

Insight may lose funds from federal government



Photo by Bob Boyes

It appears as though Insight may lose backing by federal funds, according to director Mike Lambert, shown above. Apparently the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, an agency of the federal government through which Insight's funds are supplied, complains that the centre is primarily a drug crisis operation.

By FORREST ORSER

It is almost certain that the federal government will cut off its funds for Insight, a local drug aid center, according to Insight staff worker, Mark Lambert.

Representatives from the Halifax office of the Non-Medical Use of Drugs Directorate, the agency of the federal government

through which Insight's funds are supplied, have said they have recommended to the Ottawa office of that agency that Insight's money be cut off.

The main criticism of the Insight, Lambert explained, was that it is primarily a drug crisis center. The representatives from the Directorate said that these centers are becoming of less and

less use, and that more 'innovative' projects are needed.

Lambert admitted that there has been a general decrease in the number of people coming to Insight for help, but pointed out that those who do come now tend to be serious cases, often requiring medical treatment.

The center also organizes talks and seminars on the drug prob-

lem, and has drugs analyzed.

In response to the Directorate's criticism, Insight drew up a more extensive program of drug education.

A questionnaire on drug use has been prepared and will soon be circulated to high school and university students, and to the general public.

Although seriously hampered by a lack of equipment, Insight is making video tapes on such subjects as legal rights, chemical make-up of drugs, and the affects of various drugs. In the opinion of the Insight staff there are very few good drug education films available.

Insight is also organizing more talks and seminars on all aspects of the drug problem, and plans to bring in well known speakers to increase local interest in dealing with this problem.

The Insight staff is now working on the possibility of a series of articles in the 'Daily Gleaner' on drugs and the drug situation in Fredericton.

A list of material available in the local libraries on drugs has been prepared for people doing research, writing essays, and for Insight's own use.

Once this entire program is operating, Insight plans to place advertisements in the local media to inform the people of the services that are available and to

elicit comment and criticism from them.

According to Lambert, representatives of the Directorate felt this program was not 'innovative' enough, and said that they had recommended to Ottawa that the funds be cut off.

Representatives from the Directorate also stated internal conflict as one reason for stopping the funds. Lambert says, however, the only conflict came from a former co-ordinator who felt he should have more power. Since he left the organization has been 'working really well,' with no internal conflicts, a well-defined program to work on, and generally favourable response from the community.

Insight is now planning attempts to find other sources of funds, and Lambert is hopeful it will be able to survive, possibly with a reduction in full time staff. He believes, however, that Insight could not operate efficiently with an entirely voluntary staff.

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ELECTION OF STUDENT SENATORS

ELECTION DATE, FEBRUARY 14TH 1973

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

THREE OF THE SIX SEATS FOR STUDENTS ON THE UNIVERSITY SENATE FALL VACANT AT THIS TIME. THREE STUDENT SENATORS ARE TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE BY THE STUDENTS ON THE MAIN CAMPUS IN FREDERICTON. (THERE IS NO VACANCY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK IN SAINT JOHN)

STUDENTS REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN THE REGULAR SESSION ARE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION, PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN THEIR CONSENT IN WRITING, AND PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING. A CANDIDATE IS NOT CONSIDERED TO BE IN GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING IF:

- (A) HE OR SHE IS REPEATING A YEAR
- OR (B) HE OR SHE IS ON ACADEMIC PROBATION
- OR (C) HE OR SHE FAILED MORE THAN TWO COURSES, OR THE EQUIVALENT, IN THE PRECEDING YEAR
- OR (D) (IN THE CASE OF A NEW STUDENT) HE OR SHE WAS ADMITTED ON PROBATION.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION:

NOMINATIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE (THE REGISTRAR) IN FREDERICTON BY 5:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 31 ST JANUARY 1973.

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, OR THE SRC OFFICE. THEY MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE, A NOMINATOR, A SECONDER, AND AT LEAST TWENTY (20) OTHER STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE.

STUDENTS REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN THE REGULAR SESSION ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON THE CAMPUS IN WHICH THEY ARE REGISTERED.

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M. ON 31ST JANUARY 1973.