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Minister of Labour speaks to students

by Murray Carew

Provincial Minister of Labour Mike McKee was on campus this Tuesday to speak to students interested in summer jobs through the government.

McKee expressed his pleasure in being invited by the UNB Student Union to speak to students, because he says he knows how very important a summer job is to students trying to get through university.

McKee stressed that his department cannot supply jobs for every student, but feels they do a good job trying.

Approximately 2,500 jobs will be available to students - McKee says all these jobs will be distributed throughout the province.

Last year students were asked to contribute their opinion about the program. Students were asked to provide input on the shortcomings about last year's program. Students were then brought in again to contribute input in the new program for this summer.

McKee says that his department has tried to make a few changes. "We tried to make the jobs more meaningful than what they used to be," says McKee.

In addition to trying to get 4 million dollars allocated to the program as they did last year,

McKee mentioned a "very special element" to the program - the referral system.

As far as McKee is concerned, in the past a student had to know a local politician to get a summer job, but now they are trying to eliminate that through their referral system.

For one thing, the application forms for jobs are much more comprehensive, asking all kinds of information about the applicant.

McKee says this information is submitted into a computer program along with specific information about the jobs being offered.

"We try to match the two (the applicant to the job) relying on computer programming", says McKee. For each job about five students will be referred for an interview.

On an average, jobs will last for a period of 12 weeks and the pay will be \$5.50 an hour.

McKee admits that this is not "a great deal of pay", yet some jobs might offer more depending on the job.

At the standard salary, McKee figures students will only make \$2,400 to \$2,600, which, he says "is a long ways from (a student's) total cost at university.

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Another component of the department's project is the student venture program. Students interested in starting their own business can apply for a \$3,000 interest free loan.

McKee advises students who have questions or are interested in starting their own business, to contact the Industrial Commission in their area.

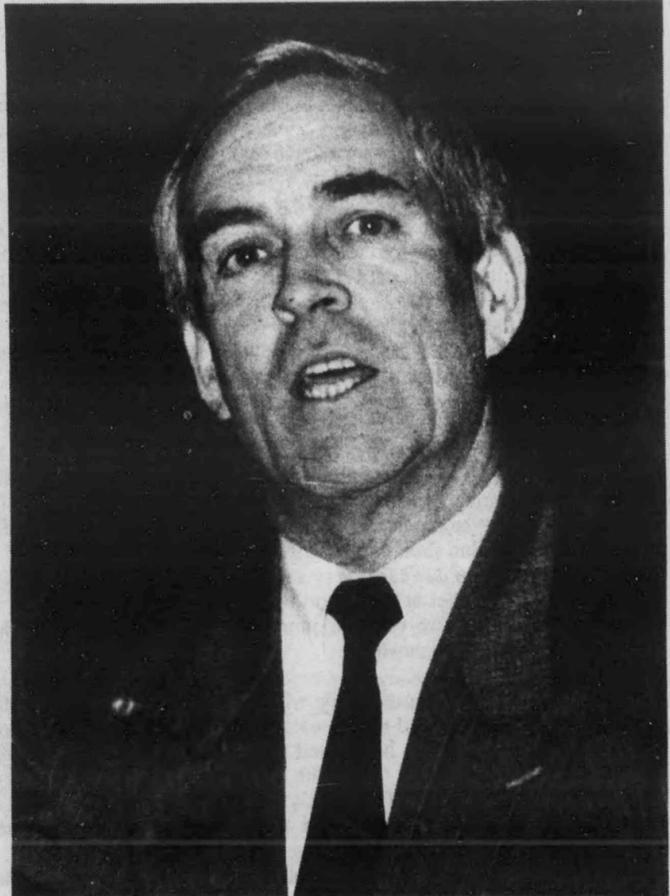
McKee is hoping that the introduction of the referral process will help to make the program "less political and more fair for everyone."

"If you want to play politics, you can do it somewhere else," says McKee.

Application for summer jobs can be obtained at the UNB Student Union at the SUB or at the Employment Centre on Campus.

In addition, students interested in jobs available in Ontario, Quebec, or Nova Scotia can obtain application forms for these provinces from the Employment Centre.

Photo by Randy Goodleaf



Hon. Mike McKee
Minister of Labour

No regulations on happy hours

by Karen Burgess

Provincial Court Judge Justice Stevenson struck down the ruling of the New Brunswick Liquor Licensing Board

meeting

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Council will also be creating a sub expansion committee. This committee will investigate how feasible the idea of expanding the SUB actually is.

Apparently the committee will be comprised of the Vice-President University Affairs, two members appointed by the SU, one STU-SRC appointee, one Graduate Student Association Council appointee, one CAMPUS appointee, and the Director of the SUB.

Although only a handful of residents turned out to the meeting, the ones that did show up were satisfied with what they observed.

"It was nice to see the Student Union come out to the residence and get the students

banning happy hours in the province.

The Board's decision to ban happy hours went into effect on December 4. Before its decision, it had passed several

involved in what is going with the council", said one resident.

But they were also disappointed that more students had not shown up.

Kevin Bourque, president of the SU, says one reason that more residents probably didn't show up was because the house decided to have a "big night out, something that was unforeseen."

Nevertheless, says Bourque, "We got some people out and we are pleased".

The next meeting will probably be held in the SUB. Then Council will probably hold their third meeting in another residence on Campus.

Bourque believes that CHSR's technical problems were small ones and will be easily overcome once the staff becomes used to "the mobile broadcasts".

rulings successively limiting happy hours.

Bar owners were allowed to hold happy hours between 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. until the Board decided to abolish them completely.

Now that the ban has been ruled as not legally enforceable the province's bars have been left with no government restrictions regulating the hours that bars can reduce prices on drinks.

An editorial in the Telegraph Journal on Monday pointed out Judge Stevenson's ruling to be "based on a technical point: that the Board's 'Happy Hours' ban was not effective because it hadn't been approved by the provincial cabinet as a regulation".

The editorial continued, "the Liquor Licensing Board was right in imposing a 'Happy Hour' restriction, but this court ruling clearly shows there are holes in the existing administrative system."

The board is scheduled to hold a meeting later this week to discuss the judge's decision.

Man in custody for charges of fraud

by Patsy Wallace

A notice of fraud affecting the Congress of Canadian Engineering Students was received by Wolfgang Faig, Dean of Engineering here at the University of New Brunswick, prior to the Christmas break.

The Edmonton police now have a man in custody for these charges of fraud.

The University of Alberta, Faculty of Engineering, had been informed that an individual unassociated with the Congress of Canadian Engineering Students, or the University, was illegally soliciting funds for the Congress.

These reported incidents led to an investigation by Detective Russ Reid and Detective Will Tonowski of the Edmonton City Police.

This investigation resulted in the arrest of Bob Thompson of Edmonton, Alberta. Thompson had a previous criminal record. This enabled the detectives to trace his

fingerprints and positively identify him for these, and previous accounts of fraud.

Thompson was active in this fraudulent behaviour for two years. He has confessed to fraud over \$1,000. Mr. Leonard Swanson of the University of Alberta believes this is an indication that Thompson's scheme was highly profitable.

Thompson had several aliases, "Bill Zeiss" and "Bill Zwicky" being the two reported to the University of Alberta.

His program included presentation of a phoney CCES letterhead. Described as a map of Canada with separations between the provinces and 3 D effects. He claimed to be selling advertising for a CCES publication.

The University of Alberta is pleased that an arrest has been made, but are upset that people intending to help the Congress of Canadian Engineering Students were unknowingly victims of fraud.