



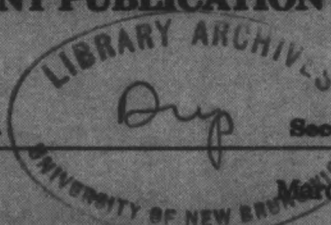
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Concerns raised over SU budget

by Aime Phillips

The SU Finance Committee has presented the 1st draft of the 91-92 SU Budget to council, and there were some surprises concerning the proposed allocations.

There has been nothing allocated to the SUB feasibility study this year. Greg Lutes, VP Finance claims he sees no priority for it, as "nothing really happened with it this year." The SUB feasibility study set up a committee to investigate the possibilities of SUB expansion. Lutes claims he is not willing to put so much money into that again."

SUB expansion will have to happen through the province and the university." Last year \$20,000 was allocated to the study.

Campus Entertainment will discontinue their Speaker Series next year. Jason Burns, VP Activities did not include the Speaker Series in his budget. "Due to the fact St. Thomas has a fairly good Speaker Series, and departments bringing in their own speakers leaves us competing with our own faculties, not to mention low turnout."

When asked about the controversy surrounding the

loss of the Speaker Series, Burns commented that, "it is ironic that people are fighting for it yet they don't go." Burns feels the money can be better spent elsewhere in the Union.

CHSR is concerned about their preliminary cut and held a meeting to discuss the budget Thursday night.

According to the first draft the typing service offered at the Help Office will be discontinued, although the amounts the Paper Post is receiving is increasing. Lutes says the typing service is not cost effective and the Paper Post is being given more funds for the purchase of more

profitable operating equipment.

One organization left unhappy with the results of the report is the Health Sciences Society. Their budget has been drastically cut. According to Keith Rourke, Vice President, "it came as a shock." The society normally sponsors a trip to the Dalhousie Medical School and only charges students for the hotel room. The way the budget reads presently Health Sciences would either have to charge more for membership or raise funds to cover the costs.

Lutes says the Finance Committee found the trip seemed "individually oriented and not relating to students in general."

Lutes also states the budget will be subject to revision, and that no weighting was made on last year's allocation, simply the budget presented from the organizations." From year to year clubs have different executives and ideas."

The second reading of the budget should take place on March 27, in council.

Referendum to be held on Health Plan

by Karen Burgess

Voters in the Student Union elections on March 26 will be given a ballot enabling them to participate in a referendum concerning a proposed new health plan for UNB students.

The plan will remedy two of the complaints often received about the present system: the lack of coverage for oral contraceptives, and the excessive time period required to receive the 80% refund on the prescription currently covered.

If covered by the new system, a student would receive a Direct Pay card which

eliminates the complicated rebate system now in place; essentially, card recipients pay only 20% of the cost of all prescriptions, including those for oral contraceptives.

However, the extra benefits provided by the Direct Pay program are not without cost. The issue addressed by the referendum is whether or not students are willing to pay the additional \$35.00 which would be added to their student union fees to cover the cost of the new benefits.

Jim McGee, VP University Affairs, says "It is up to the

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CHSR members concerned about cancelled meetings

by Randy Goodleaf

Mark Dykeman, UNB student union representative on the CHSR board of directors is concerned with the attendance problems that are occurring at the board meetings, particularly since meetings have been cancelled, and there are issues that must be examined at the board level.

Specific examples of these concerns are that the station manager and program directors

contracts are due in May.

Dykeman feels that the board itself will have to take the initiative in directing the station's future, particularly at the chairperson level. Presently, Kelly Lamrock, St. Thomas's student union president is the chair of the board.

Lamrock was unavailable for comment concerning both his and other BOD members

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Concert: Students appeared to have enjoyed the Tragically Hip concert last Friday night. However, the Student Union and Campus Security have a few worries about some of the things that went on during the concert. **See story page three**

Randy Goodleaf photo

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