

News

Placement Centre to be relocated

by Gordon Loane

UNB's Student Placement Office and its three part-time employees will be moving to a new home within the next several weeks.

University officials have decided to demolish the current offices and the white huts located in Annex "B" just across from MacLaggan Hall. Demolition crews are expected to complete the work before Christmas.

An outside inspection of the white huts will tell any passersby why the decision has been reached. The buildings are in need of repair, work barriers surround one side of the building, and outside, dug-up tunnels suggest problems.

"The steam pipes and heating system are on their last and are too expensive to repair or replace", said Tom Austin, Dean of Students.

"We've tried not to move the Placement Centre until most of the fall job interviews take place. That usually lasts until the end of November", said Austin.

A new location on campus for the employment and placement centre should be officially announced in the next few weeks.

While the employees and the placement office move into a new home, the future of the operation remains cloudy as federal funding for the centre runs out at the end of the current academic year.

"New funds will have to be found if this service is to continue in future years", warns James O'Sullivan, Vice-President Finance and Administration, in a report last

month to the UNB Senate.

But finding money for the office may not be easy if university officials try to find it in the operating budget. UNB expects to run an operating deficit of some 2.2 million dollars in the 1994-95 fiscal year based on current projections.

"We're not ruling out funding from external sources, but it's more likely we'll have to somehow fund the Placement Centre budget from operating funds," said Austin.

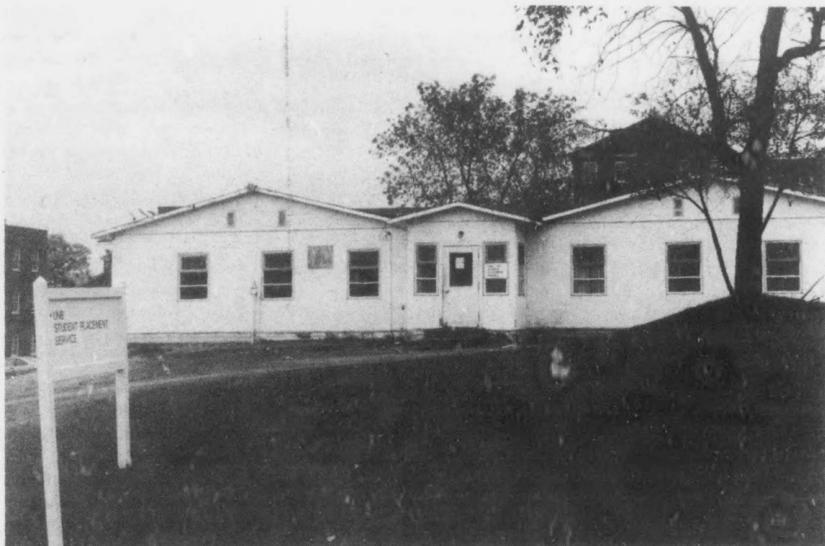
"We've established an Ad Hoc committee to discuss the future, but whether we eliminate, reduce, expand or re-structure the operation is still up in the air."

"We'll have to decide soon since the university will require a budget plan for next year in the next few weeks," said Austin.

Austin did say he believes the placement service is still needed. "We need to help students move from the academic world to the work world just as much as we need to help students adjust to university through orientation programs."

Meantime, UNB Student Union President and Board of Governors member James van Raalte said he has not yet been approached to provide funding for the centre next year, and remains non-committal about providing money in the long run.

"The first question I have is: Whose responsibility is it? The federal government cutback its student manpower centres two years ago, and has provided two year transitional funding to UNB that ends soon," he said.



After the bulldozers get to it, you'll not only be looking for a job—you'll be looking for the new placement centre. Photo by Kevin G. Porter

"I guess it becomes the university's problem now, but the service is needed. Other universities have a placement service, so UNB needs to keep pace," he said.

"Students need a place where they can go to make a transition to the workforce," he said. "What really concerns me is what type of funding the university will provide in the placement centre's budget for 1994-95."

"We want a service in more than just name only. The university decided that the placement service was a priority for this year, surely it will be a priority for next year too."

CFS completes cross-province pro-education tour

Brunswickan staff

The Canadian Federation of Students ended its three-day cross province tour at STU on Friday October 15 with a formal press conference at Harrington Hall.

The press conference kicked-off our television advertising campaign for all of Atlantic Canada," said Kelly Lamorock, spokesperson for the STU Student Union.

The press conference was attended by Vice-Presidents of six universities from across New Brunswick, as well as UNB's Jason Morton, Chairperson of CFS-NB. CFS National Chairperson, Carl Gillis, was also on hand.

CFS took their pro-education awareness campaign around the province this week in a camper, and met with several prominent politicians, media, and other students.

"It was a great success," said Morton, "Our original goals were to educate the public, politicians

and students on educational issues. We accomplished all these goals as we talked directly to such influential politicians as Bernard Valcourt, the minister in charge of student aid and Shippagan Liberal candidate Doug Young. We also reached the public by speaking to the media in every stop we made."

The tour began on Wednesday October 13, which also happened to be National Students Day, where students met with Bernard Valcourt at Le Centre Universitaire St. Louis Mailliet in Edmunston.

Hugh MacNeil, UNB's VP-External questioned Valcourt on his view of student debt load. Valcourt admitted that the present student loan system needs a complete overhaul.

Oddly enough, he spoke of an alternative which was similar to the Reform Party's voucher system.

"It was surprising that he proposed such an alternative, especially when one considers that this system

would be most detrimental to smaller universities like St. Louis Mailliet, a university in his own riding," commented MacNeil.

The caravan then went to Shippagan, where they met with the Liberal and Conservative candidates at Le Centre Universitaire de Shippagan.

High-profile Liberal candidate Doug Young assured the students that a Liberal government would end the negotiations that are now taking place between the Conservative government and banks.

This is in reference to the Tory proposal of having banks take on the risk of students loans. Students are concerned that the banks would eventually have the control to decide who would receive a student loan or not.

The tour ended Friday with a presentation to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission in the morning, before the press conference.

Election Coverage on CHSR

Tune in to CHSR FM 97.9 for election coverage on October 25. It will begin at 8:00pm.

Breast Self-examination seminar

There will be a breast self-examination seminar at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital Conference Room on Wednesday, October 27th at 7:30pm. As part of the session, a video on breast self-examination will be shown followed by a question and answer period. The seminar will be conducted by Helen Creelman RN, BN, who is the Clinical Nurse Specialist, Oncology at the DECH. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information contact the Canadian Cancer Society - York Unit Office at 453-1551.

Attention food lovers!

International cooking classes are being offered by the Chinese Cultural Association of New Brunswick (CCANB). The classes are held on Sundays from 2:30pm to 4:30pm at the Nashwaaksis Jr. High School. Reserve the following dates for food and fun! October 24 - Caribbean dishes; November 7 - Vietnamese dishes; November 21 - Oriental dishes; December 5 - Chinese dishes; Please call 454-8292 or 459-4236 for more details and reservations.

Occupational Therapy Week

The seventh National "Occupational Therapy Week" will be held from October 24-29, 1993. The theme this year is: Through Mind and Hand to Health...Occupational Therapy, Developing Personal Skills. Occupational Therapists help people whose daily lives have been changed due to physical, mental or emotional problems, to learn how to manage their daily activities.

The goal of Occupational Therapy is to enable the person to remain productive, fulfilled and independent at home, school, work and play. It may involve helping the person to: learn to manage their personal needs such as bathing, dressing or home management; regain the use of an injured body part or find special equipment or other ways to do everyday activities; and return to work, recreation and community activities. You are invited to learn more about Occupational Therapy by contacting Carol Morrison at 444-4412.

Student Services

Career Program, Exploring/Researching Occupation. Monday, October 25, 1:30pm - 3:00pm. Topic: Learn how to apply your research skills to finding out careers that interest you. Call: 453-4820 to register. Wednesday October 27, 1993 12:30pm. One hour presentation on preparing resumes and cover letters, Tilley Hall, Room 124.