



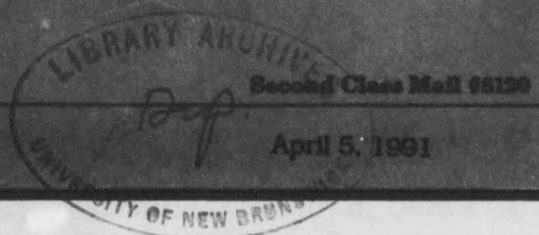
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Employment center closure possible

by Karen Burgess

David Matthews, Manager of the Canadian Employment Center in Fredericton, recently sent a letter to Tom Austin, Dean of Students at UNB, informing him of his department's "intent to discontinue" the on campus operations, effective June 30, 1991.

The centre is one of approximately 100 on campus facilities across Canada; its closing would mean that students would have to deal with the Employment Centre located in King's Place.

This center, as well as being less conveniently located for its student patrons, would not be able to provide the student oriented service now being offered at the CEC on campus.

As Nancy McGarvey, director of the Employment Centre at UNB explains, "the centre is used by employers, who are searching specifically for students;" and, as the CEC on campus' Annual report showed, approximately 340

firms wishing to hire students and graduates used the centre's facilities to reach its clientele which numbers up to 20 students per day.

The causes of possible closure are federal cutbacks, and a re-orientation of emphasis by the Department of Employment and Immigration from job placement for post secondary students to providing training for the unemployed.

Bill Ferguson, of the Department of Employment and Immigration says that there has been no final decision reached on the fate of UNB's on campus employment centre, and that other options such as keeping the centre open, or operating at only peak periods, are still being discussed.

However, he says that the Employment Centres, as all other Canadians, are burdened with budget cuts, and the clientele most in need of placement must be considered first. At present, he continues, "there are requirements for more services in certain areas where we don't have the

resources so we have to make some shifts."

Ferguson emphasized that the success of the UNB centre is not at question, saying "the CEC on campus at UNB is very efficient. Our people at work there are excellent."

As stated in a recent Canadian Federation of Students press release, the whole situation is a "catch 22."

"More and more, students are expected to contribute financially to their education. They need jobs to pay for their tuition fees, books, rent etc., now, the service that provides them with these jobs is being threatened."

Among others disturbed by the On Campus Employment Centre's possible closure is Mark Lockwood, the Student Union's VP External, who says he is totally opposed to the move.

"Our office is extremely well utilized and it would be gross negligence on behalf of the government to close down this essential service - numbers alone show that, if anything, they should be expanding it."

Lockwood will be meeting with Ferguson and others, concerned with the Campus Employment Centre's future to discuss the position of the

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Student Union on the matter. He urges students who will be affected by upcoming changes to contact Bill Ferguson of Employment and Immigration Canada or local M.P. Bud Bird to make their opinions known.

UNB administration positions filled

by Allan Carter

Thomas Traves will be the new Vice President Academic at UNB. Traves will be replacing Robert Burrige who is retiring.

Traves, 43, is presently Dean

of Arts at York University in Toronto. He has held that position since 1983.

Traves arrives at UNB today to meet with university officials. The Vice President Academic position is a five year appointment and is effective July 1.

Roger Ploude, chair of the UNB English Department will become the new University Secretary. He will be replacing James Woodfield, who is also

retiring.

John Teskey will be UNB's new Director of Libraries. Teskey will be replacing Alan Burk, acting Director of Libraries.

Teskey is presently employed at the University of Alberta as an associate librarian of the administrative services.

Teskey's responsibilities at UNB will include supervising a staff of 110 including 22 professional librarians.



Employment information: Mark Lockwood, the Student Union's VP external, feels that the employment centre on campus is well utilized and it should not be closed. Steve Seabrook photo

SUB expansion committee to finalize report

by Aime Phillips

The SUB Expansion Committee will meet for the fourth time this term to finalize their report.

The Committee consists of Jim MacGee, Arthur Doyle, Jody Cruickshank, Regan Legassey, and Kim Norris.

The report will contain the findings in terms of what kind of services could be offered to students, and the steps needed to take to attain those possibilities.

Doyle says the committee was essentially created to look for ways to provide students with more services that fit their needs.

MacGee claims it is too early for the committee to go into specifics but he agrees the "purpose of the committee was to define what we want and need in terms of an expansion. Right now we are trying to decide how much space we need to fulfill space requirement."

Last year Council allocated \$20,000 for the SUB Feasibility Study. MacGee states the money hasn't been spent and it will be turned over as surplus.

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