

# The ideal candidate



The position of a student council president is looked at by many in various ways. Students view the president as a representative of their interests and hope that his decisions among council and the university will reflect their viewpoint. Other university organizations, as well as off campus interests look towards the President of the Student Representative Council as the campus spokesman for students' wants and needs. The need for a mature, responsible person to the position of president is therefore a great responsibility of the student body. Certain criteria must be set in everyone's mind if a qualified, let alone able, individual is to be found from within the confines of the University of New Brunswick. With SRC elections approaching and two candidates vying for the office of

president, a person can only wonder at what could possibly be in store for the next year of student council. Recurring problems within the term of president must be ironed out in order that there might be a future possibility of a basically trouble-free year. By this statement let the understanding be taken as - lets rearrange priorities to focus on council issues rather than having to question personalities and their actions, let alone the motives. Clearly, then, there are basic qualifications that are as such unwritten but desperately warrant discussion.

1) There is a need for a degree of maturity in order that situations of any type can be dealt with in a calm, rational manner. Such a person is an asset in

creating strong leadership qualities amongst others.

2) Open communication with the campus is vital. Media and Councillors must be able to seek information in order that they present a clear and precise picture of any situation or event. The President must be willing to answer anyone's questions as well as provide information to the entire student body.

3) The president must be assertive, i.e. he must be able to make a decision and stand by it. This is crucial factor in being a good leader. Inability to take a stand or make decisions that are steadfast will only portray a weak, middle-of-the-road character. He creates decension among Council and damages self-image throughout the campus.

4) If an individual wishes to successfully fulfill the role of

president then it would be necessary for him to have at least a couple of years on campus. A minimum of two years would allow a person to not only familiarize himself with campus politics and student issues but also allow for involvement in student organizations. A position such as SRC president requires knowledge and experience - it is not a role to be taken lightly and it should be realized by all students. If effective leadership is to be expected from student presidents it is time that a voting precedent be set as means of narrowing selection. Complaining about actions and personality will only go so far - to remember that it is you who initially brings a president to office is to remind one that its time for a responsible informed voter as well as an SRC president.

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