

# McKenzie announces resignation

By DERWIN GOWAN  
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After an unsuccessful attempt by council to oust president Warren McKenzie several weeks ago, the president handed in his resignation to last Monday's Students' Representative Council meeting. Resignation is effective as of November 29, 1975.

The reason given by McKenzie was stated as a change in attitude by student leaders.

In a statement released to council, McKenzie said he had great faith in what student leaders could accomplish. Council and the executive overcame problems with the executive Student Union Building and Saint Thomas University. Problems with respect to student housing, student aid, library hours, student representation on decision making bodies, entertainment, and the Atlantic Federation of Students, were tackled.

"In short, council was functioning as a unit," he said.



Warren McKenzie

But the situation changed in the fall of this year, he said. "There seemed to develop a 'mindless' attitude on the part of certain individuals," McKenzie said. "It has become apparent to me that, as a result of this development, the issues which I support are no longer judged on their individual merit but on the other hand are jeopardised by my mere support."

Therefore, he said, student government has become ineffective.

McKenzie concluded, "In addition, I have come to the harsh realization that one cannot be a good student and a good student leader simultaneously. This statement indicates the priority I have chosen."

McKenzie said very little, but after a motion of confidence in the president was passed, he said he might reconsider, although he was not sure it would affect his decision.

According to comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita, "The students have more to lose than to gain by what happens to you (McKenzie)."

Newly elected vice president Gordon Kennedy stated, "I was looking forward to working with Warren." He said he was inexperienced as a vice president, and therefore wished McKenzie would remain in office until the end of his term.

At press time McKenzie was unavailable for comment.

## Doherty proposes council study

The University of New Brunswick's student government Monday approved outgoing assistant comptroller Rod Doherty's proposal for an organizational development study of the student representative council.

The study would attempt to point

out weaknesses which exist in the SRC's operation.

He told Monday's council meeting he was satisfied with the way the financial policy works, but was concerned because "council has overturned a few well-thought-out and adequately based decisions

in favour of spontaneous and occasionally irrational, unthought decisions."

He was referring to recent instances where council rejected decisions of the administrative board of which he is a member. He said he concerned as well about inconsistencies in council decision-making. This, he said, was a result of council lacking specific goals. The board advises council on financial matters.

The executive's and president Warren McKenzie's goals at election time he said, usually dictated policy direction. New councillors usually have ideas when they first come on council but lose interest due to apathy from within.

"This council is apathetic ... it does not contribute," he continued. He also noted that most university senate committee student seats are filled by acclamation or are left unfilled. "There is something wrong," he said.

Doherty said council has nothing to offer to students and does not stimulate them.

The cut in council's size several years ago was expected to make council more efficient, but did not, he said. Implementation of a \$100 honorarium, he said, has increased efficiency either.

"I think at some point something should be done within the council." Doherty will conduct this survey with his brother as a class project and will have the backing of a business professor.

Council allocated up to \$25 to cover expenses.

## Six new councillors seated Monday

By DERWIN GOWAN

After farewell motions and introductions, the new Students' Representative Council was seated at last Monday's council meeting.

"We're losing some very good people," president Warren McKenzie said. "It's going to be an unfortunate loss to council."

The new councillors were Eric Semple for Engineering Representative, Ursula Wawer and Ron Ward for Representative at Large, Steve Patriquen for Science Representative, David Porter for Education Representative, and Sally Davis for Nursing Representative. Former Science Representative Gordon Kennedy is the new Vice President.

Forestry, Business, and Physical Education seats are still unfilled. Assistant Comptroller Rod Doherty resigned and has been replaced by Peter Davidson, a third year business honours student with A marks in accounting and finances. He is the

treasurer of Aitken House and the Comptroller of Winter Carnival. He received the Burke's Medal and was the Vice President of the student council at St. Stephen High School.

By-elections for the positions left unfilled will be held on November 26. These include Forestry, Business, Physical Education, and Post Graduate seats. Also, Business, Computer Science, and Engineering will each receive an extra seat on council due to the increase in numbers in those faculties.

Kennedy and Doherty each gave a written and oral report to council. Doherty was worried about inconsistencies in council decisions and proposed a study be made to determine what the basic problems were. Kennedy thanked those who supported him and promised not to be influenced by outside politics. He also believed there should be another National Union of Students referendum due to the poor majority in the last one.

## Chairman withdraws

By PETER KRAUTLE

Jim MacLean, chairman of the Atlantic Federation of Students since the beginning of this year, will resign his position on November first.

MacLean stated that his reasons for resigning from the AFS are purely academic. He felt his schoolwork was not leaving him sufficient time to perform his job as AFS chairman effectively. MacLean is presently in his second year of Law at UNB.

Possible replacements for AFS chairman include Bob Buckingham of Memorial University and Don Clark from Dalhousie. However MacLean stated that elections for chairman will not take place for a few weeks in order to allow for nominations. The next AFS conference is tentatively scheduled for May of 1976.

MacLean's last duty as chairman will be to represent the AFS in Ottawa this weekend in a meeting of the various regional student associations with NUS. This meeting will determine policies on the relationship between the various regional student organizations and NUS.



Jim MacLean

## Four given honoraria

With the new council being seated, several honoraria were awarded to leaving councillors.

Councillors Laine Mulholland, Damian Bone, Carolyn McKay and Gordon Kennedy were awarded \$100 by council.

Comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita was awarded the first half of his honorarium. "If there was ever anyone who deserved the first half of his honorarium, it was him," said president Warren McKenzie.

Assistant Comptroller Rod Doherty was given his \$150 honorarium and College Hill Student Radio executive received the first half of their honoraria.

No motion was moved with respect to outgoing vice-president Gary Stairs' honorarium.

## Centre fire sends two workers to hospital

By THE PHANTOM PHOTOG

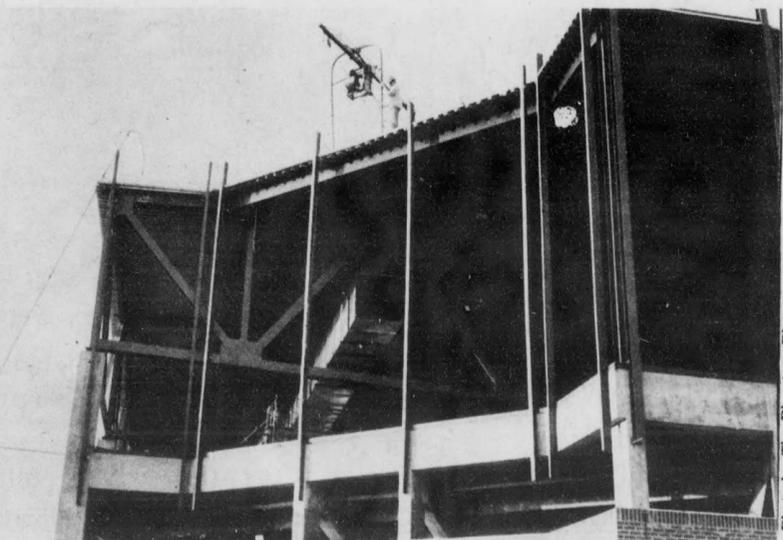
Dave Rickhart and Fred Fitzpatrick were taken to the Victoria Public Hospital Monday with second and third degree burns following a fire at the construction site of the Aitken University Centre.

The men were working on metal ductwork at the time of the fire. Assistant Vice President Finance and Administration Eric Garland was on the site immediately after the fire and has received a verbal report from the contractor's agent.

He stated that the men were using some sort of cement glue for joints in the ductwork and fumes from the glue built up in the duct. The two men were inside the duct and when one of them lit an acetylene torch, the fumes were ignited.

He added that there was little damage, just ductwork and maybe a little insulation.

An investigation is underway by the Safety Division of The Department of Labour and Garland expects to have a report from them in the future.



The square duct sticking out in the middle of the picture is where the fire took place that sent two workers on the Aitken University Centre to the Victoria Public Hospital.

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