

Introducing the Gripes of Wrath

by SUSAN J. FORESTELL

Why should we in Fredericton care about the \$3.5 million loss the Saint John campus will suffer over the next three years as a result of the budget formula adopted by the University?

Student council president Jane Arnold, Vice President (Saint John) Ryan and President Downey have implied that we should not care.

Ms. Arnold has stated that even though the loss will mean enrollment limits in Saint John, we must always put quality before accessibility - an interesting statement coming from someone whose four year program is taking five years, eliminating that one extra space for another student. That aside, Ms. Arnold has failed to acknowledge the fact that growth and improvements in Saint John can only benefit students in Fredericton. Moreover, the stronger the Saint John campus becomes, the better will be the reputation of the University as a whole and the more our degrees will be worth in ten or twenty or thirty years.

However, Ms. Arnold is Frederictonian and her loyalties are to be expected. Vice President Ryan's attitude in this affair is not to be expected. She stands in total opposition to what UNBSJ students, faculty, and the Saint John community assert. What sort of chief administrator completely ignores the wishes of both students and faculty. Apparently, the sort who was brought in from Ontario and whose appointment was announced before the Saint John Senate had an opportunity to make its position known.

Dr. Downey has promised the UNBSJ campus a \$100,000/annum compensatory grant. This is hardly enough to cover Dr. Ryans \$93,600 salary plus benefits. How much of that is she willing to part with in the loss Saint John will suffer?

The true instigator in this whole unfortunate mess is Dr. Downey. Dr. Downey has stated that the new budget formulation is to the benefit of Saint John. His rationale for this is that in five or ten or twenty years there is a possibility that Saint John's enrollment figures will drop. How good of Dr. Downey to plan so far ahead, especially given the convenience of the immediate benefit for Fredericton.

It is true that Fredericton cannot afford to lose \$3.5 million. But that loss will not cripple us -- it may cripple the Saint John campus.

We can see clearly the attitude Dr. Downey has taken in this matter by recalling his eloquent comments regarding the concerns that Saint John students expressed in their student newspaper. He called them "utter and complete garbage."

Yearbook yet?

Will UNB have a yearbook this year?

For the first time in four years, the answer appears to be "yes". The '85-'87 yearbook should be out in March and the 1987-88 yearbook will be available sometime in September.

The yearbook problems go back a couple of years. Previously, it was rumoured ex-Student Union President John Bosnitch was in possession of the completed 1985 yearbook flats and refused to turn them over to the printers.

The 85-86 book suffered from an editor who did not do the job and then failed to return to school the next year, so the book was left in limbo.

In late 1986 then SU President Larry Hansen guaranteed that there would be a yearbook. After a search Perrin Mills was given the task of organizing three yearbooks.

After working hard, Perrin completed her assignment yesterday, a job complicated by complaints and a general lack of interest in past yearbooks.

After putting over \$13,000 into the old yearbook, the Student Union executive is relieved to see it finished. As vice President external James Small expressed, "it removes the mill stone which was hanging around our neck and now we will look ahead."

Look ahead they have, because the Student Union is committed to producing a 1988 yearbook.

Already they have appointed two editors for the book: Stephanie Collier and Andrew James. As Mr. Small has said, "they have set tough deadlines for themselves and are on the track to meeting them."

Both editors, who are

freshmen, have previous experience with their high school yearbooks. Stephanie was editor of her yearbook in Doaktown and Andrew was the photo editor of the Harrison Tremble yearbook.

The two of them think they have enough staff to complete the 200 page book in time for registration in September.

The new editors stated that their objective was to "make a very good book and make students aware of the yearbook once again."

Each of the two books will print 900 copies, which is the highest ever for a UNB yearbook. The previous high was 500 copies.

To the suggestion that the Brunswickan take over the yearbook, Mr. Small responded, "the concerns of the two publications are different and under the current conditions it would not be possible."

Page ponders problem

By JOYCE OUELLETTE

Sexual stereotypes such as female high school students showing disinterest towards math and sciences, or that depression is considered a "female" disorder are still common beliefs among clinical psychologists and other professionals in the field of mental health.

These and other facts found in several psychological studies were discussed Friday afternoon during a colloquium entitled: "Mental Health: Men Judging Women" given by Dr. Stewart Page, clinical psychologist and professor at the University of Windsor.

Dr. Page's 12 year ex-

perience in a mental clinic has made him aware of the fact that females with mental problems in general are regarded unfavorably and are often considered less critical than male psychological disorders.

However, studies conducted by Dr. Page and others demonstrate that clinical psychologists of both gender have this same negative view of femininity. Dr. Page argues that "the concept of mental health is an obvious product of gender bias."

The root of the problem lies in the belief of stereotyped mental illnesses and of gender-role congruent that "female disorders" such as depression and anxiety

were considered to be more critical when present in males. Even females with so-called male disorders such as alcoholism and anti-social personality disorders were not considered as serious as those illnesses inconsistently related to male problems.

"Fish don't realize they swim in a wet environment" explains Dr. Page to clarify the sexist practices and treatments by clinical psychologists regardless of their gender. He believes that the extreme case of men judging women is apparent in the treatment of rape victims. Professionals are ignorant of the true horrors of rape.

What can be changed in the field of modern psychology to obliterate sex-role congruence? Dr. Page's suggestions range from improving and reforming the existing clinical psychology curriculum so that more than one theoretical interpretation for each mental disorder to challenging the accuracy of sexual stereotypes and establishing an active professional code that will go beyond any code of ethics. He also argues that research should focus on more direct measurement and unobtrusive methods instead of techniques such as survey questionnaires and observation which tend to invite a great amount of interpretive bias. Research should also attempt to embrace the principles of sex-role transcendence so that illness will no longer be associated to a person's gender.

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