

# Student Governors get first taste of new job

Since their histoci election to the Board of Governors in December the students representatives to that body have had a taste of their new jobs.

Mike Richard and Ken De Freitas, elected from UNB Fredericton and Craig Wilson, from UNB-SJ have attended two Board meetings since the election, one concerning Dr. John Anderson, President of UNB, the other, involving normal procedures.

These students are full fledged members of the Board, which is generally responsible for financial aspects of the university, and have the same powers as the other members.

Both Richard and De Freitas remarked that this power can be put to use by reflecting the students point of view to the Board.

"The most important way in which we can help the student body in our position", says Richard, "is by getting together. Having three students on the Board is a fair segment of that body, and if we can get together three votes can sway the whole vote should it be tied. Although this situation, this rarely occurs, we can at least get the students' opinion made known regularly. Since we sit on the Board, we, as students, are a fact of life. They can't ignore us, not that they did before, but they may have forgotten what student opinions were."

De Freitas agrees with this line of thinking.

"We can reflect the students' point of view. The Board may not be aware of the hazards which may effect students stemming from an issue they are studying. For example a raise in student fees may be too much pressure for students and the Board may not recognize this. This is where we, as student governors, come



Richard

in. We can reflect a more realistic picture that may change a few minds."

De Freitas also adds that this must be done in a responsible manner.

Just because the student press may be present for a meeting does not mean a student governor should "shoot his head off" just to impress them. This only antagonizes the other members of the Board, and they are the majority. "You have to talk responsibly and gain their confidence. You have to be responsive and talk with other members privately on various issues."

Both new governors agree that the Board has accepted them so far with no hostility.

"I feel we have been accepted", says Richard. "Giving a superficial answer, the reception so far has been very favorable. I have spoken to quite a number of the other members and there is no aversion, they are willing to allow us to join the various committees. In short, the Board has been very amiable and receptive."

De Freitas gives much the same answer. "The Board has accepted us with enthusiasm. Unless we behave in a manner unbecoming in their judgement I can foresee no difficulties. They seem anxious curious and receptive. I haven't seen any kind of hostility."

"Actually Mike and I have had some experience with the

administration, Mike as vice-president of the SRC and on various Senate Committees and myself, on the SRC, as a student Senator, and on committees so they know our previous work, that we are not greenhorns. Craig Wilson they accept us as a package."

Both governors relate similar methods of obtaining student opinion. De Freitas says he becomes knowledgeable through his daily activities which brings him into contact with lots of different people. Keeping ties with SRC issues and through talking with fellow student senators, he becomes familiar with the ideas of his fellow students.

Richard feels that since communication with a great number of students is difficult at UNB, he also has to rely on the BRUNSWICKAN and CHSR reports. He says he also relies heavily on SRC meetings.

The influence the students will have on the decision making of the Board is yet to be seen. However, De Freitas feels confident that it may be more than average. He says since both he and Richard have been active in other bodies and that having their work known is going to help tremendously.

However, he adds that no person can make a great contribution at a Seante or Board meeting, but through these bodys' committees which do the work. This



De Freitas

is where a member can contribute the most and the best.

De Freitas also mentions that the only way in which student participation may, again, rise is through increasing the number of student governors. This he feels may be necessary in the future so as to bring with them a better representation of students in different faculties.

Both student representatives to the Board agree that one thing they hope to accomplish is to seek all possible methods of financing the university without raising student fees. This they feel would be student governors' ultimate accomplishment.

But also they can bring out other problems affecting students which are related to the Board which the ordinary student probably could never do.

Richard and De Freitas feel that the way in which they will benefit from this experience will not be financial in any way or material. But it will give them a

greater look at how the administration works, and learning the operation by dealing with competent men. This they feel is an education in itself. Both have related an expression of satisfaction and accomplishment should they be able to contribute to the working of the body.

Richard, a second year law student, will sit on the Board for a two year term which expires October 31, 1974. He has been active on a university Senate committee and served as Vice President of the SRC for a one year term. He also represented UNB during the formation of the New Brunswick Union of Students.

De Freitas, a fifth year forestry student, was elected for a one year term which expires October 31, 1973. He is a member of the Seante and the SRC. His other activities include sitting on the Board of Directors for the NB Residence Co-operative Ltd. and the joint Board of Governors and Senate nominating committee for the UNB President, as well as being editor of the '73 yearbook and forestry yearbook and photo editor for the BRUNSWICKAN.

Wilson, who was elected for a one year term is in third year business administration. Last year he was names 1971-72 male athletic of the year and is a member of the UNBSJ basketball team.



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Photo by Bob Boyes

## Lost anything?

By GARY CAMERON

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According to UNB Security Chief Charles Williamson, students seem to be unaware of this service offered by the security department and many of the articles remain unclaimed.

These unclaimed articles are given to the SRC after a certain

amount of time and are sold at an auction held once a year for a fraction of what they're worth. Everything received at this office is tagged, registered and cross-referenced, and is stored in a locked room. You can claim your lost articles by describing them to whomever is on duty at the security office.

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