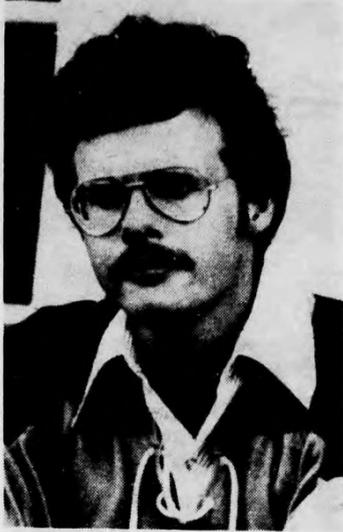


# Ratcliff "mishandling" ASU?



Kevin Ratcliff

SRC President Kevin Ratcliff has received a letter, ostensibly from the African Students Union, accusing him of "mishandling the interests of the ASU." The letter claimed that the union is not composed of two factions but in fact

under the care of a caretaker committee until such time as an election can be held. This committee, the letter claimed "is in essence an elected body charged with full executive powers and should therefore be recognized by the SRC..."

Ratcliff said he thought it strange and surprising that he had received the letter. He said he asked the union to send him a letter with a resolu-

tion of its problem and instead was accused of interfering in the union. Ratcliff said the charge was totally unjustified as it was the ASU who asked the SRC to step in in the first place. He added the union is composed of two factions which refuse to recognize each other.

Ratcliff had doubts about the letter's authenticity. Signatures on the letter were typed and of those who were supposed to have signed, some were St. Thomas students and others were not even students at all. Ayub

Mbegha, in charge of the caretaker committee, was not even a member of the union at the time he took over, said Ratcliff.

The ASU originally split in late February because the executive expressed their opinion on an African political issue in a letter to the *Brunswickan*. Union members who disagreed used the body's constitution to justify calling a special meeting.

At this meeting those disagreeing with the executive elected a caretaker government and agreed to have new

elections as soon as possible. They asked for Ratcliff's support. But the old executive claims the meeting was uncalled for, because, they say, it did not have the requisite support from the union. Both

sides then met with Ratcliff March 11, but could not agree to anything.

Another meeting between the union and Ratcliff is scheduled for Sunday where hopefully members will be able to reach a solution. An election would solve the problem, said Ratcliff.

## CHSC to run Woodshed

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The Social Club will be taking over the Woodshed in the fall, both financially and managerially according to club manager Rick Cuthbertson. The reason for the move is that presently the Social Club pays a thousand dollars towards the Woodshed (which is half the cost of running the non-alcoholic organization) and now Cuthbertson figures the club should run the entire operation.

"We have definite ideas on how to run it," Cuthbertson said, which will include serving non-alcoholic beverages with "a bit more flair." The club manager will be trying to develop a taste with fruit flavour that is comparable to alcoholic beverages, such as drinks with a banana base. However, he said he will "cater to what the patrons want."

There will be no improvement in entertainment, said Cuthbertson because "the calibre of entertainment is good and doesn't need to be changed. What needs to be changed is what is consumed." If the operation of the Woodshed goes well, he suggested perhaps it could be open five days a week. Cuthbertson said the club had the funding and flexibility to extend it if it is

deemed necessary. The Woodshed would probably be staffed by students on the Social Club payroll. Cuthbertson was unsure about the prospect of hiring students not on his staff. However, he indicated they could hire from the SUB Staff but the students would be paid by the Social Club.

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The question of the residence food system has become a hotly contended issue. The solution for the upcoming year is a compromise, according to the Dean of Men's Residences, J. Robert Smith.

Should there be no change from this year's food plan, university students would be faced with a huge increase. To assuage this, some have suggested a total revision of the system with both heavy-eater and light-eater plans. However, it appears at this point, the solution which has been decided upon is basically to make a few cutbacks. These are to limit students to one eight-ounce glass of milk per meal and one "first choice" selection per meal.

However, this is a precursor

to a coupon system in the view of most people, including Beaver Foods manager Phil Bonin, who said, "Nobody is prepared to say when it will come."

Under a coupon system, more properly called a script or user pay system, the university guarantees a certain dollar commitment on the part of each residence student: each student will be required to purchase a minimum number of tickets. Any student who wishes to would be free to purchase additional tickets. The tickets would be used just like money, but leftover coupons after the school year would be non-refundable.

Bonin emphasized, "Under the script system, the missed meal factor would be minimal." The fact that Beaver Foods knows quite accurately

## CHSR-FM over budget

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costs and some equipment that money was allocated for in the 1979-80 budget had to be paid out of the 1980-81 budget.

As well, "there were some added expenses of going FM that we hadn't counted on," said Mersereau, like some last minute long distance telephone calls to ensure that equipment would arrive in time for the FM opening in January.

The Student Union is not entirely blameless as the salaries of the two CHSR-FM full-time employees were underestimated by \$3,000. Portions of the 1980-81 CHSR-FM budget

were reallocated to take care of some of this discrepancy and the SRC was asked to help

out, which they agreed to do at Monday night's council meeting.

## Residence food system subject to cutbacks

that certain meals will be missed, particularly breakfast and weekend meals, allows them to offer three meals daily for much less than would otherwise be possible. He said "I doubt that your mother could feed you for what we get for three meals a day. This is due to two things - bulk buying and the missed meal factor."

Bonin is pleased with the tightening-down on illegal meal cards. He commented, "It's always been a problem, but it's only been in these past several months the university has developed a good working policy regarding it and decided to do something about it."

Bonin strongly feels that "what really brought it about was the Ratcliff situation."

"It was a sloppy system," said Bonin, "and something had to be done." Any person caught passing an illegal meal card



Phil Bonin

now has their name given to Prof. James Woodfield, Wayne Myles and the Student Disciplinary Committee.