

Editorials

Indiscretion (to say the least)

The purpose of this editorial is not to crucify anybody, but to raise certain questions about certain indiscretions seemingly carried out by SRC President Bob Poore.

The first bone of contention deals with the "Campus Navigator." The booklet that was to be the campus information directory to end all directories. There were no tenders put out for applications for the position of editor of the "Navigator". A position which was to pay \$90 a week for ten weeks. Aside from the fact that the salary was outrageously high (the qualified secretary for the SRC gets \$64 per week). The job was given to a young lady who was and is a close acquaintance of the President. (also a business partner). As to whether the lady was qualified, a typist had to be hired to do the rough draft, and another person had to do the layout. Both after the ten weeks had expired.

The situation smacks of patronage.

Another point was the fact that the President had his office carpeted with a rather expensive self adhesive carpet tile which cost \$225. The purchase was made without consultation with the administrative board (financial control body of the SRC) and the hope that the SUB would pay for it seems to be dwindling.

One could argue forever as to whether the carpet was needed, but the point of indiscretion arises from the fact that the carpet was purchased from the business of the father of the young lady employed on the "Campus Navigator." The question is were other price quotes gathered from competing businesses. If they were not, then this

indiscretion looks even worse. People do talk Mr. President and compromising situations are not enviable for persons in authority.

Why also is the SRC a member of the Fredericton Board of Trade? After all are not the merchants more interested in student money, than trips on campus. Possibly the Board of Trade and the SRC can get together and put on a "Super Carnival" and lose another bundle of money. Is membership in the B of T just helpful step in making the Mr. Poore's business downtown an accepted venture.

The final area of contention deals with the \$1600 salary the SRC President received for jobs that were supposed to be done this summer.

Two of the jobs were (1) to sell the advertising for Directory, (2) take charge of Orientation plans. The Orientation planning was for all intents and purposes neglected and the job done by the sub-chairman of the committee.

The work of selling directory advertising was not done. And though nothing was deducted from his salary, the job was given to someone else who is to receive a ten percent commission. In other words we are paying twice the amount to get the job done.

Other jobs were listed (e.g. Foreign Student Program--a conference) but they mainly dealt with correspondence work. Mr. Poore also attended summer school on SRC time. It seems that there would hardly be sufficient time to do any job well.

There seemed to be a definite conflict of interest.

It would be for good of all if these can be eliminated in future years.

feedback

Dear Sir:

I just finished reading the juvenile comments of Chaucery Geoffer concerning the Brunswickan. Mr. Geoffer complains that there is too much bad poetry being printed these days. That may be so, sir, but it's not being printed in the Brunswickan. As a matter of fact, I sent two of those poems to my parents. Perhaps, though, Mr. Geoffer considers writing to one's parents in as bad taste as student poetry.

I am a new student on this campus and I've read and enjoyed two copies of the Brunswickan. I have a small piece of advice to give Mr. Geoffer: if you don't like it, you don't have to read it and if you can't do any better, if you don't want to even try - can the comments!

Yours sincerely,

Linda Squiers

Library services lacking

It has been apprehended that the University of New Brunswick is not noted as an academic institution. However, for that vestigial group of persons sent on academic pursuits, there should be a greater opportunity to peruse relevant material. But, naturally, there exists a barrier of prohibition curtailing this minority group. Reference, of course, is being made to the Harriet Irving Library's absurd schedule of operation.

The Library opens early in the morning and closes early at night for all intents and purposes, the closing hour is 10:40 weekdays, 5:10 on Saturdays and operating a token schedule on Sundays that will not take effect until October 3. The hours might be convenient for the library staff and the cleaners ... but not students!

Consider the position of the student who is aware of the "Blue Book" rules, but due to interest, becomes engrossed in a book. The lights flash do signal the closing hour at hand. He scurries down to the desk to sign out his books and see 6 persons standing around - 2 clerks, 2 security types and 2 cleaning staff - none busy. All inform him he cannot sign out material after the lights flash. From 11:00 onward, the research with these books must stop. He is forced to leave the book at the desk and it may be sometime before he locates some again due to the procedures for reshelving. The total effect of this is a suspension of work continuity and a loss of effective study time in seeking on alternate source for research.

In a recent poll of UNB students, 80 per cent advocated the closing time be extended to 1 am and 100 per cent believed that the schedule should be operative seven (7) days a week.

Personnel requirements could be fulfilled by students as adequately ... shelving, checking out books, simple clerical functions .. as is done by the full time non-professionals.

Library services should be student oriented - that hours meet the requirements of those for whom it was designed, not for those who 'operate' it.

The epitomy of this type of bureaucracy can best be summed up by a statement made by a university employee in the 1968 - 69 session. He said "This university would operate more smoothly if it weren't for the students."

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