

## Textbooks to go up again for 79/80

By GORDON LOANE

Due to inflation and the declining value of the Canadian dollar textbook increases from ten to twelve percent are predicted for the next academic year. This was the prediction of Mrs. Logue, manager of the U.N.B. Bookstore in an interview held this week.

According to Mrs. Logue 70-80 per cent of the textbooks sold to U.N.B. students are published in the United States. The declining value of the Canadian dollar and the increased costs of paper and publishing costs have forced up the price of the wholesale costs of books. Needless to say these increased costs must be passed on to the student.

However, the impression that students are being ripped off by the Bookstore appears not to be true. In fact, the 20 per cent markup that the Bookstore places on all textbooks does not

cover the operation costs of the Bookstore. In fact the other items besides textbooks that are sold at the Bookstore help cover these costs of operation.

In addition, there is a myth that the Bookstore makes large profits. In fact, "profits have been quite small in comparison to total sales" says Mrs. Logue. Last year the Bookstore's profit was approximately \$15,000 on total sales of \$1,000,000.

Questioned as to some of the problems that students face in getting textbooks for courses, Mrs. Logue stated that these problems exist each year but are not peculiar to the U.N.B. Bookstore. The problems may arise because professors do not inform the bookstore in time for their staff to order the texts required by students in time for the beginning of fall classes. In addition, some texts may not be published until June of the year in which the book is scheduled to be used for a

course. This causes order problems for the bookstore staff but is unavoidable. In general, however, most professors seem to co-operate with the deadline established by the bookstore. Last year 60 per cent of the professors on the U.N.B. campus had placed their orders for the fall by the April 11th deadline. Mrs. Logue pointed out a real problem in that some professors do not inform the bookstore if they intend to use the same text in the next academic year. The buyback period has passed and it is difficult to get the required texts for the next academic year.

In addition, the bookstore operates to serve both Saint Thomas and U.N.B. Saint John students. According to Mrs. Logue approximately 80 per cent of textbooks ordered at U.N.B.S.J. are placed through the U.N.B. Bookstore.

The Bookstore wishes to

finally remind all students that the buyback period this year will be from April 12th-26th. In addition a private book buyer will be at the bookstore for 3

days in April to buy back various textbooks. Watch for further details on the buyback period in further issues of the *Brunswickan*.

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a new revised version of the Student Handbook for the next academic year, and suggests that the SRC should look into the printing contract for the Student Directory so that it will be available to students earlier in the academic year. He feels that the Yearbook is too heavily subsidized by the SRC and said "that sales are a disappointment". He suggests a survey of other universities to see how they finance their yearbook operation may help.

Berube expresses the hope that CHSR will finally go FM to the benefit of all students and points to the current success of CHVV.

Berube suggests that the present executive look into the possibility of obtaining another method of legal services for the coming academic year.

He claims Campus Services Limited should continue to remain in low risk ventures and SRC office expenditures must be kept in line. Berube suggests

one SRC election per year is more acceptable instead of the present system of two elections per year. He further suggests changes within the administrative structure of the SRC suggesting the Vice President Internal's and Vice President External's job be combined. One Vice President would then be elected who would receive greater honoraria than at present.

According to Berube a \$3.00 decrease in student union fees could take place and this year SRC operating surplus will be between \$35,000 - \$50,000. In addition it will be at least 2 years before CHSR goes off Campus according to Berube.

Berube closed his report by thanking many of the people he worked with during the year and wished the new executive the best of luck!

The report received a generally favourable response if comments from the council and SRC executive are any indication.

### Cronshaw

## Prez's report comprehensive

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SRC Comptroller Scott Cronshaw feels former SRC president Steve Berube's final report "was a well thought out, comprehensive document."

Berube had commented that the travel office revenue should be used to fund more non-alcoholic events or to fund more special lecturers on campus. Cronshaw felt that this revenue would be better used to help CHSR go off campus should a referendum show approval for the project. "It is just that CHSR should have a higher priority at the moment" commented Cronshaw and he felt there would be "more service to the students this way."

Berube commented that certain changes were needed involving the Yearbook. Cronshaw seemed to agree with the suggestions and plans to implement certain changes in this regard.

Cronshaw feels that no penalty clause is needed in the Wilson printing contract for the Student Directory. He felt that the problems about late printing were problems within the union and the fault does not lie with the printing company. The Directory should be better organized and be out earlier next year, hopefully by the end of Sept., according to Cronshaw. Tenders for the printing contract will be sent out before the end of April, Cronshaw commented.

In regard to yearbook sales Berube commented that sales were indeed a disappointment. Cronshaw seemed more optimistic on this issue commenting that yearbook sales to date totalled 900 as compared to 300 at this time last year. Cronshaw also felt there should be some incentive to buy a yearbook early. "Perhaps a \$1 discount from the regular price at registration would be the necessary incentive", commented Cronshaw. Berube's suggestion that we should consult other universities on their plans with yearbooks and university rings

was a very good idea and one worth pursuing.

Cronshaw disagrees with the Berube contention that a great deal of money was saved as a result of the honoraria budget. In fact, honoraria is under budget by \$800 which is not really much, commented Cronshaw.

Cronshaw also felt that there is no need to explore other avenues as far as our legal situation is concerned. According to Cronshaw our present situation provides good value for our dollar. In addition the present lawyer appears to be available for consultations when he is required.

On the subject of bringing in more guest lecturers Cronshaw saw little money available in the immediate future. He felt CHSR should be a higher priority at the moment.

Concerning SRC Office expenditures "we will try to hold the line" but if increases in operations do occur we will have to incur them as the situation warrants us to do so. One problem in the office at the moment is the large amount of unaccountable long distance calls. This is a problem that is being worked on, according to Cronshaw.

Cronshaw is not in favor of Berube's suggestion that only one SRC election should be held per year. "We need to maintain the continuity of the Executive" commented Cronshaw.

Cronshaw, however, was in basic agreement with Berube's suggestion that only one Vice-President was needed in the UNB SRC Executive. There is not enough work for two Vice Presidents according to Cronshaw and cross jurisdictional problems do exist. Conflict could be the result in the future he claimed. A doubling of the existing honoraria for the one Vice President's job was a realistic proposal he claimed.

On the subject of SRC fees Cronshaw felt "we must hold the line unless we can justify it some

time in the future". UNB SRC fees are among the lowest in Canada he claimed and if we could hold the line until the SUB mortgage is paid off then we should be alright.

Cronshaw disagreed strongly with Berube's suggestion that SRC fees should be reduced by \$3. This statement on the reduction "was in direct contradiction to Berube's statement of seeing CHSR go FM". It would be all but impossible to fund CHSR and reduce student fees claimed Cronshaw. This is totally impractical as far as the SRC is concerned, he suggested.

Commenting on a projected huge surplus of 35-50 thousand dollars by Berube, Cronshaw claimed "the surplus will be substantially less than what he projects". Expenses must be met during the summer, he added. Cronshaw however did agree with the suggestion that there would indeed be a surplus for this fiscal year.

although council has discussed renovations and reallocation of part of the \$15 collected per student to SUB maintenance.

Five years after CHSR - FM is on the air, (if at all), operating costs will be up another 10 thousand according to projected figures presented to council. The initial capital outlay of 27 thousand would be absorbed next year, and the first operating budget of \$25,512 would be in effect for the 1980/81 school year. Whether or not the council is stable enough to produce a surplus each year to cover this amount is a good question. In the last two years Roy Clark and two GOOD comptrollers have proven it possible, BUT\* the surpluses that appeared in years previous where not only inadequate, but the SAME surplus was being carried over from year to year with no significant amount being added. As you can imagine, the question is up in the air; "Can we finance CHSR-FM without economic setbacks in the future?"

## Report frizzles Fripp

In an interview this week SRC Vice president external Claire Fripp has several comments on Berube's final report to council. Fripp felt we were wise to stay out of NUS at the moment because of the internal struggles in the organization at the moment. There is a change in executive coming which adds to the problem commented Fripp. We should only rejoin NUS if a referendum to decide the issue is positive, and certainly not before the spring of 1980.

Fripp felt that the Ministers Advisory Committee on Student Aid can serve no useful purpose at the moment. We should try to get a seat at the Directors level, Fripp suggested. Fripp was also in basic agreement with Berube's comment that we should push for more than one student on the MPHEC. There are three Maritime provinces and more students are needed. Fripp was very pleased with the effort put forth by Terry Morrison, the only student on the MPHEC. "He is doing a fine job" Fripp said.

The New Brunswick Coalition of Students should be meeting at least once a month or so and if

The alternatives for funding it seem are: 1) raising fees before the SUB mortgage is up. 2) using funds freed when the mortgage goes off. 3) getting lucky and tight management to produce surpluses EACH year.

How the students will take the 1st two choices is a voting question. The latter is the route council has seemingly decided is reasonable.

there is a more important issue then we should meet more often, Fripp suggested. Fripp felt Berube's comments on the Coalition were justified and felt in our own interests we should strongly support N.B.C.S.

Co-operation with French speaking students was a concern of Berube's in his report. This is quite important and they are being invited to the N.B.C.S. meeting this weekend in Fredericton. Fripp plans to do more work in the Fredericton community, especially by establishing better relations through the Chamber of Commerce. Fripp is trying to get on the agenda of City Council and the Rotary Club to push her efforts to establish a better rapport with the city in general. Fripp does not agree with Berube's suggestion that there should be one S.R.C. election per year. She felt "it would do nothing for continuity problems on the SRC".

Fripp expressed a personal feeling that there should only be one Vice President in the UNB Student Union. It would force more work from councillors and contribute to a smoother running of SRC affairs, she suggested. However, she offered this comment on the Vice President position "the workload would be too great for one person except if the academic course load was lightened. With a reduced academic workload, more honoraria and tuition paid by the union, then there would be benefits in the job".

