

Dean of Students' office should be relocated in SUB

Last weekend the student leaders got together for their annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the UNB Alumni. This is the time all the leaders of student organizations on campus spend the day talking over their groups' problems or student problems in general. A lot of constructive discussion and criticism comes out of this conference and before dealing with a few of these topics The Brunswickan would like to take this opportunity to thank the Alumni for their worthwhile efforts.

Among some of the more important issues we wish to support concerned the Dean of Students, Barry Thompson. At present Prof. Thompson's office is located in the STUD (Memorial Student Centre) and the idea was to have the Dean's office relocated in the Student Union Building. We cannot think of a better move, especially being beneficial to the freshmen on campus. The STUD is not one of the more prominent buildings at UNB, mainly because it is not subjected to very much of the student traffic. And since there really is not too many offices there the students need to find it takes a fair amount of time for a new student, and some older ones too, to even know what it is, let alone where.

It seems to us that the office of the Dean of Students is long overdue in the SUB. After all, this is a haven for a great many students at UNB and thus will make the office much easier to find. It may also make it easier for the student who is a little shy about strange places or for those who want to talk to the Dean, but haven't got the time to walk down to see him.

The next problem seems to be lack of space in the SUB, but the SRC is looking into a little juggling of offices, at least temporarily, to

fit him in. We wholeheartedly support the move. After all, Dr. Thompson should be close to the students. For anyone who has little or no conception of just what the Dean of Student's job is, he has begun what he hopes, and we hope, will work out as a regular bi-weekly column. His first attempt is located on page nine.

In order to make his effort worthwhile to everyone, he is looking for input and feedback for the column. Anyone interested in a particular issue or has a problem of any kind or wants to comment on the content of the column, may drop a letter into the Bruns or to Prof. Thompson's Office (there's the campus mail too) or may drop in and see him in the STUD. But please read, he can do a lot to help you with ANY of your problems.

Getting back to the conference, "dry events" was another topic which warranted discussion. Many of the students present felt that the university activities were offering nothing to those people who don't drink, or perhaps just don't feel like going to a pub. There is no entertainment that provides soft music and a quiet atmosphere for your quieter moments or after study. Coffee houses apparently are very popular as you travel to universities westward and they deal as many students as a pub and held on the same night too. The suggestion went down for a number of smaller organizations could group together or the larger ones alone could put on coffee houses.

We definitely support the idea since UNB does not offer much

more entertainment than drinking events and should sponsor other activities which, together, will give something for the entire student body.

And while we are on the subject of drinking, a number of people have complained that no beer is served at any of the formal on campus. They object because many people do not like hard liquor and consequently have nothing to drink at a formal dance. Perhaps the people running a dance do not wish to serve beer in the liquor glasses, but then paper cups could be used. It does not seem fair to those who do drink only beer to be left out. The situation should be looked into and remedied.

One final reminder, Red and Black and Fall Festival are upcoming this month. Let's get out and give the events the support they deserve.



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