

SUB Director McKinney will resign in July

By LORNA PITCHER

SUB Director Kevin McKinney said this week that he will resign his post, effective July first, 1975. He will attend either St. Mary's or Western University this fall, in an M.B.A. program.

"I've enjoyed my years at UNB, both as a student and, since July 1969, working with students as SUB Director," said McKinney, "but I'll be 32 this year, I've a wife, a cat, a dog, and a mortgage, and I feel I'm not relating as well to students now as I did when I first took on this job - and that's not good."

McKinney cited several reasons for his resignation. "The frustrations of the job over the past two years have grown to such a point that they outweigh the joys, and I can see these frustrations continuing if I keep going. I've done all I can in my capacity and I feel it's time for a change, both for UNB and for me."

In his six years as SUB Director, McKinney has been instrumental in or responsible for many changes in SUB operations.

The games room was a storage area until 1969. "We had hoped for a larger space for games, and of

course it's still needed," McKinney said. "That space almost became the Social Club, but the committee for the games room got it while the club was still in the planning stages."

The College Hill Social Club is an inspiration of McKinney's, which he presented to the SUB board of directors in spring of 1970. The board instituted the club the following September on a three-day-a-week basis. The Social Club gained its permanent licence in the summer of 1973. McKinney said, "The SUB board is really responsible for the Social Club. They had the power to start it. I hope in the future some legal problems about its (CHSC's) status as a corporation and therefore a private club, so it may become a licensed lounge for all students on presentation of their ID's. The only way we could get the licence was to make it a club."

There was a Music Listening Room in the SUB until the second term of the 73-74 academic year, but it was shut down, according to McKinney, "because of abuse and rip-offs. No matter how carefully it was watched, it was costing over \$3000 each year to replace stolen cartridges and amplifiers. Short of posting a supervisor in the room at

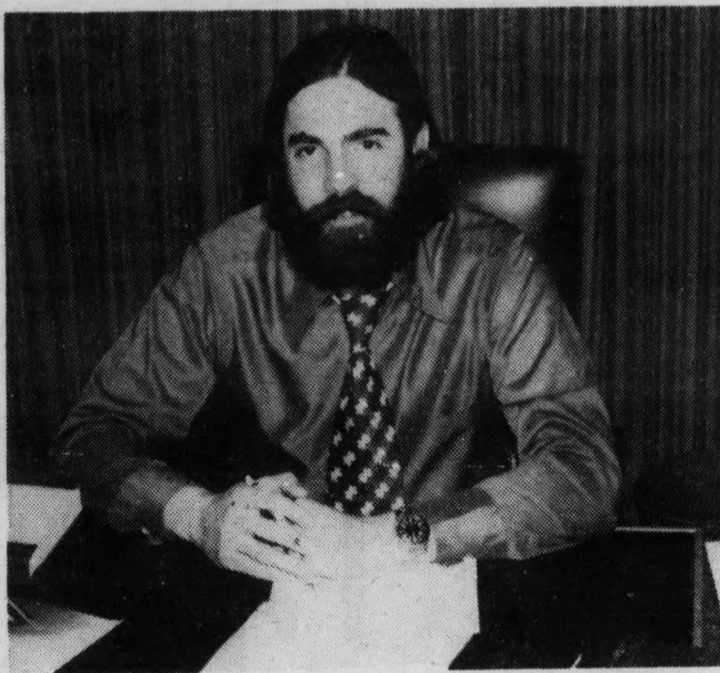
all times, we found there was no way to control stealing and mishandling of the equipment, so we had to discontinue the service."

The music room was located on the second floor near the office annex. It is presently the SRC Travel Office.

McKinney was also responsible for the proliferation of SUB pubs "from sporadic, individually organized events a few years ago to the regular and frequent, relatively efficient ones they are now."

Other key employees in the SUB who have announced their pending resignations include SRC Secretary Janice Comeau and Administrator Wayne Charters.

McKinney said, "Wayne's job is to be expanded. I think it would be a good thing if his replacement came from outside the present local administration. We need people with fresh ideas, someone who can look at UNB in a new way," McKinney added. "There will be two people hired in financial administrative posts. I feel it would be a good idea if one of the came from within, and one from without. They would both serve us well - we need one who is familiar, one who is objective and fresh to the job."



Kevin McKinney

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Student housing problems discussed

By THE PHANTOM PHOTOGRAPH

A big problem with student housing is that students rarely indicate what their preferences are, said SRC Vice President Gary Stairs. "They'll scream and holler all day long" but they will not check with their representatives.

Though he has been in office since October, he has not received one complaint. He stated that students will not bother to cope with their problems. For example, though some accommodations are considerably crowded, students will not check the Fire Marshal's regulations.

He added that most of the problems students have can be solved through the Fire Marshal and the Accommodations Office.

He said students do not realize that the people of Fredericton are not responsible to the students. If anyone is hesitating about taking action due to the fact that he does not have a lease, there are "legal avenues...ways of controlling them," said Stairs.

Stairs believes that it is up to the University to tell the public what the students want. There will be a housing survey coming up and Stairs said that past surveys have been treated with little respect. People have also not been very objective toward them.

Students often find it difficult to find acceptable places to live. Stairs pointed out that there are "real difficulties in getting landlords to enlist" with the Accommodations Office. Landlords are worried about students jumping leases (normally leases have to be signed for a full calendar year).

Also, students tend to be "unruly" tenants. Since they are boarding they feel they can act as they do at home. They have little respect for landlords, said Stairs.

An additional problem which will be arising soon is that there will be a large staff necessary to operate the new hospital. This will cause an increase in the number of twelve month per year tenants, crowding out students in the area of the University. Stairs added that there is plenty of accommodation avail-

able across the river; however, transportation is a problem. He would like to see the University take some positive steps concerning the transportation problem, possible busing.

Stairs said that typical student housing does not provide adequate room to entertain people. He stated that this is one of the problems with the residences. There are not adequate lounges. People need a way to entertain privately.

Stairs has lived in apartments since his coming to University and will not live anywhere else. He considers the privacy necessary. He believes that apartment living develops responsibility, maturity, etc.

"It's my belief...that the residence system could work," said Stairs. However, he believes it should be a single room system. The "old concept of two students isn't very good." He said that it is out of date and does not work any more.

Stairs said that he is carrying out discussions with the Fire Marshal, Dean of Students, Accommodation Officer, various landlords in the city, the Department of Justice legal reform concerning the Residential Tenancy Act, and the Ombudsmen's office.

Adding that he has been doing a considerable amount of researching and reading, he said that it is a "wide area." Stairs said, "It is conceivable that if students were to indicate decided preferences for a particular type of accommodation, I am sure the University would readily acknowledge such a demonstrated need."

Continuing, "University authorities, particularly the Accommodations Officer, and the Dean of Students have been quite cooperative. Research and studies are currently being carried out in efforts to determine our accommodation requirements."

He also said, "Through the channels of student input, and positive criticism, we may be able to 'head the villain off at the pass.' If we don't, we could be living in tents in '76!"

Land exchange proposal approved

The University of New Brunswick Board of Governors approved a proposal to exchange land in Fredericton with the provincial government to accommodate the government's proposed French school and community centre. The announcement was made in Saint John by UNB President John M. Anderson on March sixth.

The proposal, subject to approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, calls for UNB to exchange 12.65 acres of land in Fredericton for government properties amounting to approximately 16 acres.

The 12-acre site to be acquired by

government is located at the corner of Priestman and Regent Streets. The university will acquire three sites totalling 16 acres which all involve a leaseback arrangement which will permit the government to continue using the properties for a designated number of years.

The first site to be acquired by the university, 8.68 acres, at present houses the department of highways repair depot and garage. Its leaseback period is a maximum of 10 years. The second location, 1.63 acres involving the new soils and minerals laboratory, calls for a leaseback arrangement of up to

25 years. The final six years, subject to a 30-year maximum government leasing, is the location of the Montgomery Street School.

The final transfer of university property to the government is subject to university approval of the school and community centre's final site plan.

Negotiations for the land exchange began last August. Detailed discussions were initiated by the government in December and negotiations continued until late last month when the representatives of government and the university reached agreement.

UNB Arts student awarded scholarship



Margot Brewer

Margot Brewer, a University of New Brunswick student, has earned the right to participate in this year's World University Service of Canada seminar in Egypt.

An arts junior with plans to honor in German and sociology, Brewer will spend six weeks in July and August travelling through the country researching the effort of tourist promotion on a national culture, with specific emphasis on Egypt.

She is one of approximately 50 students from across Canada who each must raise \$700 from organizations to support their studies.

"I see it as an opportunity," said the UNB WUSC association president, "to gain exposure and insight into other cultures."

WUSC, an academic program with emphasis on first hand observation, began in 1949 and now includes an on-campus organization of faculty and students from UNB and St. Thomas University.

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