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Opinion surveys deemed inadequate by some

by Suzanne Bailey

Many students at this time of the academic year wonder what happens to the student opinion surveys that they fill out during their last classes concerning professor's teaching abilities.

It can be argued that some professors may regard this multiple choice survey in its statistically analyzed form, thus receive information from only one full cycle at the feedback loop once per year.

The question is to what degree are these surveys taken seriously and when or in what situations are they called upon for referencing.

According to Dr. Maison, Associate Vice President of Academics, the completed surveys are sent to the registrar for computer analysis. Copies of the results are returned to the academics office, to the faculty professor and the professor's themselves.

These results are drawn from the file when a

professor is up for tenure or promotion considerations.

There are three levels at which a decision on such matters are made at which time student opinion surveys are reviewed along with a number of other considerations. Decisions are made at the department level, faculty level, and university level.

The point of these surveys, Dr. Maison says, is to look at the teacher's performance

over a period of time. The surveys themselves are one part of the whole process.

The survey is a senate requirement which was voted to be in existence due to the desire to have a uniform instrument that could be used faculty wide.

Peter Kent (Dean of Arts), Dr. Fig (Dean of Engineering), Dr. McGillivray (Dean of PHED), Dr. Storey (Dean of Business), Dr. Cowan

(associate Dean of Education), and professors and students have expressed a number of inadequacies with the survey, the major complaint being that they lack specific information on teaching abilities and agree that a better mechanism is needed.

The weight of the survey seems to vary among different faculties with respect to considerations for improving teaching practices.

Some view it as a major contributor while others see little value in it for reasons based on the generalization and validity of them.

Some faculties have supplemented this survey with one of their more applicable surveys. The validity question is asked during times when student attendance is low due to the time of year being so close to exams and results would

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Funding proposal delayed for a month

by Jayde Mockler

Last month the St. Thomas Student Union sent a proposal to the UNB Student Union regarding their funding of CHSR - FM.

Although STU president Kelly Lamrock requested that negotiations begin as soon as possible, the UNB Student Union failed to respond.

James Gill, VP internal and

head of the negotiation committee, was responsible for handling the negotiations regarding STU's funding commitment to CHSR. Gill apparently felt that the proposal needed some alterations before negotiations could begin.

Lamrock said that he spoke to Gill many times during the past month, questioning the reasons for the delay. When

Lamrock continually received no response, the STU SRC decided to contribute to CHSR directly, by funding the production of a programming guide.

This would be distributed throughout both campuses. They withdrew their previous proposal.

At this point UNB SU president Wayne Carson received a letter from Lamrock

informing him of their change in proposed funding.

That same afternoon, Gill gave Lamrock his counter proposal, which he had apparently mailed through campus mail earlier the previous week. The letter arrived on Tuesday of this week. Unfortunately, this undated counter-proposal reached Lamrock too late to be negotiated as part of the 1990-91 budget.

After a month of constant delays STU could not afford any more time waiting for Gill to respond and had to finalize a budget. Lamrock is willing to consider the proposal for the 1991-92 budget.

Carson is disappointed in Gill's handling of the situation and feels that he should have been aware of the proposal from the start. The main problem in this incident regarding funding to CHSR, as with others in the past, seems to stem from a lack of communication between the two Student Unions, whose offices are side by side in the SUB.

Man sentenced in Dunn/Tibbits incident

Press Release

Perry Calvin Bolianatz has been sentenced to serve four months in jail and was placed on probation for two years.

The decision came after Bolianatz pleaded guilty to threatening to kill a female resident at the entrance of Lady Dunn on March 22 around 6:30 PM.

Bolianatz was served with a trespass notice from UNB Security and part of the probation order is that he stay away from the university and receive mental health treatment.

Bolianatz is a non-student from Regina, Saskatchewan who has been living in Fredericton.



Civil Engineering students at the University of New Brunswick were honored during the annual senior report conference. Left to right are, Stephen Marsh, technical merit award; Paul Vanderlaan, E. J. Grant Memorial prize; Mike Regan, Ian Scott MacDonal Memorial Prize; Bruce Carr, conference chairmen; James Hoyt, second place; Andrew Seymour, first place and Mike Corbett, third place. See story Page 6.

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