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Executive irregularities; no keys, new locks, closed doors

By OLIVER KONCZ Brunswickan Staff

There have been some disturbing reports coming from the Student Union office wing. There was a fight over

office space which is not yet over, though by Executive motion and by council motion,

President Fox occupies room 125, VP Academic Bennett and VP Administration Long work in room 119, and rooms 127

and 128 were assigned to VP Finance and VP Services respectively. VP Burgess refuses to use his office and has made the secretary's desk in

the General Office his. This led to the door being closed most of the time, and to councillors and students not being able to use the desk or the

typewriter. Also, the Student Union has approved job offers for the position of administrative secretary and he/she will need the desk soon.

All the locks on the office doors have been changed with no motion of Council and no motion of the Executive. VP Administration Long, in

charge of the facilities and operations was not involved or consulted. He wonders who authorized it and who is going to pay for it. In fact, more than two weeks later, VP Long still does not have a key to his own office, nor do the Vice Presidents Bennett and Spurles have keys to the general office—where all the documents (minutes, constitutions (are kept, where the computer is, where the SU typewriters are, and where their mailboxes are.

SUB Director Kim Norris states that a request to change the locks came from President Fox and that a letter was sent to him by VP Burgess that no keys are to be given out unless there is a purchase order with Burgess' signiture. VP Burgess told VP Long that the keys are on their way several times over the past two weeks but Director Kim Norris has received no request for additional keys.

There is also a photocopier now located in the SU office -for SU Business only. VP Administration Long, has no idea how or why the photocopier got there without him being consulted. When VP Bennett asked to have the minutes photocopied, Burgess replied that the machine was shut-off and the counter locked away. Also, VP Bennett was expecting a press release from the Administration regarding the SUB and it never got to his mailbox.

VP Services Spurles announced that Michelle Collins was the Store Manager for Campus Services Limited. Ac-

cording to Spurles, there was no time to call for applications and he felt that Ms. Collins was qualified for the position because she had worked as a shift supervisor for Tim Horton's and had helped with the books there. Ms. Collins' father owns two Tim Horton stores but she says that she had to start at the bottom and work her way up, the same as any other employee. The Campus

Police have another story to tell: that Ms. Collins is irresponsible and that she was suspended from the force once, was warned on numerous occasions and was finally fired. NOTE: At press time it was learned that VP Administration Larry Long has received a key for his office from Director Kim Norris, though keys to the general office are still not available.

OPINION

Harrigan libeled reporter Ryan

By BARRY PARKINSON Irrate Staff Writer

So Hatfield got off scot-free...well, so what? I'm really not too upset about that, although I sure as hell wouldn't get off with "Oh! It wasn't mine!" and "No, I don't know whose it was." No! What I'm worried about is the treatment of Pat Ryan, the ATV reporter who Judge Harrigan has suggested may have had something to do with the alleged panting of the pot in the Premier's bags.

Judges have this divine right

which says they cannot be held responsible for anything that they say in a court room. This is a privilege, and it was not intended to be abused by letting loose with libelous statements. Harrigan has abused his privilege.

As a supposed journalist myself, perhaps I am over-reacting to the situation. Harrigan probably figured that the media has had a lot of play with this story and nobody likes reporters anyway, so why not...? Harrigan should not have been so stupid as to bugger-up the life of someone who wasn't even on trial. If

Harrigan is really convinced of Ryan's involvement in the case, why did he not advise that Ryan he questioned by the attorneys?

Seven of the ten provinces in Canada have boards which are allowed to review the decisions and conduct of judges. New Brunswick is one of those that don't have such a board. The time is long past when this must be changed. Hopefully the changes will come soon so that the irresponsible people in responsible positions—people like Harrigan—no longer have the opportunity to libel citizens and walk away laughing.

SRC Broke?

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UNB SRC Comptroller Doug Burgess says that the Student Union is broke.

Burgess told last night's council meeting that he expects a deficit of almost \$42,000 this fiscal year which will mean that last year's surplus will disappear and leave the SRC \$10,000 in the red. Burgess also tabled figures showing just where the SRC money is going. He listed several loans, including \$6,500 to Campus Services Limited and \$4100 to the Federation of Youth which he doubts will ever be paid. Burgess also expressed amazement at phone bills which average \$1500 per month for the Student Union.

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To try to bring expenses down, Burgess has advised all Student Union organizations that they must have an official purchase order before making any purchases.

Burgess' figures came under some criticism from some members of the council Former president John Bosnitch called the figures a sham and stated specifically that a \$28,000 Yearbook deficit was at least \$10,000 too high. The yearbook deficit was originally budgeted for \$8,000.



Old Mother Burgess (VP Finance) went to the SU cupboard and found it bare. Graphic: Chris Earl

Women's network gets full-time staff

Fredericton-- An information exchange where women can share their experiences and concerns is now in operation, says Barbara Martin, a member of the Liason Committee of the New Brunswick Womens Network.

"The Network's Liason Committee is pleased to announce that, as of November, the NB Women's Network has had a full-time co-ordinator, a secretary, and three field workers on staff. They are organizing the three councils as outlined in the Constitution of the Network passed in May of 1984 during a three day conference in Saint John." Martin said.

"The councils are to be composed of anglophone, francophone and aboriginal women's groups. That, in itself, makes the NB Womens Network unique in Canada," she added.

"Murielle Young is the coordinator and is working out of an office at the Victoria Health Centre in Fredericton. She is assisted by secretary, Lorraine Robichaud," Martin announcThe three field workers have the responsibility of travelling throughout the province in order to meet with variouis women's groups as well as seeking members. The field workers are Alma Ellison, Danielle Cormier, and Denise Ainsworth. Ellison works with aboriginal women's groups; Cormier works with francophone women's groups; Ainsworth works with anglophone groups.

Back in the office in Fredericton, Young and Robichaud are compiling information sources which both groups and individuals alike can use when seeking material needed to study issues of concern. Plans are also being finalized for the first edition of NB Womens Network newspaper. It will be published this coming spring with four

issues a year.

"We are pleased by the response the field workers have received from the various women's groups. They are eager to learn more about the network and to join," Young

"The Network came into of-