

SRC looks at

# UNB housing survey and Kepros marking system

By PAT KIRK

The Students Representative Council at its meeting on Dec. 3 examined the proposed housing survey as well as the Kepros system of marking.

The first order of business was to seat and welcome the new member of council Jim McLaughlin, engineering representative elected by acclamation. SRC President Roy Neale appointed Steve Mulholland as chairman for the meeting.

SRC Comptroller Fud Steeves began his report by stating that Winter Carnival Committee Comptroller Hugh Whalen had outlined the budget for the '74 Winter Carnival at the last AB meeting. Steeves commented that Whalen will be directly responsible to the Carnival Committee and to himself.

Steeves then read a letter to council which he had received from CHSR station director Mike Shouldice and Brunswickan Editor-in-Chief, Chris J. Allen. The letter expressed their concern about the installation of the new centrex telephone system.

The letter pointed out that they had been neither informed nor consulted about the change in system and that the system change would result in many problems such as interruption of service during the installation which will hinder the advertising and business departments of both organizations.

Allen pointed out to council that with the new system that they would only have two phone lines to work with whereas they had had three. Even with three lines, very frequently all were tied up at the same time according to Allen.

Steeves and Neale suggested

that CHSR and Brunswickan try the new system until around the end of January and if it was found that there were problems the situation would then be reviewed.

The Business Society submitted a request for the loan of \$200 from the SRC. This would provide working capital for their yearbook which would be paid back through advertising revenue.

Rick Fisher strongly recommended that there be sufficient checks and controls to assure that Council would see the return of the loan. He was assured that there were such measures and that the matter would be looked into. Fisher also pointed out that there should be more SRC control over individual yearbook advertising but Steeves stated that this was not necessary.

The Black Students Organization was unanimously voted a working figure of \$345 for their international Christmas party during the Christmas holidays. The party is organized for those students who have to remain on campus for the Christmas holiday. It is open to any student who will be on campus for Christmas.

The UNB Drama Society budget was allotted so that their major spring production of "Mother Courage" can be held at the Playhouse. The motion simply reallocated their travel allowance so that it could be used for the production of the play.

The Presidents Report began with Neale calling on Dr. Frank Wilson, Dean of Students to speak on the new housing questionnaire to be circulated.

Wilson explained that they now have very few facts on housing, so this survey will serve as a basis to build a backlog on history of

demand. It is to be a more detailed continuation of the survey done by the SRC several years ago. All students resident and non-resident will be mailed the questionnaire, in January, with a return envelope. There will be questions on all aspects of housing. The administration will carry the expense. The motion for support in principle of the questionnaire was carried unanimously.

The Kepros Report on the new system of marking to be introduced at UNB was discussed in some detail. Neale presented some amendments to the present program. Kepros will eliminate the present grading system and introduce the letter system of grading. The report will be going to senate. Dean Wilson commented that Senate will probably send it to the faculties and the faculties to the departments. Recommendations will then be reviewed and the

revised report reintroduced to Senate sometime after the new year.

Neale asked council if they wished another meeting next week. It was decided that a meeting would be held.

Valerie Jaeger, SRC Vice-president reported that the question of the requirement for 10 percent of the vote for election to the representative-at-large seat will go to the constitution committee the first of next year. As chairman of the Guest Lecture Committee, Jaeger presented a list of suggested speakers. Council indicated their preferences and these will be investigated further. Invitations have been extended to the student body to submit names of speakers to the committee for consideration.

Some of the names which have been considered so far are Donald MacDonald, Jean Vanier, Jacques

Cousteau, B.F. Skinner, Edward Kennedy, Daniel Ellsberg, Ray Bradbury, Leonard Cohen, Mordechai Richler, Al Capp, Art Buchwald, Ashley Montague, Paur Ehrlich, Germaine Greer, Ralph Nader, Lurus Pauling, Chief Dan George, Richard Leakey, Capt. James Lovell, Eddie Egan and Hans Holzer.

Entertainment chairman Pat Flanagan informed council on the proposed entertainment for Winter Carnival. Not all contracts have been finalized but Flanagan assured council that he could not see any ensuing difficulties. He submitted a tentative schedule of entertainment.

Neale requested a preliminary report on the entertainment and general outline of carnival from Committee Chairman Chris Gillis.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

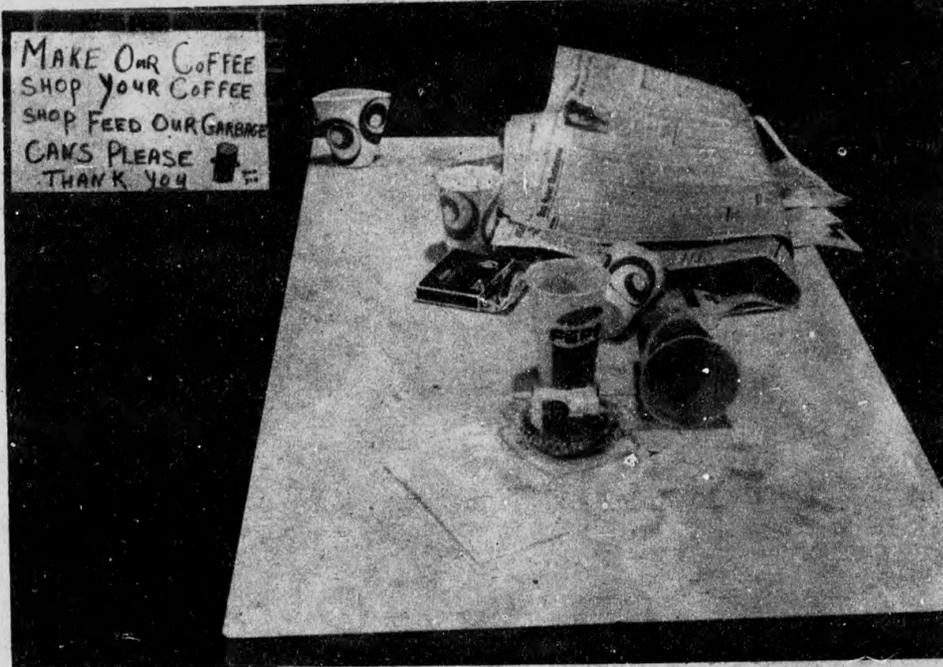


Photo by Ron Ward

Students are disregarding the above sign and leaving the SUB coffee shop in a mess. Stipulations in the Saga-SUB contract state that Saga is responsible for cleaning up the debris off the tables but apparently they aren't holding up their end of the bargain.

## Saga operating at loss here?

By ROB WILSON

It has been said that sex and eating are the two joys of life. Hence, Saga takes on great importance in many UNB students' lives.

Saga does not make a monstrous profit at UNB according to Saga's McConnell Hall Food Manager Ross Maund. In fact, they are operating at a loss. In the 1971-72 academic year, this amounted to \$60,000. The year following this was better and the loss was reduced to \$24,000.

This year will also result in a loss because the new contract allowed for only an 8 percent rise in food costs. However, food prices in July 1973 were 28 percent higher than in July 1972. A large part of this, was owing to the increase in meat prices which constitute about 40 percent of food costs.

At present, there is a trend towards university operation of food services. This is being necessitated by the low returns in university food services.

As Saga is a public company, it must be responsible to its shareholders and, at present, the rate of return on their investments is less than bank interest rates. Consequently Saga must expand into other areas, (primarily food management) having larger profit margins.

Of approximately 800 university campuses in the U.S. on which it operated food-services during 1972-73, it is presently operating around 650.

Thus Saga is dropping the less or non-profitable university food services in favour of diversifica-

tion into property management, hospital, business, and industrial catering; and restaurant chains.

Maund, who holds a B.Sc. in hotel and restaurant management and has had some experience with Versa Foods, said that there was no planned takeover of all Maritime university food services by undercutting competing firms. Saga, he said, attempts to bid as accurately as possible with regard to expected costs in running the service. They try to be flexible and to hold such events as house dinners.

They try to be easily accessible to the students by having "Beef Boards" and by being in the Dining Hall during meals.

As an ex-food rep himself, he realized how monotonous institutional food becomes and how important student satisfaction is.

About the poor food (which occurs only occasionally, he hoped) he said that the quality of food served during a meal may be inconsistent owing to the large amounts prepared.

Saga does not attempt to fill students up with starch and adequate protein can be obtained by concentrating on meat and dairy products. The selection of a nutritionally balanced meal is up to the student. For example, he said, fresh fruit is available at all meals. Saga serves the same ice-cream as is sold by the "Penny Lane" ice cream stand in the Mall. Saga serves frozen orange juice (York Brand) at breakfast and, believe it or not, the steaks served on Steak Night are Red Brand top sirloin beef.

## 1500 parking tickets issued

By SHEENA STEPHENS

Chief of Security and Traffic Control on Campus says that parking situations have improved.

C.F. Williamson told the Brunswickan that "generally speaking, there has been a marked improvement" since the initiation of the revised parking regulations as of October 1st.

Williamson stresses that some problems are still in existence.

Approximately twenty-five hundred staff and student vehicles are registered on campus. Despite a two-week period following Oct. 1st when seventeen hundred warnings were issued, fifteen hundred vehicle owners have received tickets for parking infractions.

To date, no vehicles have been towed away. Chief Williamson maintains that this is a last resort for failure to comply with regulations. Records are kept of repeated offenders, and if necessary "a competent, private wrecking service" will be employed to remove vehicles from campus property.

Williamson says that students and faculty fail to respect time-limited parking areas. Unwarranted parking in the book-

store and bank area "deprives other users of important services."

Failure to acknowledge visitor parking lots is another problem. These areas, located at various points throughout the campus, are

designed for visitors use exclusively.

Williamson feels that the new parking lot presently under construction "will hopefully alleviate the parking dilemma for students."

## Vacancies at Aberdeen St. Co-op

By FORREST ORSER

There are a number of vacancies available in the Aberdeen Street co-ops.

"It's a cheap way to live, which also gives people a chance to live and communicate with people of different backgrounds and beliefs," says Co-op Admissions Committee Chairperson Chris Heissner. People ranging from first year to graduate students and faculty members live in the downtown houses.

"It's an education in itself," Heissner adds.

Despite the reputation the word "co-op" has earned, the downtown co-ops are relatively quiet, housing no more than thirteen people.

Supper is prepared on weekdays,

and food is available to residents at all other times. Residents are expected to do some housework. Group decisions are made at house meetings, and some residents serve on committees for the running of the co-op organization as a whole.

At present there is one double room, and one half of a double room for a girl vacant.

At the end of December there will be another double room vacant, and at the end of January there will be half a double room for a male, possibly a complete double, vacant.

Rent for a double room is \$75.90 a month per person, room and board included.

Anyone interested in applying for the vacancies should phone Chris Heissner at 454-9420, or Mickey Mosher 454-6981.

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