

# Thorbourne will continue dual role amidst protest

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SRC President-elect Perry Thorbourne is prepared to accept the position of orientation committee chairman if it is offered to him. While the executive of the committee has not yet met to review his position, they will soon, Thorbourne said.

The alternative to Thorbourne assuming the position are for the chairman to be chosen from the executive or for an election to be held by the committee.

Thorbourne said his acceptance would be conditional upon the stipulation that the majority of the executive would remain available during the summer. He added he would not expect the honorarium of \$1750.00 normally given to the chairman. This, Thorbourne said, could be used to help out the remaining executive or to finance additional staff.

None of the returning executive had the experience or as much

involvement as himself, Thorbourne stated. He felt he could do both jobs well and is willing to give up his personal time to do it.

Thorbourne mentioned that previous SRC presidents had held jobs in addition to their SRC activities but he said he will not. He also said he doesn't plan to take any summer courses.

The stigma of conflict of interest should be removed, said Thorbourne.

However, both Tim Gorman, Orientation committee chairman for 1979, and Jim Murray, chairman for 1976 and SRC president for 1977, think Thorbourne should resign unconditionally as chairman, leaving the post open for a reasonable amount of time, so as not to discourage others from trying for it.

Murray said Thorbourne could assume the responsibilities of the job as a last resort. He suggested student apathy might lead to Thorbourne being left with the job. In that case Murray feels Thorbourne has the capability to do both jobs and he does

have the necessary background.

"One good Perry Thorbourne is worth several lousy people doing the same job," said Murray.

Gorman said he thinks Thorbourne should not do both jobs. They are two different jobs and having one person in charge would lead to conflicting responsibilities. He claimed situations would arise where Thorbourne would have to simultaneously do one thing as chairman and another as president.

Consequently, the orientation committee would suffer and lose its present autonomy. Gorman said he couldn't understand why one person would wish to take on so many responsibilities, adding, "It's ridiculous."

Gorman said Thorbourne's capability is not being questioned in this issue. Rather the problem is whether it is right for one person to do both jobs. Diversity and input are lost, said Gorman if this happens.

Murray agreed that technically the two positions should be separate.



Perry Thorbourne

During orientation week, one of the two jobs would have to suffer. If they were held by one person, he s



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Laura Sanders shoots for two against St. F.X. UNB won the game 57 - 48.

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