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Ratcliff urges establishment of grievance procedure

By CAROL ANN FOLEY
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SRC President Kevin Ratcliff urged the university to establish a student grievance procedure in a letter to University secretary James Woodfield dated September 15. Ratcliff noted his own experience illustrated "an unfortunate lack of such a set of guidelines."

Ratcliff went on to criticize what he termed the "unwillingness" of the board of governors to hear student appeals.

Ratcliff's experience with the board dates back to early last year when, as Jones House president, he was evicted from residence for allegedly scheduling two orientation events - a late

night swim and Judgement Night - during the restricted hours of midnight to 7 a.m.

On Monday, September 7, 1980 Ratcliff was called to meet with Dean of Men's Residences Robert Smith and Jones House Don David Brescician to explain the events of the previous night.

The next day Ratcliff met with Smith again, after which

he received his eviction notice.

Ratcliff then appealed this decision to the board of deans, which subsequently denied the appeal. He then wrote to the university secretary, requesting a hearing before the board of governors.

A tribunal appointed by the board of governors, which included M.M. Hoyt, Q.C., David Coughy and Professor Merrill Edwards, was to hear Ratcliff's appeal and forward a recommendation to the board. This tribunal never materialized.

Ratcliff then sent a registered letter to the chairman of the board, Robert Shaw. Ratcliff was instructed to contact the university secretary who was to arrange a second tribunal. The committee members, appointed by President Downey, were David Coughy, Richard Simms and Prod. Merrill Edwards.

This tribunal "recommended unanimously that no hearing be granted by the board of governors, and the board concurred."

Ratcliff contemplated legal action but decided against it on advice from his lawyer.

SUB renovation plans in works

By VERNON ROBICHAUD
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Hot on the heels of this summer's renovation of the Student Union Building cafeteria, plans are being made to further renovate the inside of the SUB. A conceptual plan has been drawn up and is being considered said SUB director Cindy Stacey.

The reason for the renovation is the necessity of having more room for organizations, said Stacey, as the building itself has not changed with the times. The student councils of UNB and STU, and other organizations have been asking for more space in the last

few years. Until this year, their demands have had to be turned down for financial reasons.

This year things have changed, said Stacey. At the end of this month the SUB will have paid off its debt for the construction of the building. The students of both universities agreed in a referendum to pay 15 dollars, included in their student dues to pay for the SUB.

Now they will be asked if they wish to see the renovation take place and if so, if they will agree to continue to give the 15 dollars. The date of the referendum will be given in two weeks time.

Woodshed will reopen

By JEFF IRWIN
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According to College Hill Social Club Director Rick Cuthbertson the Woodshed will reopen on or around the 28th of September under the auspices of Robyn Chaloner.

The Woodshed remains basically the same but better Chaloner said. Changes include an upgrading of materials used by the Woodshed. "No more styrofoam cups and neon-type signs which were in direct conflict with the theme of the place", she said.

Chaloner is looking forward to operating the Woodshed. She said that she will try to be

available at certain times in the Woodshed to discuss suggestions from the patrons as well as the entertainers on how to make the Woodshed a greater success.

The Social Club and the Woodshed are planning to sponsor a concert at sometime in the near future to help raise funds for further expansion.

Chaloner has planned some changes in entertainment. The folk theme will remain but there will be a few new faces and a few changes from the tradition.

One of the main problems in the past has been poor advertising but plans are being made to change that as well.

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Professor James Woodfield
University Secretary
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Campus Mail

Dear Professor Woodfield:

I am writing this letter on behalf of students here at the University of New Brunswick to urge the University to establish a student grievance procedure and formalize such a procedure as part of the University Regulations. From personal experience I have noted an unfortunate lack of such a set of guidelines, and hope that by the establishment of a set of procedures future student appeals can be facilitated.

Furthermore, I must criticize the unwillingness of the U.N.B. Board of Governors to hear student appeals. I feel that following a set grievance procedure the right of every student should include the ability to appeal to and be heard by the U.N.B. Board of Governors.

I would appreciate your attention in bringing this matter to the attention of the Board of Governors.

Yours, truly

Kevin Ratcliff
Kevin Ratcliff
President

Ratcliff's letter to Woodfield

Is university a waste?

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"Is University a waste?" will be the topic of an exhibition debate held Monday in the Woodshed at 12:30, to be opened to the floor at 1:30.

Two three-man teams, which will have at least one woman participating, will debate this topic to arouse interest in the formation of a university debating club. An organizational meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday in Annex C, the Anthropology building (the white building in Tilley Hall parking lot) for all students interested in forming a club. Some sort of festivities are to follow.

The students debating the pro's and con's of the usefulness of the university education we all prize so dearly are from Dal, McGill, Queen's, Toronto, UNB, and STU. The first four are touring the Maritimes under the auspices of CUSID (Canadian University Society for Inter-collegiate Debate), Henry Lambias (acting Dean of Men's

Residences) is putting them up. The other two are our own Mary Abraham and Lois Corbett.

Mary Abraham is the driving force behind this rejuvenation of our once-proud club. She is an FHS grad and was involved with the "model parliament" at FHS, and even became prime minister for two years. She received an award for being an "outstanding orator" and also the "Ed Bell" award. She was also the chairman of the FHS debating club.

She was given a spot on the provincial team, ranking second out of the top seven debaters. The team went to the Nationals in the spring of 1980, where Mary was given the award for being the top female parliamentarian and received the "Tom Lawson" award (who founded national high school debating which gave rise to University nationals), making her number one in her field.

Monday's meeting will be attended by Professors Neil McGill and Peter Lovell, and a loosely-organized club of all

interested students will hopefully be formed. The club will consist of two sections, one for beginners and those who wish to debate casually, and one smaller section of keen dedicated debaters who will form crack teams that will go national. Teams would travel to other universities to develop national experience.

Abraham said an excellent coach is waiting in the wings to lead a good team for national competition. Three meets will take place before Christmas. There are even visions of international competition down the line, she said.

Debaters would follow a practice of opening to the floor, as the exhibition debate will on Monday, giving students a chance to give vent to their opinions. Any student is welcomed to attend the exhibition debate and meeting that night. Debaters represent many faculties, said Abraham.

UNB once had a thriving successful team in the '60's, but the past decade has been not so good. Don Fleming tried

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