

Custodian Services intends to terminate contract

By KEN CORBETT

Custodian Services will be terminating its contract with the University of New Brunswick at the end of this month.

They have been contracted to do janitorial services since May 1973.

The company has justified their actions by saying that the profit

margin on the 19 buildings they serviced was not high enough. "We just weren't making enough money," said C.S. manager Vince Fox.

Both management and labor are highly unsatisfied with the present situation. Many of the present employees have worked the same job under several companies during the past few years. One

worker says he started six years ago, and has not received a raise from the original \$2.25 per hour since. He was not paid, he stated, for several institutional paid holidays; for example, Christmas Day nor Boxing Day.

"When you're only making \$80.00 a week to start with," he continued, "that doesn't leave much to go on."

These employees of Custodian Services have circulated a petition asking for a raise in pay to \$3.00 per hour from \$2.25 per hour for the janitors and \$2.25 per hour from \$1.70 per hour for maids. They are also requesting regular worker's benefits.

Presently, they enjoy arbitration rights, Blue Cross, and Unemployment Insurance. They are seeking a pension plan scheme and a vacation scheme, i.e., three weeks

of paid holidays each year, and would also welcome some sort of job security. They are not receiving these benefits under Custodian Services.

Custodian Services is considering reoffering for the contract, but at a higher price. The job is technically up for grabs at the end of the month, when tenders will be called. Other companies also working on campus are Capital Windows, Modern Building Cleaning, and the University itself.



Photo by Ken Ward

This is one of the janitorial staff who is not satisfied with the present situation. The janitors have circulated a petition with demands of security.

Administrative Board

\$3500 expenditure approved

By GARY CAMERON

Wednesday's Administrative Board meeting saw several routine matters passed with a total expenditure of roughly \$3500 approved for such things as a history club speaker, a Newman Club conference, and an additional \$1,000 buffer for this year's winter carnival.

The AB, a sub-committee of the UNB Students Representative Council is responsible for examining all proposals for spending SRC funds.

SRC travel officer Gid Mersereau was granted \$250 for a student travel conference in New York. The travel office was also allotted \$150 for purchasing travel books for resale.

This year's winter carnival budget has been increased by \$1000 to allow for a maximum loss of \$5000. "The SRC will probably have questions on this," said SRC Comptroller Fud Steeves jokingly, "But we can undoubtedly snow them."

The financial figures for this year's Fall Festival showed a loss of \$1965, which was \$35 under budget.

The Newman Club was granted \$500 for transportation by bus to Charlottetown for the regional Newman conference.

The Business Society received a loan of \$750 to help finance their upcoming Pub on January 24th. The Pub will feature Terry Dee and the Rock and Roll Circus.

CHSR director Mike Shouldice received a \$100 advance on his honorarium and Steve Palmer was nominated by the AB to serve as interim Pubs Officer, subject to ratification by the SRC.

The Business Society was allotted

\$195 for a three day Atlantic regional business conference to be held at Mount St. Vincent University on February 13-16.

The AB considered an application from the business department to send three students to Milwaukee to participate in a computer marketing game. The AB decided not to give them the \$618 they asked for originally but tabled the motion pending their soliciting local business for additional funds.

The History Club submitted a proposal to bring in Prof Eric Ross, head of Mount A's Geography department as a speaker at 8:00 p.m. January 18 in Tilley Hall. He will speak on the French-English situation in Quebec after the conquest and how geography has affected history. The total funds requested were \$130.

Other matters discussed were the ring designs to be submitted to the SRC by Jim Rafuse and a tour of the Olands brewery for outgoing SRC members. According to Steeves there will be no SRC funds involved.

There will be a Yearbook saturation campaign to boost sales of this year's yearbook to be coordinated by Steeves and Shouldice. The more books sold the less the cost will be to the SRC according to Steeves.

SRC councillor Alex Mersereau was appointed chairman of Activities Awards. There will be a publicity campaign to inform students as to whether they are eligible for activity awards. Points are awarded for the various activities that students participate in and a total of 150 points achieved during a four year degree program makes a student eligible to receive a gold activity award ring.

No more last minute tests

By TOM BENJAMIN

UNB students will no longer be faced with tests during the last few days of classes before exams.

In a meeting December 11 the senate passed a motion stating, "that no class test, other than a laboratory test be held in any course during the last ten days of the regular lecture period in any term."

Another motion was passed to inform first year students in all courses within thirty days after the first lecture "as to the basis on which the first term mark will be calculated and the percentage value the first term work will have towards the final grade."

In other business a motion was passed recommending that the university extend invitations to the Royal Society of Canada and Learned Societies to hold their meetings in Fredericton in 1977.

Tables were presented depicting the ratio of money available for entrance and undergraduate awards. The ratio at this university was found to be much lower than at other universities in the Maritime provinces.

In 1973-74, \$25,000 was available for entrance scholarships, and \$10,000 was available for additional undergraduate scholarships and bursaries. A motion was passed increasing these sums to \$50,000 for entrance scholarships and \$25,000 for undergraduate awards for 1974-75.

The senate also passed motions approving recommendations of the Curriculum Committee which would change both the numerical designations of courses, and programmes in different faculties.

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