

McCluskey gets the shaft in bid for presidency



Gid Mersereau



John McCluskey

By DERWIN GOWAN

Both Gid Mersereau and John McCluskey have withdrawn their nominations for the position of president of the student union.

According to Mersereau in a prepared statement, "Because of the totally different situation that exists on campus at this time, I believe that it is completely impossible to achieve any positive short term results out of now rampant chaos. It is a waste of time, effort and energy for me to

involve myself in an attempt to do so. I therefore withdraw my nomination papers from the candidacy for the president of the SRC."

He said he was particularly displeased with the way in which negotiations for pubs in McConnell Hall were turning. After last Friday's meeting, he said, the hope that "fragmentation, polarization and negative feelings that existed on council could be overcome" had faded.

"This cancer has spread throughout the student body on campus," he said.

McCluskey said he felt "shafted" by the turn of events.

According to him, when he announced his candidacy, incumbent president Warren McKenzie phoned him, and over drinks at the Diplomat Hotel, said Mersereau was running. McCluskey was asked not to run and to support Mersereau. He was informed that Mersereau would not be running again in February as he would be graduating.

McCluskey said he agreed to withdraw from the race because he

was inexperienced in student politics and possibly Mersereau could accomplish some good. Further, the possibility of support of McCluskey in February was discussed.

McCluskey said he planned on using the intervening months to gain knowledge of student government in Fredericton.

After Mersereau officially announced his resignation at last Monday's council meeting, McCluskey found out that the deadline for nominations had already passed.

Stairs holds out for money

By DERWIN GOWAN
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Former student vice-president Gary Stairs said he will not turn the housing report he was working on last year to the Students' Representative Council because, in his words, "They've decided it wasn't worth a cent." He was referring to the fact that the council refused to pay the second half of his honorarium.

He said the report is finished and contains information pertinent to the housing situation in Fredericton. Further, he said he will give a copy of the report to interested students.

Stairs said in a prepared statement, "Apparently Mr. McKenzie and his trusty band got

their last laugh. It seems that the students of our council didn't decide to pay my honorarium; a decision, or non-decision which must indicate a lack of confidence in their past vice-president and housing officer."

Said Stairs, "Making a formal application for an honorarium is like an infantryman asking for a Victoria Cross, and that just ain't done."

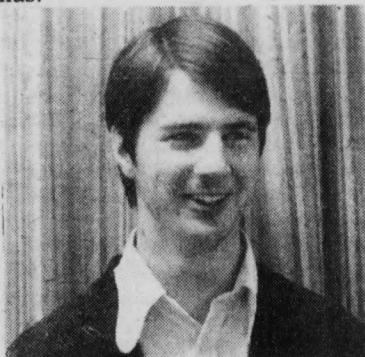
Further, Stairs said, "If the executives, in their wisdom, rejected my second term of office, I would hardly expect fair consideration for the fruits of my labours!"

In researching the report, Stairs said he referred to the New Brunswick residential tenancies act, condominium properties act, the municipal occupancy and residency bylaws. He said he talked to realtors, a lawyer, and surveyed students' opinions as well.

"I would hope that my comments would be at least well researched, and hopefully of some value to the students I once represented."

Stairs and student union president Warren McKenzie clashed this year when McKenzie tried to have Stairs invalidated as a student for not registering and when Stairs tried to force McKenzie to resign for taking more than the allowable number of courses.

McKenzie since then dropped some courses and Stairs claimed he would be a student at the Saint John campus. He said he will be taking courses there after Christmas.



Gary Stairs

Candidates to give forum

There will be a forum in Bridges House Saturday at 7:30 p.m., the purpose of which will be to allow students an opportunity to confront the candidates in the upcoming student elections. Everyone is invited. Returning officer Wenceslaus Batanyita is considering another forum in Lady Dunn Hall on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. According to Batanyita, the forum is mainly for the presidential candidates.

Batanyita pointed out that there will be no campaigning near the polling stations after 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The McConnell Hall, SUB, and Lady Dunn Hall polling stations will close at 6:30 p.m. while the other stations will close at 4:30 p.m. November 26.

Batanyita said, "I am appealing for volunteers to come out and work on polling stations." He continued, "I'm happy that people have showed more interest this election."

Parliament due here

There will be a model parliament session for people from across the province on November 21, 22 and 23 at UNB.

So far this year, model parliament work has been done in getting guest speakers. A banquet and two other meals have been arranged, as well as parties and other entertainment.

The organization has been having trouble recruiting people to join. The cost to register is \$5.00.

For further information contact either of the following people:

M.J. Corbett - 472-8949
Larry Worthen - 472-2127
Dawn Hicks - 454-2178

Forms for the above parliament can be obtained at the information booth in the SUB lobby.

January meeting scheduled

A meeting for epileptic students on campus was held at 8:00 p.m. November 5th at the Student Health Centre. Dr. Tingley and Jane Smislaert discussed with those present the aims of these meetings. Many epileptic people have found themselves kept in ignorance of the facts of epilepsy. The question of how good communication can be fostered between you and your doctor was

mentioned.

The two main aims of this newly formed group are 1) sharing of ideas and concerns between epileptic students; 2) public education and communication to others about particular concerns for epileptic students e.g. employment policies.

The next meetings are scheduled for January.

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