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Pinet defends recent CFS-Services to stay absence from council

By Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

UNB Student Union Vice-President Finance and Administration Luc Pinet says his absence from the office for about a week has not disrupted the budget process.

Pinet will hand down first reading of the SU's 1995-96 operating budget March 1st.

"The Budget process is on schedule in all respects and everything has been going smoothly with no disruptions," said Pinet, who has been in California looking for a permanent job.

Pinet is a fourth year Business student who expects to graduate this spring.

"The Budget process is at a point where clubs and societies have submitted requests for funding, the Finance Committee has met several times and other budgets in SU Services and the media are expected this week," Pinet continued.

"I have spent many hours particularly with clubs and societies both last term and at the beginning of this term," said Pinet.

"I've done my best to treat people fairly and get a budget prepared on time as

well," he said.

As for whether Pinet will be paid during his absence from the office the answer is yes.

Pinet returned after a summer in California over two weeks late for the fall term and received his regular honoraria of \$1500 per term as well.

"I get paid a certain honoraria based on accomplishing a certain work load," he said.

Pinet said that everyone in the SU executive works unusual hours.

"I tend to work in the office nights, weekends as well as turning regular day-time hours," said Pinet.

"As long as the job is accomplished that's what is important," he concluded.

In the meantime, SU President Paul Estabrooks is defending both Pinet and the honoraria system.

Estabrooks said Pinet gets paid \$125 every two weeks during the school year but it's not like a regular job.

"We tend to measure whether the job is being accomplished based on the workload over an entire school term," he said.

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The future of the services branch of CFS is not in question, at least for the immediate future following a decision by the UNB student council this week.

Council voted to cancel a planned referendum on CFS-Services scheduled in conjunction with spring student elections March 22 and 23.

CFS-Services, a separate company from the political wing of the Canadian Federation of Students, operates a travel office and the Student Saver Card program at UNB.

Each student pays out \$1.50 a year from UNB SU fees to support company operations.

"Students are basically satisfied with the CFS-Services operation," said Pat FitzPatrick, VP University Affairs, address-

ing council Wednesday night.

That comment is in marked contrast to FitzPatrick's opinion on the political wing of CFS where a referendum will proceed at UNB next month.

"We wanted to eliminate confusion at referendum time," FitzPatrick said.

"If both referenda had proceeded I would have recommended a No vote on the political wing of CFS and a Yes vote on CFS-Services," said FitzPatrick.

"Students not familiar with the two organizations might be confused," he confessed.

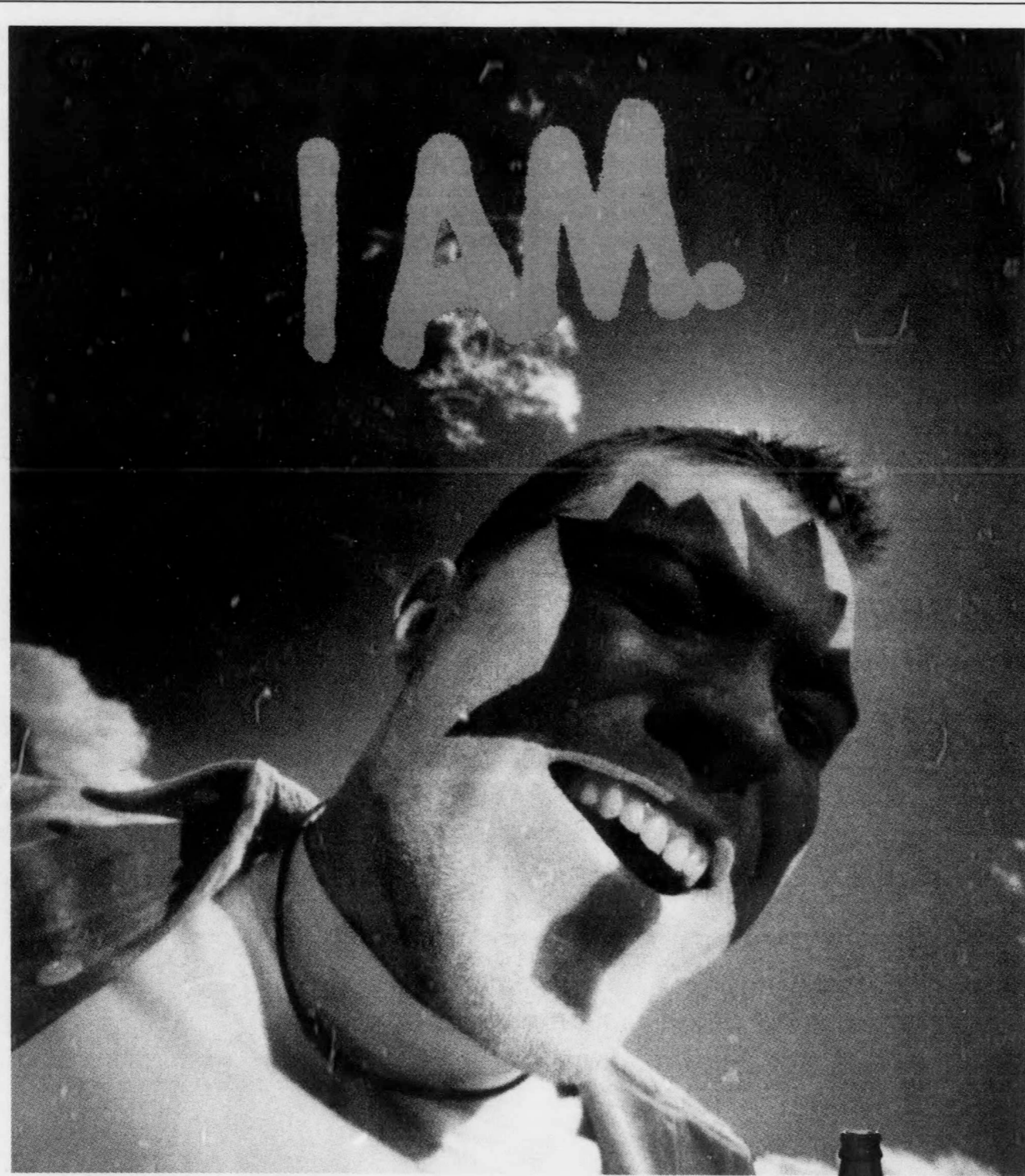
Council's decision is backed by a legal opinion, according to FitzPatrick.

"Our lawyer has advised us that we could cancel the referendum on CFS-Services by a vote of council," he said.

FitzPatrick says a written notice to both CFS and CFS-Services will be set in the next week.

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