

Placement office lacking students to fill jobs

By SUSAN MILLER

The Placement Office is having an unusual problem this year. Instead of lacking for job opportunities, either summer or permanent, they are lacking for people to fill them.

The most vivid example of this trend concerns the Algonquin Hotel in St. Andrews, N.B., which will be hiring 130 students this summer. Notices were put up all over campus, advertisements were put through CHSR and The BRUNSWICKAN, yet only 12 applications were received. Some notices of prospective employment were ignored by the students, and

no applications were sent in.

Companies interviewing students for permanent positions faced the same problem of general apathy. Bank of Canada was looking for prospective employees, and received only three applications from UNB. Already the Placement Office has had calls of complaint from the Auditor General's Office, NB Telephone Company, and Canadian General Electric. They were upset over the lack of Business Administration students, while Business Administration students claim to be upset over the lack of jobs.

"The problem seems to be one of communication" said Mrs. Ruth

Spicer, of the Placement Office. "The federal government, and the industries, come on campus looking for qualified people with a specific combination of courses. Unfortunately, such combinations may not be realistic in view of the present programmes at UNB. They don't make these qualifications known to the departments involved so that such programmes could be arranged."

The other communication problem involves the student and the Placement Office. Students wanting a job, either summer or permanent, should register at the Placement Office as soon as possible. Interviews for permanent jobs start as early as October of the student's final year. The student should fill out a UCPA application form on which he lists all qualifications, courses and special training. He should also do an effective job of selling himself.

"We'll keep these applications on file," said Spicer. "Then when a company or government agency requires a person with certain qualifications, we can look up these



Photo by Ken De Freitas

Spicer

files and notify suitable candidates." Once the student gets a job, he notifies the Placement Office, and they take him off the file.

Manpower can be a means of obtaining employment if properly used. Once a student has registered with Manpower, he should keep going back regularly to remind them that he is still available. Regular visits to the Placement Office will keep the student informed of current job opportunities and impending interviews. They also have information on future job trends, and schools of training in these areas. For

example, there is a growing need for translators in federal and provincial government, and the RCMP. Such colleges as Universite de Moncton have programmes to train translators, with generous financial assistance offered. Applications for this programme must be in by March 31.

The most effective method to get a job is still direct application. Prospective employers appreciate this example of willingness and initiative. Spicer indicated that she had yet to see people willing to work who were unemployed.

Summer jobs on campus at UNB include maintenance labourers, library help, summer school assistants, and technicians for faculty members with research projects. Again, direct application to the people involved is the best way to secure this kind of job.

The university employs about 600 students part-time during the year, for either three or six hours a week, at \$75 to \$150, per term. These jobs are arranged through the appropriate Department Head.

Capacity crowd present



Photo by Phil Hon Sang

The Big Bamboo Night Club singers

By SUSAN MILLER

The Caribbean Circle presented a lively, fascinating show in the form of The Big Bamboo Night Club for a capacity crowd in the SUB Ballroom. The acts included songs, dances and skits; all performed with professional skill and flair. During the intermission the audience sampled Caribbean dishes, and was provided with travel information.

The show opened with a film on the Caribbean life style, whose message was enhanced by contrast to the damp and chilly weather outside. Song and dance followed, both original and traditional. When two girls sang the folk song "Man Smart, Woman Smarter" the

response from both sexes was overwhelming, but the question was never resolved.

A traditional wedding was performed onstage, with its sentimental effect nicely offset by a later skit showing a woman in a Rum Shop dragging her drinking man home.

The final act was the dramatic Limbo under a flaming rod, with the same enthusiastic response it received at the Red 'n' Black Revue.

The success of the show was indicative of good planning and hard work. The Caribbean Circle should be encouraged to make such entertainment a regular event.

US Co. to buy unwanted texts

By GARY CAMERON

As a service to students the Bookstore will be bringing in an American Company, Follett Book Co., to buy up some of the texts that the store can not buy back from students.

In the past it has been the policy of the Bookstore to buy back only those texts which will be used again the next year at 55 percent of the original purchase price. Follett, however, is a wholesale used book buyer and will be at the Bookstore for 2 days some time around April 16 - to buy just about any book you have that is not a Canadian edition or has not been

out-dated by revisions or new editions.

Bookstore employee Mike Fenety stressed the fact that this is being done solely as a student service to allow them to make money from books that otherwise wouldn't get sold and doesn't benefit the Bookstore in any way.

The catch is that prices paid for the books are from zero to a maximum of one-third of the original price, depending on condition. This is never higher because the company states that it must pay freight charges, cost of

handling, and early obsolescence. The books are shipped to a wholesale warehouse where they are cleaned up and repaired.

They are then hopefully sold before going out of print to a college or university Bookstore giving students an opportunity to save money and still have a good used copy, in the words of Follett Book Co.

The Bookstore buys back books, subject to the university professor ordering them again for next year, and a list will be published a week before April 16.

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