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Don't anybody panic, and don't bother to scream...

SU gives first reading of '95-'96 budget

By Gordon Loane
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The UNB Student Union fee could increase as much as \$5.00 next September if a preliminary 1995-96 budget, tabled at this week's council meeting is approved in about a month.

The student union will need \$105 per student to operate its activities next year, according to Luc Pinet, SU VP Finance and Administration.

But Pinet admits that this figure may change in the next few weeks.

"Council may decide to cut the budget," he said, referring to the big debate on second reading, which is expected at the March 15 meeting.

"Students may decide to cut their ties with the Canadian Federation of Students in a referendum set in conjunction with elections March 22 and 23," said Pinet.

"If UNB students say 'no' [to CFS], the student fee could be cut by as much as \$4.50 each, leaving fees about the same as this year," said Pinet.

Council could adopt a third option, depending on the results of the CFS referendum.

"Funding from CFS could then be re-distributed to some budgets that were originally cut, leaving the overall fee just slightly higher than this year," he said, admitting that this is a more likely option.

The preliminary budget contains several cost increases and funding for new activities.

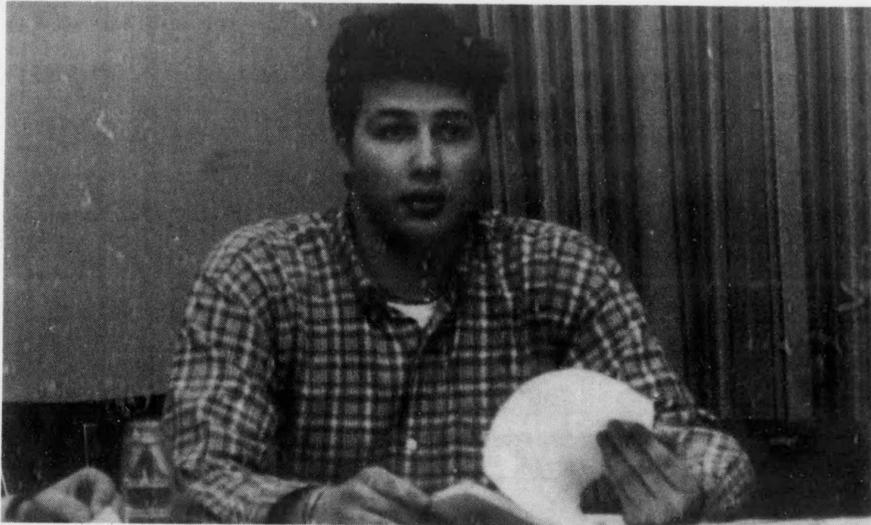
The largest increase is for student publications, nearly \$25,000 in new money to fund the UNB yearbook.

The SU office gets the next largest increase at \$23,000, mostly to fund staff salary increases, office renovations and increased insurance costs.

The Cellar is asking for \$14,000 to cover summer rents and provide some cash flow for next year, according to Pinet.

Student Services gets a \$7,000 increase over last year in its budget, mainly to pay expenses of renting a colour copier at the Help Centre in the SUB, Pinet explained.

The Student Support Centre, which began operations in the SUB in January, will get a \$1,400 increase in its budget,



SU Finance and Administration Luc Pinet presents the first reading of the '95-'96 Student Union budget. The next reading of the budget will take place on March 15. For the complete budget, turn your attention to page 21. Photo by Bones

mainly to fund a conference that will be attended by staffers, Pinet said. The SU plans to spend an extra \$8,000 to fund certain directly related activities, including \$2,500 for student advocacy.

The largest increase in this category is for travel and expenses to conferences that will be attended mostly by SU executive members. Conference expenses are up by just under \$6,000.

Campus Entertainment has suffered

the largest cut in the proposed budget. Council plans to spend about \$12,000 less to fund Alcohol Awareness, the Comedy Series, Live Entertainment, the Speaker's Series and Varsity Mania.

Other budgets have been largely untouched.

The media budgets, which fund CHSR and *The Brunswickan*, have increased by about \$2000 overall, while cultural groups and special interest groups re-

ceived slight increases.

The budgets for faculty clubs and societies are virtually unchanged at just over \$55,000.

Overall, the SU budget calls for spending of nearly \$740,000 next year.

The SU expects to benefit from a projected increase in UNB student enrollment. Enrollment is forecast to jump to 7,040 students next year from a 6,742 registered undergraduates this year.

SU Administrator to receive pay hike

By Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

The General Administrator of the UNB Student Union is set to receive a 16.6 per cent salary increase effective May 1, after just one year on the job.

According to salary figures released in the SU's preliminary operating budget, Barb Kirk will earn nearly \$41,000 next year, up from \$35,000 this year.

The Student Union will pick up just over \$23,000 of the salary total from its regular operating budget. Some \$7,500

of Kirk's salary will come from administrative fees associated with the health plan, while \$10,000 will come from the SU Sub Expansion Fund set up a number of years ago.

This is not the same Sub Expansion fund created last year out of the \$25 annual fee currently being paid by UNB students.

The student union also employs a full-time bookkeeper, a secretary/bookkeeper, and a Help Center Manager. All three will receive salary increases averaging 3.5 per cent, effective May 1, according to SU VP

Finance and Administration Luc Pinet.

All three earn a combined total of about \$78,000 a year. The SU is also providing funding for part-time office help totalling nearly \$4,000 next year.

Two students have been employed in the SU office part-time since last September.

Meanwhile, salary increases at UNB over the last year have averaged one per cent for non-union administrative staff and clerical and maintenance staff, according to David Prebble of UNB Personnel Services.

Student committee will not handle harassment

By Greg Moore
Brunswickan News

A proposed alteration to the Student Disciplinary Code, aimed at allowing the Committee to deal with cases of harassment, was struck down by the body's supervisory board on Monday.

The proposal, prepared by Dr. Papehausen of UNBSJ, would add harassment to the list of offences which can be heard before the Student Disciplinary Committee.

The SDC is a panel of students with the authority to take disciplinary action in cases where the complainant requests their intervention.

Rick Peacock, Director of Security and a member of the SDC supervisory com-

mittee, said that the SDC usually deals with "run-of-the-mill" incidents, such as fights and alcohol abuses.

After an incident, Peacock explained, the complainant is informed of their options, which may include criminal action or charges before the SDC.

Often, the pursuit of legal action is not expedient and sometimes not effective, Peacock explained.

Peacock said that the usual punishment under the SDC is a fine. The advantages, he said, are that the offender is disciplined in a quick and decisive manner that is often more appropriate to young people.

"The student doesn't end up with a record this way," Peacock explained.

If the proposals had gone through, al-

legations of harassment against students would be also be handled by the committee. Student Union VP University Affairs Pat Fitzpatrick was among those on the supervisory committee who opposed adoption of the proposed amendment. He said that the system would represent a double standard, separating the way that students and administrators are dealt with when charged with harassment.

"Students would be ghettoized," he said.

According to FitzPatrick, "the SDC is a sharp instrument" with no informal stages. The system that is in the works for faculty and staff, he said, includes mediation, conciliation, and then more formal procedures.

"Most of the cases that come before

the SDC are really criminal cases," FitzPatrick said, explaining his opinion that the committee is not qualified to deal with the less-defined charge of harassment.

Mark Linehan, chair of the SDC and a third year law student, agreed with FitzPatrick, saying that it would be pointless to adopt a policy now with "something better coming."

According to University Secretary and Commissioner for Student Discipline Steven Strople, though, the proposal would have been just "one way of dealing with harassment."

At the same time, he said, the committee decided to send a letter to the

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Top ten ways that you can tell your prof won't be coming back from the break:

(1) They've taken to addressing you and all your classmates as, "hey, jackass"

(2) They handed back your last paper with the comment, "Great work, you jackass. If you're so smart how 'bout you teach the course?"

(3) You keep noticing this gentleman named Guido, hanging around your classroom door, just itching meet your prof.

(4) They refuse to make appointments with students, mumbling something about, "Get away from me you jackass! I gotta go. Gilligan's Island is on."