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OBJECTS TO FUNDRAISING TECHNIQUES

To the Editor:

As most people know the 1994 graduation class project is to raise money to put up much needed lights around campus. There is no argument that it is a good idea, whose time has come. However, it is the way in which they are campaigning to raise these funds that I have a problem with. Since this project was first undertaken, I have received two letters asking for money as well as three follow-up phone calls, the latest being this past weekend. Each time they have contacted me I have turned them down, not because UNB has dumped enough needless expenses on me, but more importantly I just cannot afford it. This committee has since taken further steps

of informing, and requesting, money from my parents for this grad class '94 project. How is it that they are operating? Is it that if UNB cannot get money out of the son or the daughter lets go after the parents (this is not the first time)? I am a mature student paying my own way through university, not living at home, and without parental assistance, so why bother them with something that should be exclusively my responsibility? Of course, they approached my parents so as to make them feel obligated, and are contributing despite my arguments to convince them otherwise. Is it so bad that someone cannot take my no for an answer that they have to resort to bothering my parents with an issue that is of no particular concern to them?

This issue has put me in a sore disposition because it is not a new issue to me. Last year, a UNB sponsored organization was out drilling for money for a scholarship, so they approached my par-

ents for a donation of \$100.00. My parents, being blue collar workers, were unable to contribute the full amount, instead opting for a \$50.00 donation. This was not good enough however, as UNB had the gall to send a notice to my parents stating they still owed them an additional \$50.00. Are they in such dire needs for money that they have to embarrass people into contributing into something which is of little or no use to them? Maybe it is time for the university to start saving money by eliminating some top heavy bureaucrat instead of trying to bleed both the students and the parents dry. People have the tendency to forget that the university is not a school, but a profit making business, no matter what they tell you.

If they are so interested in sucking money out of people for other causes, why not eliminate some of the freebies given to both professors and their offspring? This would free up a ton of money.

An Irate '94 Grad

DEFENDS AIESEC AGAINST CUTBACKS

To the Editor:

An open letter to the VP Finance of the Student Union
Dear Mr. Estabrooks,
AIESEC UNB has been an important part of the university campus for more than 10 years, and during this time AIESEC has provided numerous services to the students of UNB Fredericton. The associations contribution to student life at UNB has been formidable and above reproach. AIESEC has enriched student life while developing management, leadership and communication skills. Our practical approach to education has benefited numerous UNB students and the

effect of this has been felt not just in our organization, but throughout campus, the country and the world.

AIESEC is a unique, valuable and irreplaceable organization on any campus (38 in Canada and more than 800 around the world). We can be found in 79 countries in every corner of the globe. We are a truly international, non-political, non-profit, student-run, independent, educational institution. One out of every 12,500 people in the world in the world has been, or is, an AIESEC member.

Your recent decision to remove AIESEC from its office in the SUB after 10 years of meaningful service to UNB students, without a viable alternative is truly distressing. The AIESEC office is the heart of UNB's Local Committee operations and is vital to our services to the students of this campus.

UNB is fortunate to be the home of one of the most successful AIESEC local committees in the country. Last year AIESEC UNB was recognized as a leader when it was granted and hosted the countries largest conference. Four Hundred and fifty students and leaders from around the country and the world attended this 5 day event. A proud moment for AIESEC and for the university. Over the years AIESEC students have served in various capacities within AIESEC, the student union and the community, and they utilize skills and contacts they have garnered throughout their AIESEC experience.

Why does AIESEC need an office?

This year the Fredericton campus is home to the Atlantic Regional Manager, Atlantic Reception Officer, Atlantic Career Day Coordinator, and the Atlantic Regional Conference. These projects and responsibilities are in addition to our regular activities which include the International Traineeship Exchange Program, the Global Theme Program, vari-

ous luncheons and seminars, Executive and General member meetings, Board of Advisor meetings, twinning programs and much, much more.

This letter has barely touched the surface of all the aspects of AIESEC UNB. This unique organization cannot exist without an office that serves to facilitate its many projects, meetings and social aspects. As a student at UNB and a general member of AIESEC I respectfully request that you reconsider your decision to dislocate this extraordinary association until a viable and mutually beneficial alternative can be found. The continued success of AIESEC UNB depends on your cooperation in this matter.

AIESECly yours

Leo Connell General Member
AIESEC UNB

UNICEF, WHO ATTEMPT TO SAVE LIVES

To the Editor:

UNICEF, the World Health Organization and most governments of the third world have now agreed on 10 priority mid decade goals which can be achieved by the end of 1995. To achieve these goals would mean the saving of 2 million children's lives and improve the quality of life for millions more. Four of these goals could have a dramatic impact on the planet. Elimination of Vitamin A deficiency, universal iodization of salt, eliminate neonatal tetanus, raise coverage against the top 6 vaccine preventable diseases to more than 80% in all countries.

The Liberal party has promised to give a clearer focus to our aid program by giving priority to basic human needs. Honourable André Ouellet Minister of Foreign Affairs said Health and Education would be the Pillars of Canada's Aid Policy. These sectors were precisely the ones which over 71 world leaders promised to focus their efforts on at the world summit for children.

It is difficult for CIDA (Canadian International Development Agency) to concentrate on putting poverty first and encouraging self-reliance while, at the same time, it has commercial and political interests which do not always lend themselves to dealing with poverty in a direct way. It is now time to reorient CIDA programs.

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