

Student Union faces financial woes

By DERWIN GOWAN
While the rest of the student union was marvelling at the election results Comptroller Peter Davidson and his assistant Brian Pryde were pondering over the

worsening financial situation. No definite figures are available, but Davidson said it is clear that the union is spending more money than it is bringing in. As the finalized budget has not been

passed by council, they are going to review them to see where possible cuts can be made. Also, the union may have to borrow money to keep operational next August.

Davidson said the root of the problem is the fact that revenue this year is no greater than last, but campus organizations are asking for money. This situation was aggravated when UNB elected to remain in the National Union of Students without raising student fees and when \$50,000 was invested in Campus Services Limited.

Next year, said Davidson, CSL will not require large inputs from the union and student fees will probably be raised by one dollar to cover NUS fees. Therefore, it is not certain whether or not there will be an increase in fees outside the NUS fees. AFS fees may increase as well.

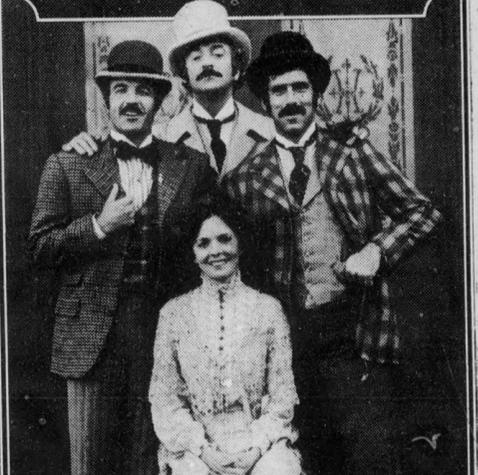
Davidson said campus organizations were generally over-budgeted last year, as the \$10 increase in student fees then was generously spent. Davidson said organizations expected similar increases this year, and the money is not available.

Davidson said there will eventually have to be an increase in fees if services provided by the student union are to be kept at the present level, although he said he did not know whether the increase would come next year.

Davidson drew reference to the problems faced by the McGill student union, where the student union building went bankrupt and had to be closed. He said the UNB union would be in a similar situation if action is not taken soon.

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By EDWARD

The final count of the elections showed students or 32 per cent of voters exercised their privileges.

In the voting for at-Large, Brent Gowan received 807 votes. Alan Wawer also elected with 767 votes. Wawer drew 36 per cent of the ballots were spoiled.

Chris Nagle was elected to the Board of Governors. Ray Shalala drew 85 ballots were spoiled.

Vice President Alex Kibaki with 807 votes. Ray Shalala and Jan McCurdy were elected to the Board of Governors. Phil Wawer and 92 were spoiled.

The referendum on the NUS resulted in 15 per cent of the vote against and 85 per cent in favour.

One thousand seven hundred and seventy-three students participated in the expansion and the twenty-four ballot boxes were used.

In the interview with the students, they had the following to say:

Jan McCurdy: "Wow, the Lord! I could be able to serve the capacity of the President. I wish I could pray and will try to do the help of my friends."

Alex Kibaki: "External: I would like to see those voters who went to the election and who voted for me."