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Senate Supports Campus Placement Service

by Mark I. Minor

Employment and Immigration Canada has announced that effective April 30, 1992, the Canada Employment Centre on Campus at UNB will discontinue its services.

EIC has further stated that it will conclude all transitional support services to those universities who intend to develop placement services by March 31, 1994.

A proposal from Tom Austin, Dean of Students was examined by the Senate at its meeting Wednesday evening.

The proposal stresses that three aspects of a Placement Service need to be addressed immediately. These are establishment of need, university budgetary support commitment, and proposal for federal funding to be supplied during the transition period.

It is further stated in the document that in 1989-90, the average daily traffic through the CEC-OC was 200 students and that 390 employers used the facility to recruit candidates for permanent, summer and co-op positions.

Additionally, 71 local employers offered part time

jobs through the centre. Other services offered by the CEC were sessions on job search strategies and resumé and interview preparation as well as employment authorizations for foreign students.

Dr. Austin advocated the establishment of a Campus Placement Service for a number of reasons. His proposal is supported fully by both the UNB and the St. Thomas Student Unions and St. Thomas University.

When interviewed on Tuesday, UNBSU VP University Affairs, Derek Dunnett echoed some of the concerns brought to light by Dean Austin.

One of these is "the fact that UNB is further from the mainstream job market than universities throughout Quebec and Ontario. We need a service which can facilitate communication between graduates and potential employers" Dunnett stated. "As well, there is a correlation between graduate placement rates and university recruiting."

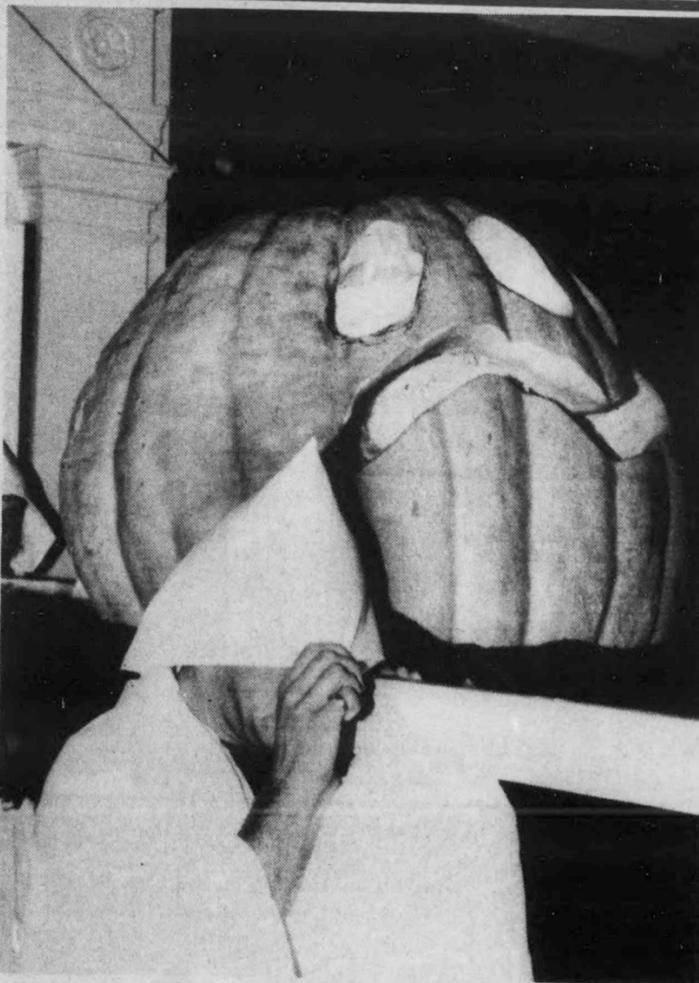
Senator Tim Klaassen who also had opportunity to comment to the Brunswickian, emphasized "the need for a uni-

versity to provide the tools for its students to meet the challenges they will face upon graduation. It is unfortunate that universities must assume this responsibility in answer to federal cutbacks."

Mr. Klaassen also told The Bruns that university run placement centres are not uncommon and that they function in the interest of attracting students to their respective schools as well as providing placement services and job search skills counselling.

As outlined in Dr. Austin's proposal, the formal objectives of the Student Placement Service would be: "to assist university students in obtaining suitable employment on permanent, summer or part-time bases; to liaise with university departments and academic units in proactively promoting our students for employment; to assist employers with their employment needs and to facilitate the recruitment of university students; and to foster awareness within the community at large of the Student Placement Service and its benefits."

At the senate meeting, this



Harrison House continues the Great Pumpkin Sacrifice tradition. See story on page 3.

Micheal David Smith photo

item was the most widely discussed of all the agenda items. Dr. Austin stated that "we cannot afford not to support our students as they make the transition from academia into Canadian society. . . If we are

not willing to support the centre after the transition period, we should let Mr. Mulroney and his friends take the responsibility for the centre's demise."

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Harriers cross country for Nationals

by Frank Denis

The UNB Red Harriers cross country team successfully defended their AUAA title last weekend in Moncton by outclassing Dalhousie by a score of 25-31.

Rorrie Currie and Keith Fahey finished second and third respectively to give UNB its third title in as many years. Currie finished 23 seconds behind race winner Joel Bourgeois from the Université de Moncton.

Fahey's time was more than a minute and half behind Currie's in the 10 km race.

By winning the AUAA title the Red Harriers have qualified for the CIAU National Championships to be held tomorrow in Victoria, British Columbia.

Rounding out the top five in last weekend's AUAA championship race were Paul Smith and Brent Workman both representing Dalhousie.

Heading into the meet everyone knew that it would be neck and neck between Dalhousie and UNB. In their last confrontation three weeks ago UNB put quite a scare to Dalhousie by finishing a lone point behind the Tigers.

The Red Harriers win was

their first of the season against Dalhousie and it couldn't have come at a better time.

Finishing in sixth position overall was Garn Pomeroy of UNB and in seventh Jeff Munn also of UNB. Pomeroy's performance pleased coach Rick Hull who said that Pomeroy ran the race of his life.

Not only did the Red Harriers do well on the course, but they also did well when it came time for the AUAA to hand out its awards.

Named to the AUAA all-conference team were Currie, Fahey, Pomeroy and Munn all from UNB. Rick Hull was

named AUAA coach-of-the-year for the second straight season.

The women's team, the Lady Harriers did not fare as well in the competition.

While they were underdogs to be second ranked team in the nation, the Dalhousie Lady Tigers, the Lady Harriers were hoping to qualify at least one runner for the CIAU championship race. However, that was not to be as the Lady Tigers pulled off something that had never been accomplished in AUAA history.

Dalhousie runners finished 1,2,3,4 and 5 to score unprecedented minimum of 15 points.

The race was won by Sheri Boyle followed by teammates Rayleen Hill, Anne Marie Farnell, Heather Ostic and Dorianne Mullin.

Heather Eagle was UNB's top finisher completing the 5 kilometre race in 9th position. Other UNB finishers included Felicia Greer 10th, Molly Ferris 11th, Marnie Bray 12th, Tracy Shanks 13th, Nicole LeBlanc 15th and Cheryl Presley 16th.

The Lady Harriers accumulated 55 points to finish in second place. St. FX was third with 80 points and Moncton fourth with 106.

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