

Kirkpatrick speaks out

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This interview was done in order to bring to light, information on recent allegations questioning the competency of former Student Union Comptroller Aubrey Kirkpatrick made by both former and present Student Union members.

What state were the SRC finances in when you left office?

Finances were stable; according to Aubrey Kirkpatrick, former UNB SRC Comptroller, there was a surplus of \$35,000, not including this year's student fees. As far as Doug Burgess's comments about the SRC being broke are concerned, Kirkpatrick says that they are misleading. The worst possible outlook for the state of accounts would include unpaid loans of approximately \$16,000.00. These loans include \$2,000.00 to last year's Grad Class; \$2798.00 to the C.P.'s; and a possible \$12,000.00 to the Yearbook, if



it is required, as the other \$17,000 of the \$29,000 bill has already been accounted for in the 1983-84 audit. Once these loans were covered there would still be an additional \$9,000 left for the various societies. Kirkpatrick went on to say that "never have the societies ever collected all of their money." Taking this into consideration the outlook does

not seem to be so bleak.

Allegations of major debts not being collected:

—The only debts that have not been collected that are due are:

a) \$2,000 from the Grad Class. According to Kirkpatrick attempts were made to collect the money but all efforts to contact either Kent Guptill

(Grad Clas President 1984) or Wendy Alexander (Treasurer) have been fruitless. Monthly statements are still being sent to Alexander.

b) \$2,798 in the form of 4 separate loans to the C.P.'s — One for \$2,000 advanced to them to cover their payroll as their debtors had not paid yet. This amount was due by the end of December and the collection of that loan is now up to Burgess. Two loans of \$100 and \$598 were given to the C.Ps by Darren Evans, Kirkpatrick's predecessor. Kirkpatrick informed Greg Dickie (Chief CP) of these outstanding debts but apparently Dickie cannot find any record of these transactions in his books, therefore the collection of these debts is now up in the air.

c) Two loans of \$500 each were made to the UBC GSA by the SRC, \$500 of which was a forgivable loan and the other \$500 was to be repaid. This was passed by Council during

the summer and Kirkpatrick had voted against it.

d) \$800 was advanced to Margaret Langelaan, leader of the SRC's Computer Project for the summer in order to pay staff. This advance was to be repaid to the SRC by the government. Thus far the loan has not been paid as the government has requested a report form John Bosnitch, former UNB SRC President regarding the accomplishments of the program. Unfortunately this report has not been sent yet and until the government has it they will not reimburse the SRC.

e) \$3000 was loaned to the N.B. Federation of Youth. This money was needed to pay staff and finish up the project. However there are many discrepancies surrounding this loan. For example, John Bosnitch claims that \$3,000 was a personal loan to Mark Slipp, former Treasurer of the Federation of Youth. Yet the continued on page 2



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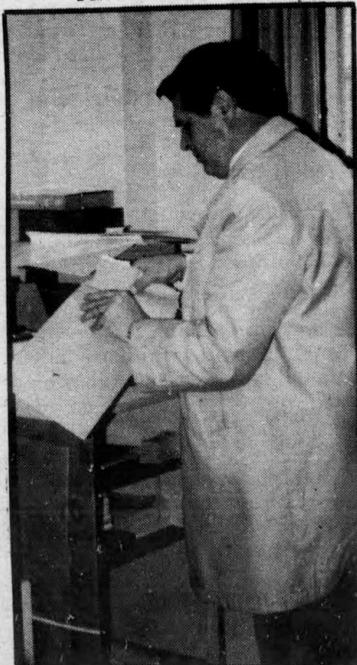
Police seize SRC files

Photo: Anne Fraser

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Yesterday, at 10:30 a.m., three detectives from the Fredericton City Police Fraud Section entered the Student Union General Office in the SUB and took a number of files of the SRC that may assist them in their investigation of the previous SRC administration under John Bosnitch.

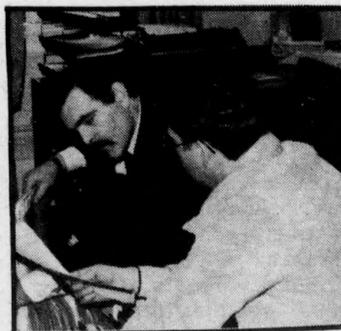
One of the officers, Detective Fiander, stated that the police had received complaints from within the SRC dealing with the previous administration, and that they would like to see the files related with that administration. Doug Burgess, present VP Finance, asked if he was to be given a warrant or a court order of some sort and was told by Fiander that the Crown Prosecutor informed the police that because the complaint originated within the SRC, a warrant was not necessary.



Fraud squad officer

Burgess then had the files in questioned opened and the officers looked through all the file cabinets and the safe in the SRC office, taking two boxes of files with them to be photocopied and then returned. Some of the files taken were concerning the Entertainment Committee, Third Century Refunds, Student fees, legal fees, deposits-cheuqing accounts, accounts receivable, SRC Honoraria, Audit Reports and the Association of Student Councils, as well as the abandoned Student Handbook invoices, N.B. Federation Of Youth application payments, and what there was of the CSL bookkeeping records.

When asked if they were looking for any particular files, the officers replied that they couldn't comment at this time. The officers also wouldn't comment as to who made the complaint or how long they've been



investigating. Fiander told the *Brunswickan* that it was too early to say if charges will be laid

or if there will be arrests. He sated that they "have a lot of work ahead of them" and it would be several months before charges, if any, are laid.

The *Brunswickan* asked Fiander if the police were going to present John Bosnitch, SRC president at the time in question, with a search warrant for his home on Montgomery Street. Fiander stated as soon as he speaks with Bosnitch, he'd be able to comment, although he did state earlier that the officers went to Bosnitch's home earlier continued on page 3

Fraud squad investigate SRC, CSL and and N.B. Federation of Youth

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"I'd quit a club that would have me as a member."

W.C. Fields

