

## CHSC: NOT looking good

By TOM EVANS

The Financial Statements for the College Hill Social Club have just become available. The picture is everything but a bed of roses. The club in 1976 had an operating loss of \$11,432, on sales of \$173,596 compared with a profit of \$14,765 on sales of \$162,522 in 1975. This means a difference of approximately \$21,000.

A small portion can be attributed to inflation and extra maintenance and services, but the major problem lies in the cost of sales. This could be a result of the inventory control problems the Club experienced during 1976.

The figures show that the Club has to get its business under control. The measures implemented in early December should help. The Club's manager, John Giles, is open to any comments or suggestions. His office is located behind the information desk in the SUB.

For your information here are the Club Operating Accounts for 1975-76.

	1976	1975
<b>Income</b>		
Sales	\$173,596	\$162,522
Less cost of sales	130,939	106,618
Gross profit	42,657	55,904
Bottle refund	2,947	2,130
Revenue from Video Games	2,605	
<b>Total income from Operations</b>	<b>48,209</b>	<b>58,034</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising	100	172
Bank charges	276	58
Bar supplies	2,117	1,078
Cleaning supplies	309	405
Legal and audit	2,375	175
Maintenance and repairs	2,509	
Office supplies	519	340
Rent and administration fee	7,218	7,045
Sundry expenses	650	232
Telephone	68	
Transportation	3,116	1,195
Wages and employee benefits	35,091	27,687
Provision for depreciation	5,293	4,882
<b>Total operating expense</b>	<b>59,641</b>	<b>43,269</b>
<b>Profit or (loss) from operations</b>	<b>(\$11,432)</b>	<b>\$14,765</b>

Note 1. Figures for 1975 were restated for comparative purposes and are unaudited.

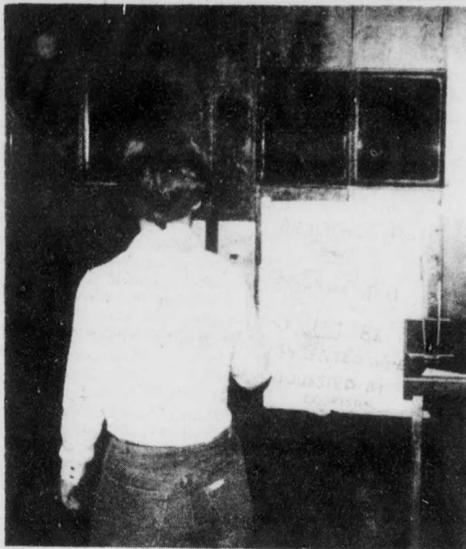


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College Hill Social Club financial statement not "a bed of roses".

## Referendum in offing

By GERRY LASKEY

Monday night the SRC met in special session to discuss the reception of the petition to make student fees outside of the \$15 for SUB mortgage voluntary organized by Alan Hildebrand. The council was forced to do so since Hildebrand was successful in obtaining the constitutionally required ten percent of the student body that demands consideration of a petition by council.

The motion of the petition was defeated 1-19-0. The councillors who spoke thought that many students would not pay their fees if they were voluntary. They thought the union would have to conduct a membership drive every fall. They also expressed the view that all students DO benefit from membership through things such as The Brunswickan and CHSR.

Hildebrand attempted to speak just before the question was moved, but he was ignored by the chairperson. He did get a chance to speak after the motion was defeated. He expressed regret that the chair did not give him a

chance to speak and urged councillors to think more about the issue.

Hildebrand said he was amazed at the degree of support for the student union he encountered while circulating his petition, even among signers of it. He estimated that easily three-quarters of the students would pay student fees if they were optional.

He said his aim was not to destroy the union, but to pull students out of their apathy and bring a qualitative change to the union. He said that if students had to decide to join the union they would take more interest in it.

Later in private Hildebrand said he would rather belong to a union that only had 3000 members, but really represented them, than one that had 6000 apathetic members.

Hildebrand will be circulating a new petition this week. The SRC constitution provides that if he can obtain five percent of the student body to sign another petition that the matter will be taken out of the SRC's hands and they will be forced to submit the matter to a campus referendum. Hildebrand must have the signatures by 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 23.

## Petition voted down ...again

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

The vote was 19-1 against Allan Hildebrand's petition for optional student fees none abstaining at an SRC meeting Monday night.

Hildebrand brought the issue to council for a second time, having solicited the necessary 10 percent margin needed to force it. He intends to get a further 5 percent margin in order to bring the issue to referendum.

Hildebrand believes that this will not jeopardize the continuation of the Student Union. "The Union will have to go on a membership campaign next year" said Hildebrand. He believes that the proposal will entail that the students who wish to join the union will have a greater interest

in it and those who decline should not be expected to aid in its upkeep.

Jim Murray SRC president takes the opposite view, saying that if the results of the referendum were affirmative, then it could mean the abolition of the present council.

Murray said there are several pertinent issues which should be considered by the student body before voting. He said if the union did not receive fees then the capital investment ratio would drop to zero which would mean the organizations and clubs, including The Brunswickan and CHSR now supported in part by the SRC would no longer operate.

"Business relations with various Fredericton merchants would be

seriously jeopardized" said Murray, adding that they include such matters as Student Aid and special student rates. Murray was emphatic on the point that the relations between the administration and the student body would also be seriously affected. "The union carries weight with the administration and can make certain that issues are taken care of" said Murray. He said without the union students would have to take care of problems themselves, and it's doubtful they could.

"I feel it would be totally unfair to bring this issue to referendum" said Murray, "as well as being a waste of students' money". A referendum will involve some 5 or 600 dollars.

## Emergency aid still needed

UNB's emergency fund for students and staff who suffered losses Feb. 4 in the Park Hill apartment fire topped \$1,000 this week while additional funds have been raised by employees of the university's library and physical plant.

Fund chairman Father Joe Higgins reports that the total

extent of damage sustained has not been determined but individual losses already range from \$1,000 to \$17,500.

"We're hopeful that contributions will continue to come in," Father Higgins said, "so that we're able to help those who are in such immediate need."

Each victim of the fire has been asked for an assessment of loss

which will be reviewed by the emergency relief committee.

Six staff members and 13 students were displaced and English instructor Pauline Lester died as a result of the fire.

The victims have received the assistance of the Red Cross, CHIMO, church and civic groups and numerous individuals within the Fredericton community.

## Pryde says Fees mandatory

Despite petitions to the contrary, student union comptroller Brian Pryde let it be known at last Monday's student council meeting that he will consider the payment of student fees mandatory.

A vocational education student at UNB under the Canada Manpower training program

asked for his fees back, but he was refused. According to Pryde, this person said he did not want to belong to a union and he did not like the articles he read in The Brunswickan.

While Peter Davidson was comptroller, student fees were returned to one vocational education student, Pryde said. This

person commuted and from Saint John every day, Pryde said, and received no benefits from the union. Pryde was assistant comptroller at the time.

Pryde and president Jim Murray agreed that it was very rare when a student received no benefits from the union.

## Progressive change?

In the 1940-41 UNB Yearbook, it utter chaos. The new system will was brought to notice that Student restore student finance to a firmer Union fees were made at the time basis and will greatly lighten the compulsory. According to an burden of future councils. We article on the Student Representa regard this achievement in the tive Council, the change was past year as one of the most necessary to update a system progressive in the history of which was "obsolete and inad- student affairs at this university." quote."

The article continued, saying that the levy does not weaken the following reasons were given. democratic nature of the under- "Under the old system payment of graduate government. It is more the student fee set by the SRC was equitable than the optional levy, tending to make students more conscious of their responsibilities. The rights and duties of the SRC remain unimpaired, with this levy.