Finnan optimistic about term

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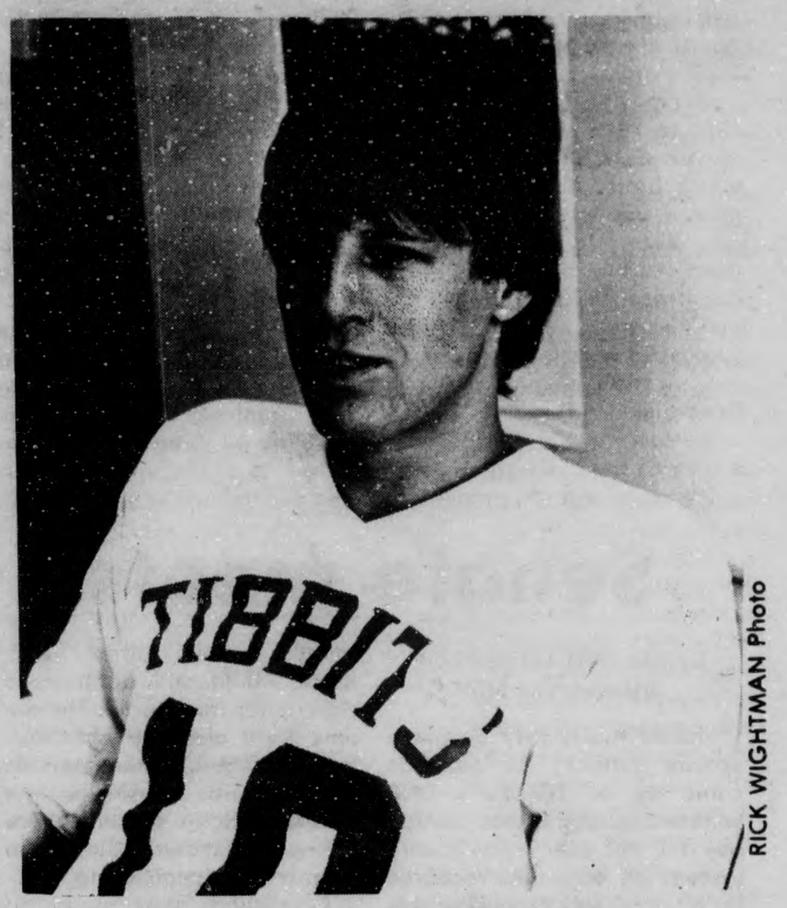
Gerard Finnan is optimistic about the upcoming term as SRC President. He said he is taking an "ombudsman approach" to the job. He is there to aid students who are having difficulties, and encourages all to drop in to his office with such matters.

His primary concern is with public relations and the unfavorable image the SRC has acquired. He stressed the fact that councillors should represent their constituants instead of concentrating on internal conflicts. His number one priority is putting council in order.

Finnan will be airing a report at Monday's SRC meeting which will outline in more detail his goals and expectations for this term. This can be heard on CHSR at 6:30. Of major concern is the expansion of Campus Services Limited. Finnan wants the Student Union to be in tune with the student body. If any students or organizations have complaints or suggestions, they are encouraged to come to the presidents office. Finnan's office hours cover the greater part of the week.

Finnan questioned the feasibility of dwelling on dead issues such as the Perry Thorburn conflict and the Ad hoc committee investigating the change of wording in the SUB referendum, which he added has no legal grounds.

Finnan is opposed to cutbacks in student aid. He is adopting a "get tough policy" and intends to let Premier Hatfield know cutbacks will not be passively accepted.



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SRC President Gerard Finnan

"Bosnitch," he said, "is a negative force. The Engineering Rep. wants to be opposition leader, he said. "The union doesn't need an opposition leader, we must work together for the benefit of the students," added Finnan.

Finnan said he is looking forward to the upcoming term, adding, "It won't be easy but it will be a good experience. I believe I can get things moving in a positive direction."

Quake hits

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UNB and the Maritime Provinces were jolted by a series of earthquakes last weekend.

The first quake, just before 9 am Saturday, was the biggest surprise. Except for a few reports of animals acting strangely in the hours leading up to the incident; it was unpredicted. Over 100 aftershocks were reported later Saturday and on Sunday, with two being quite serious.

A crowd appeared at the seismograph by the science library shortly after the first shock, and learned the quake had temporarily knocked it out of commission. As Dr. Merrill Edwards of UNB's physics department said, the recording pen had almost reached the edge of the rotating drum. Usually the pen moves one or two millimeters to record normal vibrations; however this earthquake, which measured 5.6 on the Richter scale, sent the pen careening sideways over two centimeters. It went off the edge of the drum, and could not return to its normal path, being slightly bent. After replacement of the pen the machine recorded subsequent quakes perfectly.

The UNB seismograph is the only regularly manned one in the province; although there are several automatic machines in the operation. Since the earthquake, several temporary seismographs have been set up near the original epicenter so that researchers can investigate the cause of the tremors.

Many people were awakened by the early morning vibrations. UNB residences came to life much earlier than is typical for a Saturday morning. Although people in some areas were terrified, the feeling among some students was, "Great, now I have experienced a real earthquake."

Executive have new responsibilities

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Susan Lynch, the new vice-president of the SRC, will be active in public relations and advertising for the SRC and this years Winter Carnival. Her main job is the organizing of elections and by-elections, overseeing all clubs and organizations funded and regulated by the SRC and getting newly formed organizations' constitutions in order.

Commenting on the last term of SRC meetings, Susan said, "It was a circus" and "hopefully the new chairman will be able to control the meetings". Lynch also stated she hoped personality conflicts would be put aside so new business could come about.

On the subject of Winter Carnival, Lynch expressed avid enthusiasm. She said this years Carnival was better organized than in past years and "it seems to be paying off". The decision to have it earlier this year seems to have been a wise one and she is delighted with the amount of student participation.



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SRC Vice-President Susan Lynch

As the new Comptroller of the SRC, Andrew Young will be responsible for the finances of this years Winter Carnival, and for auditing the books of all organizations which are SRC funded. He added he is expecting to receive these books by the end of the month. He is also responsible for calling Administrative Board meetings and administering funds to organizations recognized and funded by the SRC.

Young said getting Campus Services Limited on its feet and developing its full potential will be a challenge worth undertaking. Young praised Akumu Owuor for the fine job he did as Comptroller last year and said he hoped to be able to do the job as well.



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SRC Comptroller Andrew Young