

Aubrey interview continued

cheque was made out to N.B. Federation of Youth. Bosnitch also signed the cheque without Kirkpatrick's signature (which was not correct as he didn't have the authority). Though the cheque was cashed there was no endorsement on the back if it nor was there a stamp to indicate a deposit to the account of the payee; in this case, N.B. Federation of Youth. Monthly statements are still being sent out to N.B. Federation of Youth, which is supposed to receive money from the government.

In Kirkpatrick's opinion, none of these debts would bankrupt the Student Union.

Accusations of Kirkpatrick giving out personal loans:

—Kirkpatrick says that the only "personal" loans he ever made were commission advances, which are not uncommon occurrences, this was confirmed by a source in the Student Union.

Question of transfer of funds over the summer between CSL and NB Federation of Youth

—According to Kirkpatrick a transfer of funds was made with money from the NB Fed. Of Youth being used to pay CSL employees. This transaction was made by Slipp and authorized by Clayton Burns, Executive Director. While this transfer was not illegal it should never have been done. As soon as Kirkpatrick found out about it, it was paid back immediately.

On the CSL fiasco that is "ongoing," first of all were you obliged to be Treasurer because you were Comptroller?

"No, it was a voluntary decision - I being a naive student leader believed that I would have input into CSL."

What shape were the finances in when you started?

When Kirkpatrick first started with CSL there was no "Exchange" as we know it today - just a book exchange, the stationery came in December and the inventory including, food items came during the summer. As far as finances were concerned there was approximately \$20,000 in the Entertainment Fund in the SRC accounts that belonged to CSL. During Kirkpatrick's term there were only 2 pubs put on - the Spoons and Fat Shadows - which cost approx-

imately \$2,000 each. Everything in CSL was going well until the expansion of the store.

What about the problem with the books not getting the O.K. from the auditor?

There are several reasons why the books did not get the O.K. from Mr. Weatherhead. The first being that the deposit book was missing. Without this book revenues for the store could not be verified. This book is supposed to contain the test of every single deposit and cheques, what each one was for, with dates. Without this book there is no way to ascertain how much money was actually deposited in reference to how much was made. Neither Kirkpatrick nor Marie Moore (former Asst. Comptroller) ever made a deposit for the store because it had been decided that the store personnel would take care of everything pertaining to the Exchange. However, Kirkpatrick and Moore did show them how to make deposits as they had no idea how to do it.

When the Brunswickan contacted Weatherhead about this he said, "A deposit book was not provided. Kirkpatrick gave me what he had—he did not have the deposit book. Weatherhead also said he did not know how many deposit books there were.

The second reason that Mr. Weatherhead gave for not signing the report was that the accounts receivables were in such disarray that he could not establish who owed what to CSL. He said, "I requested a list of Accounts Receivable at year end, August 31, 1984." When asked from whom this list was requested, Weatherhead replied "John Bosnitch."

Another reason for the refusal was that the accounts payable were not in order either. When the Brunswickan approached Weatherhead about this, he replied, "Absolutely, it's the flipside of accounts receivable." He asked Bosnitch for a list of debts up to August 31. "I did not receive it," said Weatherhead. When asked if it were true that there were no invoices for September and October, "Correct" replied Weatherhead. What this boils down to is that the store kept very poor records.

Another major problem that Weatherhead faced was that he wasn't satisfied that the minutes from CSL meetings were valid. When asked about

this he replied, "The date I examined the minutes book there were no minutes in it. I've got minutes now but they do not appear to be consistent or complete."

Further discrepancies were found on the subject of the staff's weekly reports concerning inventories. Weatherhead said there was, "insufficient accounting documentation, that is there was no audit trail for the time the money came over the counter until the time it went to the bank." These reports, according to Weatherhead, did not make sense. When he asked for the cash register tapes in order to verify the summaries he had, he could not get them and because of this he couldn't justify exactly which revenues were coming in.

The main stumbling block for Weatherhead always seems to return to the problem of inventory. He couldn't prove the amount of inventory for the end of August and although technically this was part of Kirkpatrick's job, Kirkpatrick had been told by Bosnitch (also Chief Executive Officer of CSL) in the presence of several people at various times through the summer (for example, Ross Antworth, CSL Executive member and Marie Moore) that he (John) was solely responsible for the store and that Aubrey "need not be involved."

Hatfield denies he supplied drugs

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Saying the same persons or persons responsible for planting marijuana in the outside pocket of his suitcase is responsible for orchestrating new accusations, Premier Richard denied that he supplied students with drugs in 1981.

Hatfield broke his ten day silence by pleading his innocence, accusing others of wickedness and appealing to the decency and fair play that he says best characterized New Brunswick.

The premier of N.B. for fifteen years told a crowded news conference that the men who made statements to the national media and the RCMP had been in home together with others four years ago, but he said they were strangers.

Michael Kyte of Toronto and Peter Daigle of Halifax appeared on national television with similar stories about a

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In his statement, Hatfield said he is extremely gregarious, and he often invites people to his home.

"I admit I am unconventional...I cannot and do not know the character or habits or truthfulness of every one of them," he said.

Hatfield said he realizes he has an option to sue for defamation but did not indicate that he would do so.

He said he has been treated less than fairly by the Canadian Justice System. The Crown violated his rights by "delaying giving me notice of a the specific charge against me in a vain attempt to compel me to incriminate myself," he said.

Who do you feel is ultimately responsible for the "state" of CSL?

"Bosnitch, told me several times that he was the Chief Executive Officer and completely responsible and that if the store was going to work it was up to him." During the summer Bosnitch told the staff not to speak to either Aubrey or Marie and furthermore, Aubrey was to have no say in the books; the only thing Aubrey could do was to pay the bills.

(This was confirmed by several reliable sources who were privy to these conversations during the summer.)

One last question—rumours are floating around about you seeing another auditor during the summer and that the results of that meeting caused you to resign?

"It is true that I went to another auditor—Doane Raemond, which is a national accounting company. I wanted to know if there was any better way of doing the books. Bruce Lewis, the auditor, told me that the books were fine and he had only one suggestion—to add an extra column in the books. Other than that everything was fine. (However Lewis did not look at the store books).

The premier referred often to the Fredericton trial where he successfully defeated a charge of narcotics possession on January 29.

Kyte's and Daigle's stories are "unlikely," said Hatfield, and their statements false. He said that within days of his acquittal "a lawyer from the Federal Department of Justice confirmed to an opposition member of parliament that statements were made and the identification of the men who performed on television."

Hatfield also questioned the integrity of the media that would, he said, try him in a courtroom where he cannot be questioned fairly and impartially. He asked why some media throughout the country received unmarked brown envelopes containing Kyte's and Daigle's statements, and wondered who sent the packages to the papers.

Hatfield refused to answer questions after delivering his statement.

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