

## Motion calls for council president's resignation

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The student council pulled a surprise move last Monday when they suspended regular business and asked for the resignation of President Warren McKenzie. They passed the motion with a National Union of Students conference slated for October 16 and a referendum and student elections on the 22. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will not be another regular council meeting until October 20.

The matter was partially resolved last Tuesday when Dean of Students Barry Thompson and the executive discussed the matter. McKenzie, comptroller Wes Batanyita and vice-president Gary Stairs explained each other's positions and decided the basic problem was a lack of communication.

McKenzie said that he was going to start attending administrative board meetings, a sore point with Batanyita, and regular executive meetings will be held as well.

A statement prepared by the executive says they do not believe McKenzie was trying to defraud the student union, but was just tardy in dropping the extra courses.

Although the matter may have been handled better, the statement says, they do believe that they were right in bringing the matter up for debate. They apologized for disturbances caused to student union activities.

However, the motion was still on the books and a special council meeting was scheduled for Thursday, when the executive planned to explain their position to council.

"Council has the final word," Batanyita said.

The motion to suspend regular business, which was passed unanimously, stated, "...an elected representative of the SRC has defrauded the Student Union Inc. of the University of New Brunswick." This was moved by Comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita and Vice president Gary Stairs.

According to Stairs and Batanyita, McKenzie violated bylaws of the Students Representative Council constitution. The bylaw states that the president may take a maximum of three university courses while being paid the full salary. If he waives his salary he may take a full course load.

According to the brief presented to council by Stairs and Batanyita, McKenzie had registered for nine one-half credit courses. On September 14, he dropped two and added one, the brief states, meaning he was registered in eight half credit courses or four full term courses.

The brief states that McKenzie, at the last council meeting, said the honoraria option for student union presidents should be stricken from the bylaws since no president could carry out his duties if that person was taking more than three courses.

The brief concluded, "On Thursday, October 2, 1975 the SRC comptroller asked Mr. McKenzie how many courses he was registered in. His reply was three and one-half courses."

Batanyita said, "I think council members realize this is the most difficult moment of my term and the most difficult moment in my life."

However, he said he was putting student interests first.

When Stairs began to speak to the motion, McKenzie rose on a point of order and said that the vice president could not second the motion as he was not registered in Fredericton.

However, Chairman George McAllister ruled that the constitution only requires that a councillor be registered at the university although it does not say one campus or the other.

Stairs said McKenzie was hard to contact as he is not in his office when people want to see him.

McKenzie claimed that although he is registered in the courses, he has not attended all of the classes

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## Stairs not enrolled

Gary Stairs, University of New Brunswick Student Representative Council vice-president, announced Wednesday that he will not be enrolled at UNB this fall.

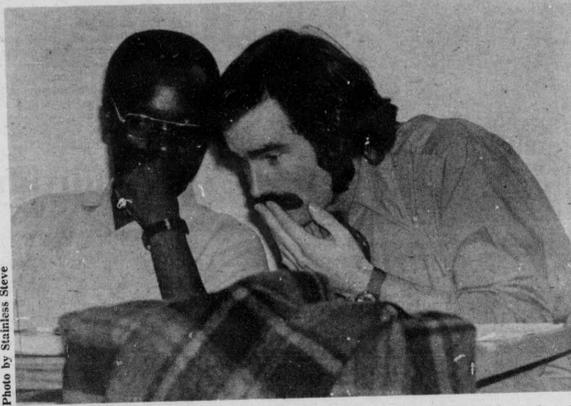
Stairs was allowed to vote at each of the four SRC meetings held this term by council chairman George McAllister on the grounds that Stairs said he intended to become a student.

This means that all measures which Stairs voted on, initiated or seconded might be invalid since no non-student is allowed to hold office on the SRC according to its constitution. However this may not be true if council stands by their decision to give Stairs the vote.

Stairs in a release to The Brunswickan referred to himself as "a political monkey ... about to swing onto the next branch." He said he intended to take "some sort of environmentally-oriented course at UNBSJ" to reinforce his role as public relations officer at the Point Lepreau nuclear generating station.

Stairs had delayed registering because he was not sure whether he would be employed at Point Lepreau or at Fredericton and therefore did not know on which campus - Fredericton or Saint John - he would register.

He concluded his statement saying, "I might remind certain Mugwumps (a reference to a Brunswickan columnist) that councillors manage to sneak away for almost five months in the summer without the surrender of their seats. I might also add, the executive officers of the union are likewise able to make executive decisions during the academically fallow period of the summer. Why then this "conscientious" attempt to rid a man of a month in office?"



Comptroller Wes Batanyita (left) discusses strategy with assistant comptroller Rod Doherty at Monday's SRC meeting. The two finance men, with vice president Gary Stairs, sponsored a move calling for the resignation of president Warren McKenzie.

## Most seats won by acclamation

Four of the 12 University of New Brunswick student government posts which were to be filled by the Oct. 22 election have no candidates running, said returning officer Kevin Garland, Wednesday.

There will be no contestants for the forestry, business administration, physical education - which

will vie for the engineering portfolio.

Gordon Kennedy is the only candidate for vice president but that post will remain contestable until Oct. 15 at 5 p.m.

Acclaimed to arts seats were Damian Bone and Chris Pratt while Steve Patriquen took the science position uncontested. David Porter and Sally Davis were also acclaimed to the education and nursing posts.

Garland said the poor turnout was another example of apathy among UNB students and called

for a "revamping" of the Student Representative Council's activities to those which would interest students in more things than drinking. He suggested ending the practice of faculty representative seats and making all posts representative-at-large.

Garland - a science representative who won his seat by acclamation - said SRC activity might also be better geared to local campus issues rather than those at the national level since this appeals to more students than just the executive.

## Bruns remains undefeated

The Brunswickan Red Harrings battled their way to a 7-7 tie in a hard fought game with Team CHSR last Saturday in the annual Media Bowl, to maintain their undefeated status of previous years.

Red Herring Dave Anderson opened the scoring when he took a pass for the first touchdown of the game.

From there both teams attempted a scoring opportunity, but around half time, Chris Pratt tossed a sharp pass to Charlie Fleet giving Team CHSR their only touchdown of the game.

The Red Harrings tried valiantly to break the tie. However, they got a real scare when Team CHSR lobbed the ball into the Harrings' end zone to give CHSR a one point lead.

The struggle was uphill from then on. With perseverance, the Red Harrings managed to catch Team CHSR off guard and

returned the favour, making the score 7-7.

Team CHSR had the last downs but were ineffective against the Red Harrings defense. All of a sudden, right out of the blue, Red Herring Pat Potter caught an interception and turned the odds the other way.

The Red Harrings squandered two downs at the Team CHSR 10 yard line. They were about to try for the field goal when referee and University President John Anderson called "Time Up" and declared the game a tie.

This was the nearest Team CHSR has ever come to winning the Media Bowl Red Herring team captain, Tom Benjamin stated, "It's as close as they will ever get." CHSR captain Chris Pratt described the game as a "moral victory" for his team.

Officiating at the game were Brian Pryde, Dean of Students Barry Thompson and Anderson.

## Poll stations

As many as three seats may be contested during the Student Representative Council's fall election Oct. 22. Listed below are the polling stations where students will be able to vote on contested seats and voice their opinion on whether UNB should join the National Union of Students.

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Tilley Hall; Forestry Building; Head Hall; Lord Beaverbrook Gymnasium; P.J. Toole Hall; MacLaggan Hall, Marshall D'Avray Hall and Ludlow Hall.

11:30 a.m.-1:30; 4:30-6:30 p.m.  
MacLeod, Lady Dunn and Maggie Jean Women's residence.

8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Student Union Building (front and Back doors.)

hasn't been contested in "three or four years," said Garland - and graduate students seats. Another five will be filled by acclamation.

There are three students competing for representative-at-large including Stephen Fox, Ron Ward and Ursula Wawer while Lawrence Joudry and Eric Semple