

Cynic-at-large

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Much to my distinct pleasure, I was given the opportunity to interview students for Viewpoint this week. As a warped, sadistic individual I thoroughly enjoyed subjecting my victims to such an excruciating ordeal. What absolute delight I experienced in observing them cringe in fear at the sight of a camera, exclaim in horror that they hadn't combed their hair since noon, blush in anguish at being forced to answer the perplexing, controversial, thought-provoking question (are you ready for a such a mind-bending experience?): "What do you think about the hours and policies of the libraries at UNB?"

I understand I disturbed a very delicate issue here on campus. Little did I realize how guarded were the opinions of students on this matter. One must literally tiptoe through the tulips with significant tact if one is to broach such a secretive, dramatic topic.

Or perhaps it was not the topic at all that caused eyes to stare fixedly downwards, and lips to purse shut in avoidance of the approaching threat (me and my photographer), but rather the overpowering shadow of doom I was able to cast with my terrifying 115-pound stature.

As a relatively new recruit on the Brunswickan staff, I was totally naive as to what interviewing for Viewpoint actually entailed. To show how dedicated and keen I was, I practically demanded to be allowed to conduct the interview. Somebody in the back of the office snickered in delight, another gasped as color slowly drained from her face. I heard a spattering of nervous titters. I simply grinned as morons do and thought how foolish they all were. What can it possibly involve but about 10 minutes of quick questions and answers? Looking back on my magnificent display of intestinal fortitude I can now honestly state what sucker I was.

In actuality, I spent over an hour finding twelve people we could persuade, coerce, or bribe into letting us take their photograph. An aggravating portion of this dirty dozen offered such stale answers I believe their brain mass to have been 90 per cent molded bread.

I believe "duh" is now the latest in lingo, replacing the infamous "groovy" or "like wow, maaan."

Admittedly I should really appreciate their bravery at answering such a provocative question. Those courageous souls were definitely a minority on campus as dozens of others refused to commit themselves to as little as a gray comment. Is there really satisfaction in being another blank face in the crowd? There must be a false security in numbers and anonymity.

It is obvious we live by the ocean here in New Brunswick because of our overt concern for water safety. Don't make waves, bury your head in the sand, don't rock the boat. Aah! Whatever happened to the brave conquerors like Christopher Columbus, Marco Polo, Mark Spitz, who challenged the elements by forging ahead through murky (or heavily chlorinated) waters. They had a message to give to the world, personal goal to reach. They were not afraid to place themselves in jeopardy, stand up and proclaim what they thought of the library hours! I do believe I have figured out what did happen to these heroic individuals - they were drowned by the fish at UNB.

Fulford resigns as CHSR director

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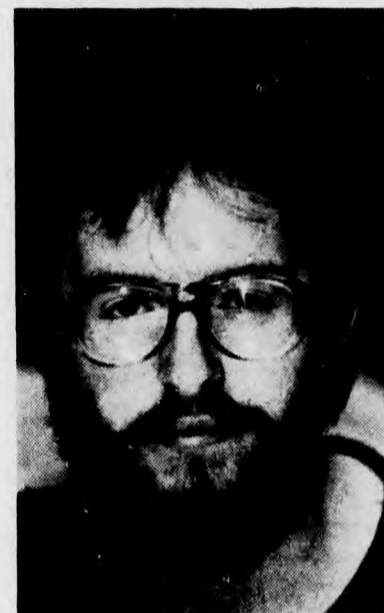
Vaughn Fulford has resigned as director of CHSR, effective November 17. Fulford said lack of time for his studies and other interests were the major reason for this decision. Also, minor personality conflicts made the job more of a heartache than a rewarding experience for him, he said; it created an unhealthy atmosphere.

The CHSR executive, on Fulford's recommendation, has appointed Doug Varty as acting director until the elections in February next year. Meanwhile, station manager Kevin Ratcliff is acting director until Varty's ratification at an executive meeting. Varty should be well qualified to fill this

position as he was director last year.

Although Fulford will continue to do shows for the station, he regrets the fact that he will no longer be able to offer what he said he felt was valuable input into the director's office. He also is disappointed he will not play as important a role at CHSR when it goes FM. However, he said he wants to see a smooth transition to FM without any unnecessary tensions. Fulford said he originally feared people would think he was copping out by resigning but said they should realize he gave the decision a lot of thought; it was not made in haste.

Fulford said he felt relations between the SRC and CHSR improved during his administration and hopes



Vaughn Fulford

they will continue to do so under the new executive.

Fulford said he also hopes the staff will increase in number as many of the programs require team effort that does not presently exist. More input is needed toward public affairs and speciality music shows.

Fulford said he will now devote more of his time to his role as president of the drama society. He said he is sure things will run smoothly at CHSR without his executive input.

BOG chairman named

Reginald E. Tweeddale of Prince William has been named chairman of the UNB Board of Governors. He succeeds Robert F. Shaw, who served a two-year term beginning in 1978.

Dr. Tweeddale was named chairman at the board meeting Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Aitken University Centre in Fredericton. The session also included the election of Mardi Ryan Cockburn of St. Stephen as Board vice-chairman. Both Dr. Tweeddale and Mrs. Cockburn are graduates and long-time supporters of UNB.

Dr. Tweeddale has been on the Board since 1961, and was chairman of the search committee which nominated UNB President James Downey. A native of Arthurette, Dr. Tweeddale was the first general manager of the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission. He presided over a period of tremendous growth in the provincial energy system, including the construction of the Mactaquac Dam.

Dr. Tweeddale was the province's first deputy minister of economic growth, and during the early 1970s was director of the New Brunswick Forest Resources Study, one of the most influential documents in the construction of current forest policy.

Mrs. Cockburn is currently the president of the Associated Alumnae of UNB, and has been that group's representative on the board since 1977. She is known throughout the province for her work on behalf of libraries, serving as vice-chairman of the Advisory Council to the NB Library Service, vice-president of the NB Library Trustees Association, and

a member of the St. Croix and Saint John Regional Library Boards. She is also a member of the Atlantic Charter Chapter, IODE of St. Stephen.

Both Dr. Tweeddale and Mrs. Cockburn are elected to two-year terms.


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