

Employment picture not pretty- but theres hope

By JOHN HAMILTON

Although the overall employment picture is "not a pretty one" in New Brunswick, all factors indicate that the successful job placement rate will be higher this year than in the last two years, said Ron Jackson, manager of the Campus Manpower branch.

Jackson said that a relatively few number of employers use Manpower's services, because "probably most are swamped with applications anyway" and that many companies prefer to hire from their local populations. Those who use Manpower usually come from greater distances with specific, specialized jobs to offer. He noted that primarily engineers are recruited here, although business administration grads are also in demand. Those holding arts degrees are having the toughest

time finding jobs, Jackson said, mentioning that only 3 of the 139 graduates placed in permanent jobs last year held arts degrees.

The Atlantic provinces is facing a fairly hard winter, employment wise, but joblessness is a problem all across Canada this year, with the economy at a very low ebb. Jackson said that employment opportunities are fairly good in Ontario, and in Alberta and Saskatchewan where the oil industry has developed. He has no idea on job opportunities in other parts of the continent or the world, saying that since Manpower is funded by the federal government, it does not deal with foreign employers or foreign students who are not Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.

Campus Manpower is at its peak of activity right now and Jackson expressed confidence in

topping the placement figures of last year - of approximately 900 registered students, 360 were placed - a better than 33 percent success rate. However, only 10 percent of the graduates were successful in finding jobs through Manpower. Jackson cited several reasons for this seemingly low figure, saying that many do not use Manpower because they are going on to graduate school or that they have prearranged jobs.

He said that students are generally "not picky about jobs right now, because of the tight situation of the economy and the apparent shortage of jobs." It's really a case of having money to live versus getting work in a specific field. Salary or working conditions don't seem to be the crucial factors when students consider a job, but rather the location and opportunity for

advancement offered.

Commenting on Manpower's image, Jackson said, "People's expectations of our department are too high - we are not going to get you a job - you have to do it yourself. Looking for a job is hard work; we'll tell you where to go,

how to apply, how to prepare yourself, but it's you that gets the job. We don't pass out the jobs."

He also mentioned that most employers don't use Manpower, and therefore "we can't get you what we don't have ourselves."

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By KATHRYN WAKELING

A WORD FROM THE SPONSOR

How tall we are. We've learned so much. Everything, it seems, but how to stay in touch. Rod McKuen

we will begin a series of in depth interviews with the SRC and follow up with continuous updates on what they are up to... and what they're not up to. Whose willing to talk and who's not so willing.

Also to follow will be a comprehensive investigation into the various campus committees — including the ones you have never heard of - let alone exist. We are going to search out and find the 'mysterious' committee heads and begin attending (on a regular basis) their meeting to find out what is really happening within these organizations. We have decided that this student ignorance concerning university matters has just got to stop. There is no need for it and we are going to help, by getting that much needed information — spelling it out as we get it. You will find the obvious information (although a lot of people don't even know that) and also the not so obvious.

It's your decision as to whether you care enough to pay attention and respond. And how do you respond you might inquire? By your participation and by expressing your views through the Brunswickan your student voice.

So what do you do? What happens when one loses touch and the people we ask to stay in touch refuse or just... forget(?). Well at the Bruns we take action.

This Monday at the SRC meeting Bruns reporter, Sheenagh Murphy, was quickly angered by the course of events. It was the same ol' story - the Bruns was not up on events. We have enough hassels here to start with — what with shortages in staff this year and getting the copy done Wednesday night for release on Friday, we also have to cope with the lack of participation from the SRC and their like. Feedback on certain matters is slow - if at all sometimes, and in short we are getting quite sick and tired with it.

So here is the run down on the future course of events. Starting with the next issue of the Bruns



At the SRC meeting Monday night, new counsellors were welcomed and old ones bound out... from some a sigh of relief photo — tremblay

Pubs cut due to lack of student support

by DAVE PORTER & SARAH INGERSOLL

"I'm not personally going to be making any bookings or extending the SRC deficit in the entertainment field any further than it presently is, seeing as that was a

real problem in the years gone by."

So said Jim Murray, President of the UNB Student Union, in view of the loss of approximately \$300.00 incurred with last weeks pubs. Thursday night's pub with a top

name band, Shooter (a band with two gold records) suffered a loss of \$422.21. This \$1200.00 band was contracted for \$900.00 through the efforts of Murray. This reduction enabled Murray to charge a lower admission price of

\$2.00 per person, so as to attract enough people to cover the cost of the band. Murray counted on 400 people to attend, but only got 222.

The poor showing is typical of UNB students participation in extra-curricular activities in the past couple of years. Murray attributes this to several reasons. Number one: "upperclassmen four a lot of zeal and spirit that was displayed by upperclassmen four years ago." Why? Student today seem to be getting more and more serious about university life. They come only for academic reasons. Due to the current economic situation jobs are scarce; therefore students are more interested in getting out of the university what they can academically, so as to get a job. While the above point is valid, it is felt that most students do not wish nor, indeed, need to have all their social activities curtailed. In lieu of this, the SRC has tried to provide events which would appeal to the student body.

However, Murray says that he has "failed miserably" in doing this.

The second reason is attributed to finances. Murray says that students today just don't have the money to throw around like they did four years ago. It should be noted here that the number of students visiting a local tavern three or four times a week has obviously not dropped even with

the initiation of a dollar cover charge.

At this point you, the student, must ask yourself WHY? Why was the Bomber fan bus not full last weekend? Why is 70 percent of the SRC in there by acclamation? Why is this campus becoming so passive? Why don't we give a damn anymore?"

It is because of this apathetic attitude of UNB students that Murray has reached a point of absolute frustration. Murray assumed the responsibilities of an Entertainment Chairperson to bypass the cost of a Pubs Officer, a position that in previous years has received a sizeable honorarium. Even though Murray has reached the decision to discontinue SRC sponsored pubs for the time being, he is willing to aid any other campus organization in booking bands for their pubs.

In reference to this, Murray felt that should the organizations participate with each other, this in turn would encourage student involvement.

Murray's closing comment was: "You can't point the finger at anyone... if you want to see anything happen, you have to get off YOUR butt because no one else is going to do it and hopefully after a couple of people start doing this sort of thing, then a momentum will happen and things will start happening again at UNB."



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