

COPE denies sending report, slams Bruns

By JEFF DAVIES

Back in the Oct. 1 Bruns, there was an article which at the time appeared relatively harmless. It merely gave the details of a report concerning Jonathan Marler and his controversial Opportunities for Youth Project. The report, it was stated, had been prepared by the Fredericton group known as COPE.

The article however, has caused repercussions both on and off campus. The first problem, it was discovered, was that the report itself was inaccurate. This, of course, didn't delight Marler and there were even rumors flying that he planned to sue the Bruns. These rumors apparently were false.

Secondly, the Marler report was not prepared by COPE at all but by Tom Murphy who included it in his report for the Coalition of local OFY projects.

COPE, however did include sections of the Coalition's report

in its own staff report. The part concerning Marler was one of these. However, both Jim Gallagher, COPE director, and Pat Jamieson, the organizer of the Coalition claimed to have deleted the section on Marler before submitting their reports to Ottawa.

When the Canadian University Press picked up the story which appeared in the Bruns, and distributed it all across Canada, COPE was not exactly pleased with the situation.

The Department of the Secretary of State in Ottawa, upon reading that COPE had released this report, contacted Jim Gallagher, who now must go to Ottawa to try and set matters straight.

When I spoke to Gallagher he stated that he couldn't affirm or deny the report on Marler, but he did deny having any connection with it. He also didn't think the Bruns had any business obtaining a copy and printing the details. According to him, the report hadn't been sent to Ottawa at all at the time we reported it.

Gallagher advised me that should I want to find out more about the preparation of the report and how it got to Ottawa, I should consult Pat Jamieson of the Dept. of Welfare, Tom Murphy and Andrew Scott of the Mysterious East. All of these men were involved in the Coalition.

Scott described the Coalition as being a pressure group on Ottawa to attempt to achieve decentralization of the operations of OFY. It also acted as a central organization for the various projects. The inaccuracy of the report on Marler was explained by the fact that Murphy had written it and the rest of the report very hastily and without research. Now comes a slight discrepancy. According to Scott, copies of the report on the Marler affair were sent to Ottawa by COPE, the Coalition, and by Hugh McKerville of the provincial office of the Dept. of the Secretary of State in Moncton (McKerville had previously been sent a copy.)

Scott said he was sure Murphy had expected correc-

tions to be made in the report before its distribution. I just hope that this isn't an example of the efficiency with which Murphy fulfills his position with the Mysterious East.

I found Jamieson together with Gallagher in the latter's office on my second visit there. As stated earlier, Jamieson, like Gallagher, denied any connection with supplying Ottawa with a copy of the report on Marler, which seems to conflict with what Scott had said. However, he did suggest that McKerville might have sent a copy. McKerville stated over the phone that he may well have attached the report on his own documents which he sent regularly to Ottawa. Actually, he preferred not to have it called a "report" at all. He thought it merely gave an example of how OFY was being used by certain representative students.

Getting back to the meeting with Jamieson and Gallagher, the two were quite vigorous in their condemnation of Bruns news reporting methods. They somehow had picked up the idea that the report on Marler

had been supplied to the Bruns by former editor Ian Ferguson who they accused of stealing it. Peter Collum Editor of the Brunswickan denies that the report was supplied to him by Ferguson.

According to Managing Editor Edison Stewart, who supplied me with the report when I wrote the Oct. 1 article, he had been informed by "usually reliable sources" that it (the Marler report) had been included in a COPE report to its members.

Besides referring to Ian Ferguson as being "notoriously irresponsible", Gallagher and Jamieson had a few choice words for Collum and Stewart, (not to their faces of course). They claimed that this pair prints stories without thinking of what they are doing or making any attempts to verify the information they receive. This is a bit surprising coming from somebody like Jamieson, who admits that he was in charge of distributing the Marler report, which was, in the words of Andrew Scott "very inaccurate."

NOTICE

The UNB Students Representative Council is calling for applications for the post of Winter Carnival Chairman. The post this year differs from that of last year in that no longer will the making of carnival be the responsibility of the chairman. As a result, no salary is offered. The Chairman will be responsible for the organizing and coordination of the various efforts that will be carried out in the main by other students. He will work closely with the SRC office in the SUB as well as the student carnival committee that has already been formed. He will assume his duties immediately.

All applications are to be addressed to the carnival committee, care of the SUB office, Student Union Building. Applications close November 15 at 6 p.m.

Insight undergoes change

By NEIL DICKIE

Insight as it used to be officially, is no more. Its financial backing under an opportunities for Youth grant ran out August 31. Now this organization is known as Insight Inc., it is backed until March 31, 1972 by the Federal dept. of Health and Welfare as an "Innovative services Project" for the sum of \$21,500. The Provincial Youth Dept. has contributed \$2500.

Insight Inc. now has a staff of 4; the "coordinator" Jim Lawrence, 27, a former high school teacher; a secretary-his wife, and 2 regular staffers; John Oliver and Patty Larmann, 21.

In the past, Insight has been known as something considerably less than ideal. The words have been reverberating with stories about valium overdoses, spirited infighting, backstabbing within and other episodes

not typical of a stable useful public service. Insight has been characterized by high staff turnover largely as a result of the aforesaid struggles within. Official services have regarded Insight as a gigantic pain in the ass many times in the past, many Insight people being outspoken and often stupidly and needlessly so.

But now supposedly Insight is starting over again. Lawrence expressed hope "that people will sit back for a few months and reserve judgement."

Reasons for past difficulties Lawrence stated have been due to a "lack of direction", "it has had no real focus". Financial backing, it was stated, was a doubtful thing, with many persons on staff drawing cheques but with little control. "The whole thing was rather nebulous."

When pressed about what Insight's "focus" now is, Law-

rence stated that Insight Inc. might be called "an informal guidance and counselling service". It is intended to "fill the gap between (high school) students and parents, better guidance counsellors and students". Insight Inc. is required under conditions of the grant to provide drug crisis response intervention centre. However, it was stated that this is not a major part of the service as it used to be. In the next month Insight people will be speaking after to clubs and local groups and in schools. A PR campaign of sorts is in effect.

Jim Lawrence education (schooling) consists of B.A. (History) B.T.; he has taught high school 5 years, and plays in a musical group. John Oliver possesses a B.A. (Economics) and has worked on the staff of the Vancouver Sun. Patti Larmann has not completed university. Lawrence worked in the Co-op hostel this summer. Larmann was employed by INSIGHT this summer.

It is hoped a winter transients hostel will be set up soon. The Insight building on Brunswick Street has been renovated.

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