eric Garland, responded to the resolution, saying "For what reason? What's the reasoning

behind it? We're trying to run the place as efficiently as we can; now if they want a discount, they're going to use the time. And if in fact they do that then the revenue from the place is going to be less. The thing is run by the University so the deficit is going to increase, because of loss of revenue under that discounting arrangement."

Garland is concerned about the possibility of a deficit and stated the rental policy of the Aitken Centre is to maximize revenue and minimize expenditures. He does not want the Centre to be "a hardship on the University." Also, Garland notes, "We're not in the entertainment business," referring to the SRC's motive in changing the policy, the opportunity to book major attractions into the Aitken Centre without having to wrestle with a high rental fee. The Centre rents for \$2000 after taxes

per day or for 10 per cent of the gross ticket sales for the event, whichever is greater.

Vice-President of the SRC, Brenda Paul, said "I don't understand why we're being charged such an exhorbitant price when just for rental when any city-wide organization would pay virtually the same."

Director of the Aitken Centre, Gordon Lebel, explained "The Centre operates with a one policy system; in other words, all users pay the same rental rate, which makes it easy. In my opinion, that's the way it should work." Lebel noted it is an "insulary entrprise and our object is to make it pay for itself. It's to be operated as a business."

President of the SRC, John Bosnitch, said the Student Union wants "preferential treatment and a decent rate. A thousand dollars is out of the question; even five hundred dollars is expensive but it's better than one thousand dollars." The University, concerned about the increase in the deficit on the Aitken Centre, is not likely to warm to Bosnitch's request.

CSL to Bid for Store



Entrance to SUB Smoke Shoppe

Candidates

ARTS Candidates

1 - 1 year seat

David Mogilevsky Jose Sanchez

BA 2 BA 1

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION Geoffrey Bell

1 - 1 year seat (acclaimed)

ENGINEERING Candidates

3 1 year seats 1 - 1/2 year seat

Jane Cunningham Joanne Ellis

EE 2 CE 4 EE 3

Brian Kingston Michael Laaper Dahu Minchey Wilf Reedijk

EE 2 EE 2

SE 4

GRADUATE STUDIES Jeffrey Fryer

1 - 1 year seat (acclaimed)

SCIENCE Ronald J. Spurles

1 - 1 year seat (acclaimed)

SRC SEATS STILL OPEN

1 - 1 year Nursing 1 - 1 year Law

Extended nominations close February 22, at 5:00

3 - 1 year seats SENATE SEATS BSc. C.S. 2 Matthew Crocker M.E. 3 Suzanne Currie BSc. C.S. 3 James Ellis B.Sc. 1 Michael Garvie BBA 6 Oliver Koncz

By DAVID MAZEROLLE **News Editor**

The service branch of the Student Union - CSL -believes that the Smoke Shoppe, which is a significant service to both on and off-campus students, should be owned and operated by the students." says Brenda Paul, vice-president of UNB's Student Union. The CSL will be submitting a bid next week to the SUB board to run the store located in the Student Union Building.

Miss Paul feels confident CSL will get the bid because the SUB board of directors is largely made up of students. Six members are students from UNB, three are from STU and two are representatives from the **UNB Board of Governors**

The store would be run by a full-time manager, who would not necessarily be a student. All other workers would be students. Paul also hopes CSL could lower prices. "The main purpose

is not necessarily for CSL to make money, but for students to save money."

Paul noted CSL would eventually like to take over the whole building. "Ideally, all retail outlets in the SUB should be controlled by

students. If that is not possible, then the most

valuable services." "It sounds like we're having a coup on the SUB, doesn't it?" said Paul.