

Thorbourne owes SRC \$2,265

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At Monday night's SRC meeting, council defeated a motion to have Perry Thorbourne, former president of the SRC, pay back \$2,265 borrowed from the SRC last summer.

However, on Wednesday, the SRC executive decided that the ruling by the chairman on the council vote concerning the motion was incorrect. Therefore the promissory note signed by Thorbourne is still legally binding. This was based on the opinion of SRC lawyer Peter Forbes.

Since summer council regulation had already been imposed when this decision was made, it is subject to approval by regular council when it reconvenes in September.

At the administrative board meeting March 26, a mo-

tion was passed which recommended that Thorbourne should repay the loan.

At the Monday meeting, Council Steve Covey moved that the council vote on the motion concerning Thorbourne be separate from the AB minutes.

Council passed this motion and proceeded to discuss the AB motion. When a vote was finally taken the motion was defeated 6/6/4, as a majority was needed to pass it. The executive abstained from the vote.

Last summer SRC administrator Ted Hudson and Doris Wu, the bookkeeper, both resigned. When this happened, Thorbourne quit his job with Physical Plant and along with then-Comptroller Steven Howes, purportedly took over these jobs. Through summer council, they obtained for themselves, from SRC funds, salaries equal to Physical Plant wages. When council reconvened last September, Howes' salary was approved but Thorbourne's was not. At this point, Thorbourne signed a promissory note to repay the money now considered as a loan.



Perry Thorbourne

Reduction in food services planned

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Cutbacks in residence food service have been announced by the university. UNB Manager of Conferences and Food Services Howard Goldberg has confirmed that effective September, certain reductions will be made.

According to Goldberg the cutbacks were necessary to reduce the overall deficit in the residence system and prevent a further residence fee increase.

A reduction in house dinners, steak nights and the amount of food served each meal were among the cutbacks announced. The university, through the residence food contract committee, has reduced the cost of food by some \$63,000 according to Goldberg. Cutting the amount of milk served for instance will save \$33,000 annually, Goldberg said. "If these food cuts were not made, residence fees may have been increased a further \$45 over and above the recent residence fee increase."

In a letter sent to all residence students this week, the university explained the cutbacks in residence food service: "Due to the cost pressures created by spiralling food and labour costs (the current yearly inflation rate in food alone is 12.2 per cent), the university contract food committee had to examine very closely alternate food plans for the campus, including the residential food service. The current style of food operation is becoming too expensive, and UNB is one of the

last universities to offer it. In the longer term, UNB will probably adopt a version of a user pay system but for the next year the food contract committee made some alterations in an attempt to keep fee increases within reasonable bounds."

"House dinners are reduced to two per year, although houses may organize more if they so desire. Christmas dinner and other special occasion dinners remain. Steak nights or equivalent will be held every other week. Each student will be provided with eight ounces of milk or pure fruit juice at lunch or supper. Additional milk will be available on a cash basis during meal periods. The first choice item at supper will be limited to one serving per student. All other items will be available as at present with no limitation on quantity (except milk and pure fruit juice). Breakfast meats will be provided three days per week."

Meanwhile, the UNB board of governors announced last week that Beaver Foods Limited has been awarded a new three year food services contract estimated at \$2 million. Asked to explain why the food contract was not tendered out, Goldberg suggested the university was pleased with the food service now being provided on campus. In addition the tendering out process is expensive and the university felt there was no need to do so, he said.

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Red Bombers protest program axing

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Members of the UNB Red Bombers football team are protesting a move by the physical education faculty to axe their \$45,000 budget next fall, killing the program.

The university cites many reasons including higher transportation costs for the UNB team than the conference's more central university teams; UNB's priorities with other sports; and a total athletics budget equivalent to the 1978-79 one. These factors have made financing football increasingly difficult here in recent years.

The football team is quite upset, the Alumni office is looking for a way out, the Student's Representative Council suggests students should pay and the dean of Phys Ed. thinks the team are "goners."

The administration is cutting funding everywhere, and this is just the tip of the iceberg, MacGillivray said.

He also said the department hopes to have money to bring the Red Bombers back after a year's absence from the campus.

But Robert Lockwood, the team captain is sceptical about this. "I have the funny feeling they're trying to let us down easy," he said. Most members of the team are leaving next fall for a university with a football program.

"Can you imagine them starting the season in the fall with a bunch of 17-year old rookies

on the field and trying to compete with Mt. A and Dal?" he asked.

MacGillivray said the department decided to cut football when they knew something had to go because: "We had to either cut six sports or one."

The six sports the department might have cut to spare varsity football would have left 150 athletes without programs.

Though MacGillivray didn't want to make the decision, he pointed out his dilemma: "Do you cut or do you deliberate a year and allow the whole program to deteriorate?"

Lockwood attacked the cutting action as "hypocritical". "As a result of a power conference of administrative heads from around the country held at UNB this year," he said, "a priorities list was drawn up."

"Football came out fifth on the priority sheet out of 13 programs in total," he said. "So why was it the first to go?"

MacGillivray said that if anyone can get money from the administration to keep the team, it is students. "Students have to demand a place in the decision-making process for inter-collegiate sports," he said.

"It's not as simple as saying, 'Someone cut out the football club and that's crazy and let's put it back in,'" said Sandy LeBlanc, president of the Alumni council. "Where does the money come from?"

"If there's enough hue and outcry (from students) maybe the Alumni council would look

into helping to fund football," LeBlanc said.

He said in the future there would be an increasing burden on students and the alumni to pay for things the administration can't afford.

MacGillivray and the team captains agree that the announcement the Red Bombers were through came at a very awkward time. They both complain there isn't much time to rally student support.

Phys Ed's hands were tied, MacGillivray said. "We knew there would have to be cuts," he said, "but we couldn't say until we heard from the president what the nature of the cuts would be."

"We, (the team) were surprised and frustrated about the timing," Lockwood said. And he feels it was a "bureaucratic decision." "They should have had a survey or referendum before doing this," he said.

To save the team "is a rally for student support," said Lockwood. "And it's got to be done now. We have to go to our alumni. They can put the pressure on."

Also frustrated by the timing, is the SRC office which is considering a referendum asking students if they will pay more to keep the football team.

The SRC came out of a special meeting April 1, deciding to wait until they know the results of a survey in the Brunswickan this week (see page 13). If many students want to keep the Red Bombers around, the SRC will hold a referendum on the question.