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Fourth candidate casts bid for SRC presidency

By TOM BEST

Des Neil is a third year Arts student who is running for the position of SRC President. He feels that the major issues of the campaign involve inflation and SUB expansion. On expansion of the SUB, Neil said that even though the building is only 6 years old, it is already out of date as the number of students enrolled at the university makes it impossible for the SUB to offer the type of services that it should. He stressed the fact that students don't have a place to congregate and talk their problems over with upper echelon officials in the SRC. If the Sir Max Aitken Center is used as a multiple service auditorium, including services such as a congregation place, it will not become a "Jock Palace"

as is feared by some people. Conventions and concerts could also be held there but the students have to make their desires known if such activities are to be held there. As far as SUB expansion goes, Neil would like to see more facilities added, e.g. a theatre, a bigger, better cafeteria, more office space or even a bowling alley. The student body should develop a group of co-operative shops in the SUB with low prices and high quality goods. With prices going up all the time, the student has less money to spend on clothes, food, etc. but the co-operative shops could help alleviate matters. Right now, there is not enough room in the SUB to offer these services. Neil also feels that the bookstore

is running a legitimate business i.e. it isn't ripping off the student, and that student aid should be increased, especially for non-N.B. students. At the same time, he says that some students could also get a part time job to augment their income. "University is more than just an education...it's also an experience of learning to live with other people," Neil says, and adds that "not enough money is spent on intramurals." The students should be enticed to become more involved in extra-curricular activities but apathy is a major obstacle. "If students don't care enough to discuss their problems, how can the SRC take action?" With a 20 per cent turnout for the last election, there was not a really representative view of the

student population and the election turned into a popularity contest. He criticizes the SRC for not using the media (Bruns, CHSR) more than it does and for centralizing power too much. "Responsibility should be given out to faculty reps and you should let everyone know what you're doing."

In upcoming election

Goldfarb offers

Michael N. Goldfarb has officially announced that he is offering for the position of SRC President in the up and coming student elections. His campaign manager submitted his application on Monday, January 27, 1975. Goldfarb, who claims to be backed by the Fredericton chapter of the Apathy Club (Student Faction) says his campaign slogan is "No vote is a vote for us!" In an early morning press conference his manager said that his official platform would be announced at a more appropriate time, possibly a few months after the election. He did note that negotiations were to be initiated with the Procrastination Society to see if that group would support the candidate, but unfortunately these two were delayed. No reason was given for the delay.



Michael relaxing outside of his estate purported to be situated close to the green.

Atlantic student federation born

By DAWN ELGEE

Negotiations began Friday, January 24th at the Atlantic Area Student Union Conference of Student Unions held in Truro, Nova Scotia. Executives representing approximately 30,000 post-secondary students were present. Workshop sessions were held all of Saturday involving Student Aid and the proposed Atlantic Association. It was agreed early in the conference that the association was a good thing. Student Senator Warren McKenzie was made chairman. Opening remarks of Friday's conference were made by Dr. Herbert McCrae, principal of the Nova Scotia Agricultural College. He held the view that organizations held on university campuses are an extremely important aspect of all institutions. He feels that meetings with all of the post-secondary institutions of the Atlantic Provinces provides for better understanding and is a valuable experience.

Areas to be involved in the conference were discussed. UNB, Dalhousie, and STU presented general proposals with regard to an Atlantic Association. St. Thomas was in favour of UNB's proposal and was prepared to submit funds in its behalf. The proposal dealt primarily with the supplying of offices and funds. Dalhousie University presented a proposal dealing with fee structure and the immediate need for Student Aid. Institutions are relied upon for support of the Federation. It was decided that there would be an affiliation with the National Union of Students.

A clause-by-clause writing of a constitution was provided for the Atlantic Federation of Students Federation des Etudiants Atlantique. The Federation will be recognized in both languages and the constitution and other important documents will be translated in French. The Federation is comprised of members who pay fees to belong and adopt the constitution.

There exists a five-man executive, which includes four caucus leaders elected by federation members of the universities in their province. Elected caucus leaders are as follows: John Stuart from St. Marys University representing Nova Scotia, Lucien LeBlanc from U de M representing New

Brunswick, and Harris Flight from Memorial University representing Newfoundland. Mr. Flight, public relations director of Memorial University, feels the union is necessary to eliminate distance between universities, providing for co-operative involvement. Memorial University would benefit greatly from the Federation because it is geographically isolated from the other universities. Mr. Flight says "What is good for the other Atlantic provinces is good for Newfoundland."

Dalhousie University has been made responsible to research Independent Statistics. Memorial University is researching loans for part-time students and Kings is researching Statistics Canada.

According to Peter Galoska, president of UNB SRC, the Student Aid Workshop showed a realization of common need. "All institutions have moved on a provincial level and will on a federal level as far as loans and bursaries go.

Warren McKenzie released the following statement concerning Student Aid:

"More and more students are unable to attend Atlantic colleges and universities because of inadequate student aid programmes. That is the conclusion of the founding conference of the Atlantic Federation of Students-Federation des Etudiants Atlantique held January 24 and 25 in Truro, Nova Scotia.

"Students are dissatisfied with the favour of their four provincial governments to adjust aid levels in the face of inflation. Lack of interest on the part of local governments and the absence of an equalization formula means that Atlantic students incur the largest debts of all Canadian students.

"Students are concerned that growing financial barriers will result in low enrolments and a decreasing pool of trained people in the Atlantic region.

"The Federation has proposed that all four provinces adopt similar student aid programmes which would result in lower debts and aid levels that meet the rising costs faced by students.

"The maximum annual loan would be \$900 per student, while single students could qualify for up to \$2800 and a married student up to \$3300 in assistance."

The general feeling was that the conference was very successful. Peter Galoska felt that the conference showed a good display of co-operation between the provinces. The people involved showed concern about other provinces' problems.

"As far as Warren McKenzie being elected chairman of the federation is concerned," says Galoska, "I am very pleased, because he is probably the most able man for the job and can deal with the national politics scene."

The next conference will be held in St. John's, Newfoundland this May.

Briefs

The decision was made to affiliate with the National Union of Students.

Student Senator Warren McKenzie of UNB gets elected Chairman of Atlantic Association.

Dalhousie and UNB pledge funds.

The Atlantic Federation of Students Federation des Etudiants Atlantique is formally constitutionalized.

The five man executive consists of the four provincial caucus leaders plus McKenzie.

Galoska says all institutions present realize the need to move together.

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the present and proposed student aid arrangements.

The Prince Edward Island caucus leader is yet to be determined.

There will be two meetings of the Federation per year. These will be held in the fall and late Spring. The location of each conference is set at the previous conference. At the annual conference in the Spring, the Federation presents annual statements of finances. All five executives submit reports of activities. A new chairman is elected at this conference.

The voting policy is one vote per institution.

Carni committee regrets line-ups

By Derwin Gowan
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"The Carni Committee regrets the fact that people had to wait in line for tickets," said Winter Carnival Chairman Hugh Whalen, but he added that it had to be done to prevent ticket scalping.

With respect to scalping, Whalen said that about ten minutes after Extravaganza tickets were sold out, they were going for fifteen dollars.

He added that the people who were "really keen" about Winter Carnival were waiting in line about ten minutes before ticket sales began. This was the biggest lineup ever, Whalen said, and it was

totally unexpected. Suggestions that more than one booth be kept open had to be rejected, Whalen said, because it took about 20 people to keep two booths open Tuesday. Also, this would have made it virtually impossible to check off Student Identification Numbers.

Also, there was no sense in staggering ticket sales over a period of days, Whalen said, because it would simply mean shutting the door in someone's face, and still people would have to wait in line.

One recommendation for next year is that the Campus Police be used to prevent "line-jumping," Whalen said.

For textbooks

Prices may rise

The price of textbooks is expected to rise next term suggested UNB bookstore manager Mrs. Logue. Reports from publishers and other sources also indicate expected increases ranging from 20 to 30 percent.

The increases are the result of the scarcity of raw materials, delays in manufacturing and production, and overall inflationary trends in most related industries.

From as far off as the University of British Columbia, the outlook is generally the same. UBC's student paper reports that the local bookstore manager suggests that students will be paying up to 20 percent more for their texts. Locally, no increases have come into effect but be prepared of the possibility that future shipments may be victim of price increases.

Watch next week for Council and Senate candidates' platforms