

Co-op day care centre 'great' despite reputation



Photo by Gary Smith

Despite the reputation of the singles co-op as a "marijuana factory," the day care housed there offers high quality service at low student prices, says the writer of the accompanying letter. She says lack of space kept the centre out of the married building, but the quality of the centre remains unchanged. Above is the day care centre presently housed on the lower campus, which often gets most of the publicity. This centre is now making plans to move into new premises.

SRC comptroller Steeves explains Board's function

By FUD STEEVES
(SRC Comptroller)

I shall attempt through a clever, original and thought-provoking analogy to illustrate the need for and reasoning behind the origination of the Administrative Board.

There once was a semi-organized semi-efficient group of pygmies who dwelled conspicuously in the highlands of Sorta Reeksa Crappa. They lived on an eroding plateau overlooking the vast desert upon which dwelled the inane, misguided United No-nothin Brotherhood of pygmy-unioners. These lower class pygmies for a later-clarified reason, annually donated 35 elephant chiggies a year to their plateau brethren. This was no small burden for the pygmy-unioners, — (or the elephants for that matter). These contributions were employed by the twenty-or-so plateau piggers to word off vicious problems. These problems come in various shapes and sizes and were particularly-fearsome for their reputation of sneaking stealthily upon unsuspecting unioners and chewing up their posteriors. So, to prevent being bummed-out by a problem the P.U.'s appealed to the plateau group to hoard them off. Trouble was, when all the biggie-pygmy started throwing around these chiggies all at the time chaos and ineptitude prevailed and the vicious problems multiplied and grew. Luckily an elite corps of four or five chiggie-chuckers were ultimately given the responsibility of handling the chigs — with this smaller, more efficient group chaos and ineptitude vanished and security and justice prevailed. So, any time a problem was seen, the chiggie-chuckers extracted some chiggies from their reservoir (which they kept heavily guarded) and threw some at it to scare it away.

Happily the pigmy-unioners now abide in relative security under the watchful eye of the chiggie-chuckers.

The End

The Administrative Board was originally set up as a sub-committee by the SRC probably in attempting to curb some of the tiresome, inane debate on economic matters. Today the AB has solidified and grown in stature to the point where its responsibilities include, "The supervision, control and safeguarding, of the funds and expenditures of the Student Union ..." or more completely, "to administer (co-ordinate and direct) the financial aspects and non-athletic activities of the students of UNB and to administer the budget of the SRC". The AB is like a dam that holds back the students mories reservoir meeting allotments through a highly sophisticated system of checks & balances. Conference and speakers expenditures and budget requests must all be decided by the AB prior to the SRC ratification. Our guideline here is the Statement of Financial Policy which is an all-encompassing booklet that set the ground rules for everything from purchase orders to phone slips. If a comptroller were to follow the Statement to the letter he'd be a conservative, straight-laced sod but the job would still get done.

HOW IS IT ORGANIZED

The Comptroller picks the prospective AB members, subject to a two-thirds approval of council, and is the chairman of this seven man board. We've been working with five to date.

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Photo by Ron Ward

Governor concerned over parking

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my concern about the new parking plan which will be implemented in the near future. It's not only grossly inadequate but is also blatantly biased. What's of the greatest concern to me is that students appear to have lost what little parking space which they formerly had in the central campus area. When the original parking plan was presented to the Board of Governors it was received with a great deal of support by the student members as it adequately reflected the requirements of the university community. What this interim parking policy does is to allow the faculty and staff to have all the cake and leave the crumbs for the students.

One of the reasons for which student representation was sought on the Parking Committee, I should hope, was to allow for representations by students as to student requirements. The results seem to indicate that if in fact student interests were voiced they were totally ignored. I see no rationale in the present parking policy other than forcing students

to park in obscure lots that are of a considerable distance from academic buildings. I will be the first to admit that there is inadequate amount of parking spaces in the vicinity of the academic buildings, but surely there could have been an equitable division of lots between faculty staff and students. If we are all paying for the privilege of parking why then does a certain segment of the campus have a monopoly on the most desirable lots? Are faculty staff and students not all paying the same amount for a parking permit?

There appears to be one mitigating factor in that this plan is only an interim plan, as the fall recommendations of the Parking Committee will be put into effect once it becomes feasible to do so. However we must deal with the problem that presently confronts us.

Students have every reason to be outraged with this parking plan, and I assure you that as a student representative I have taken steps in order to realistically amend the parking policy.

Mike Richard
Student Governor

Dear Sir:

There is a Day Care Centre in this city which I have been studying for a few months. It is really amazing to discover that the reputation a certain location has will affect any good organization and hinder its development. This is true of the Co-op Day Care Centre which is situated in the student residence at 810 Montgomery, known to most people in Fredericton as a sort of Marijuana Factory. The Centre is there because of a lack of space in the Married Student's Residence (700 Montgomery) and from what I have seen, it is one of the best in Fredericton. The rates are very low — great for student budgets —, the staff is qualified and the children love them, they are far from being overcrowded (maximum of 20), and the Centre is run by the parents themselves who meet once a month to discuss what has been happening. The parents also take turns bringing the dinners for the children which means they eat very well. The space is not what is lacking either: two playrooms, one large, one small, a room full of mattresses where the children sleep, and a roomy kitchen and dinette.

Outside, they have a beautiful playground and the woods are there too for walks and picnics. Now what more could a mother and father ask for? Why then would this Centre be begging for children at this time when every other Centre in town has a waiting list? Is it that too few people know about it, or is it just '810' Montgomery that makes all the difference? I find it so sad that such a lovely place be judged so unfairly. If you are a bit curious, speak to anyone of the parents, they will tell you how happy their children are at the Centre and how much they are learning and growing.

A friend of children,

Marie Lafontaine

Rugby teams had a good time at STU

Dear Sir:

With regards to the letter by Cynthia Dionne to the editor in last week's issue of The Brunswickan concerning the 'terribly organized STU pubs' I would like to verify a few points of interest.

To be specific and terse a comment was made about how "the St. Marys & Dal Rugby teams couldn't give a very favourable opinion when asked how the facilities were this past weekend. "I sure couldn't if I had been a visitor".

Well my dear Cynthia I have news for you and it just happens to be from those poor St. Marys' visitors who had such a terrible weekend.

Following is a letter from Saint Mary's University Rugby Football Club expressing their woes and grievances. I hope that by reading it you will realize your ignorance of the matter and perhaps the next time you get the urge to be critical you will learn the truth of the matter first.

Guy Riordon
Public Relations
S.T.U.R.F.C.

The enclosure:

Dear Mr. Moore:

On behalf of the Saint Mary's University Rugby Football Club, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to the Saint Thomas University Rugby Club for the great hospitality shown towards us.

The tournament was a success and provided us with an insight into the high calibre of play and development of Rugby in New Brunswick.

A fantastic time was had by all members of the Saint Mary's team and congratulations is in order to the organizers. We hope you will extend this 'thanks' to each member of your club.

The Saint Mary's University Rugby Club wishes the Saint Thomas Rugby Club all the best of luck in future play.

Best Regards

Patrick C. Connors
Secretary, S.M.U.R.F.C.