

# McKenzie leaves passing on a few suggestions

By BURT FOLKINS

Most of us now realize that we have a new SRC President and that outgoing President Warren McKenzie will soon move out of his office. But before McKenzie left he was able to elaborate on his success in office and to the degree of his fulfillment of the points he made in his campaign platform. He also had some harsh criticism for the present SRC and a few suggestions as to how he thought the situation could be improved.

Going back to the days of February 1974, McKenzie said that it was his objective "to provide strong leadership". He also said that he made no promises during his campaign. All he really wanted to do was to achieve the points in his platform. "I have always worked in the best interests of the students."

The main objectives of his platform were to obtain a closer association between the SUB Board and SRC, the delegation of

authority and to have a study of the pricing problems at the campus bookstore. McKenzie said that all these goals have been achieved, a study was completed by the comptroller's office which indicated that the prices charged were in line with what the students were able to pay. He went on to say that the relationship between the SUB board and the SRC executive were the best he has seen in the four years he has been in the student body. It has been a point of his to delegate authority to other council members so they can attend conferences on his behalf. These councillors do not have the authority to change SRC policy but only to state what the present policy is.

Asked what he thought of a proposed new section in the constitution which would ban the delegation of authority without format consent of council, McKenzie said, "I am opposed to any section of the constitution which would interfere with the day-to-day running of the SRC."

Another point in his platform which continues to stir comment is the running of non-alcoholic events. He says, "It is the obligation of the SRC to run these events regardless of the profit loss, because these students have as much right as other students."

Another plank in his election platform was to keep SRC costs to a minimum. He says he has done this by removing all "frills" from his office, such as a dictaphone which the former president thought he needed. On the matter of the public relations officer for this year he says that the position has not been filled since Dave Simms resigned the position at the end of the spring term.

Rating his success McKenzie said that up until September of this term it has been high, but since

then there has been continuous disunity in the SRC and this has caused great hardships all the way around. He gave the main reason for this as being "the influx of individuals into the council who are acting as individuals." He went further to say that because of the state of the SRC the meetings have degenerated to the point where councillors are name calling each other and there is continual petty arguments and long senseless debates when there is no motion on the floor.

"The SRC has lost its credibility and has suffered a great deal because of this on and off the campus." He says the cheap policies and immaturity within the union had damaged us in our dealings with the provincial government and the university administration.

McKenzie suggested that to stop the "back stabbing" in the council they might try running the president, the vice-president and the comptroller on the same ticket, all having a common platform with the elections held in the spring. This is the case in many other universities. This would result in greater efficiency of the executive as they would work together and not compete as has been the case in the past and present. He indicated that there is a sufficient need on this campus for two vice-presidents, one to handle internal affairs and one for external matters.

When asked to compare the present students' union to that of other universities, McKenzie said, "Financially we are better off than most other universities I have dealt with, but in general the SRC does not compare very favourably."

McKenzie the greatest help to him in his term in office has been the competent people he has had to work with. He gave his reasons for resigning from the presidency as academic. It was a matter of priorities. Even though he is resigning his present position McKenzie made it clear that he would be available to answer questions from any student after he leaves office.

The only advice that the outgoing president said he would give to the new president was that he wished him "good luck" and that his greatest assets would be the people he would be working with. He will issue a directive on Monday giving some of his suggestions and recommendations to the new top executive.



Warren McKenzie spent his last SRC meeting as president last Monday and has some advice to offer the new president.

## Science Centre presses on

By CHRIS HUNT

According to Eric Garland, Assistant Vice President of Administration, construction work on the new science centre is progressing quite well.

The roof has been placed over the central core and the windows are starting to go in. The glass enclosures of the central core are also being placed in at present.

The physics administration section is all closed in now and the electrical and heating systems are also well advanced in the physics section. The brickwork and masonry is also nearing completion in that section and is making progress in the rest of the building.

Hopefully, said Garland, the eastern side of the building will be closed in before winter sets in so that work can be done on the inside.

However, the Science Centre is overbudget but this he said is not unusual. The reason the Science Centre is continually overbudget is because it is being built under construction management. This means that designs are often changed, tenders frequently called and the budget is continually being reviewed. This, he said, is typical of any building project.

The science centre will be ready sometime in 1976 and the first phase of construction should be completed by late spring - early summer '76 if all goes well.

Garland also said that the acoustics system of the Aitken University Centre is under study.

Originally it was intended to use perforated metal for the seats but due to a strike this was unavailable and it was decided to go ahead without it. The perforated metal would have prevented reverberation in the centre.

Now, however, a new treatment for the acoustics is needed. No alternate system has been devised yet. In a few weeks the centre should be enclosed and then it will be possible to check the acoustics to see what type of alternate system will be needed.

The AUC should be ready hopefully by May, if all goes well, said Garland.

## Fredericton to get tax hike

By ROGER WINSOR

Residents of Fredericton are soon to get a municipal tax increase.

This is mainly due to the city's increased budget, up 10.4 per cent over last year. Mayor Elbridge Wilkins stated that he is very pleased that this is within the government's anti-inflation guidelines. All salary increases shall also be with the guidelines.

Salaries account for about 48 per cent of the city's budget of approximately 9.8 million dollars. However, there shall be no salary increases for the mayor or his administration. Wilkins said he hopes the people of Fredericton will accept these tax increases, which, he said, are very reasonable.

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# Reso

By DAWN ELA

Art Doyle, alumni reviewed resolutions proposed at the Alumni Conference held here 22. "The conference is responsible in the brought forward," "Some of the alumni took a conservative p

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By STEVE F

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Carol McKenzie