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Officials hesitate to condemn 'Navigator'

By EDISON STEWART

UNB - Neither officials in university administration nor the Students Representative Council will readily condemn what some consider to be an exorbitant use of funds for the UNB circulated "Campus Navigator" which cost over \$1,000 to produce.

The SRC and the administration combined to pay \$900 in salary to Diane Tommey,

the girl who put out the seven page booklet over a period of nine weeks this summer. The rest of the money was used to print the booklet.

Both SRC President Bob Poore and Comptroller Dan Fenety said Wednesday that while the book was "less than we expected," it wasn't a total failure, as it appeared to be at first glance. They said that the girl had run into a number of

problems in compiling the booklet, not the least of which was getting university departments to release pertinent information to her.

"In terms of research and people she had to talk to," said Fenety, "she did well." He added that he was disappointed with the end product, but that was because Tommey had little or no experience in the designing of pages. "Obviously it could be better," he said, ad-

ding that he hoped next year the booklet would be a section of the more popular student handbook.

She made a mistake in the actual end product, said Fenety, but basically a great deal of work went into getting the information. Many departments gave a large amount of information, he added, and that all had to be read and edited in order that a small, concise booklet

could be published.

Although the book was more or less a failure this year in that it repeated much of the information that was already contained in the student handbook, Fenety noted that "we can learn from our mistakes."

The university administration will not comment on the booklet but will only say that they keep out of that sort of thing and allow the SRC to worry about it.

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Professor predicts oil spill off P.E.I.

By CHRIS J. ALLEN

Dr. Martin Thomas, professor of marine ecology at UNBSJ foresees another Chedabucto Bay incident occurring off the PEI coast where the tanker Irving Whale has been aground for several years. Dr. Thomas was the guest speaker at a pollution talk sponsored by the Biology Club on Tuesday night and he had a good number of slides to augment his talk. He was with the Federal Fisheries Research Board for 14 years prior to accepting his present position in Saint John.

When the Liberian tanker Arrow went aground in Chedabucto Bay on Feb. 4, 1970, Dr. Thomas was one of the many people involved in the cleanup and subsequent study of the ecological effects of the massive oil spill; a study that is still underway. He stated that many of the effects did not occur until the past six months. Apparently one of the reasons for the extensive work involved in cleaning up the oil was the fact that the captain of the vessel shut off the boilers after the mishap. Apart from running the ship, the boilers were used to keep the Bunker C oil viscous and easy to pump. The follow-

ing day attempts to restart the boilers failed which meant that the oil could not be heated up enough to pump out. Eventually the Canadian Navy was able to empty the ship using unique engineering methods designed specifically for the Arrow.

The large quantity of oil which was washed ashore along a 175-200 mile shoreline proved hard to remove. Attempts at burning it off the water were abandoned because after finding a suitable method, the cost proved exorbitant. In some cases the oil mixed with the water forming a brown colored emulsion and at other times it mixed with the ice becoming a substance resembling brown sugar. A large mass of this oil and water emulsion has since moved down the eastern coast of the continent and is still travelling south, so there will no doubt be many far reaching effects of the spill, according to Dr. Thomas.

Studies are still being carried on at various places, the scientists returning every few months to take note of any changes in the plant and animal life. Dr. Thomas stated that it will be many years, perhaps up to a hundred, before the area returns to its natural state.



photo by Bob Boyes

Dr. Martin Thomas, speaking to a number of people at a pollution seminar Tuesday, warned of another 'Chedabucto Bay' oil spill (off Prince Edward Island this time) if measures aren't taken soon to clean up the "Irving Whale."

Freshman Queen contest to be phased out

UNB - The chairman of orientation committee announced Tuesday that he will recommend that selection of a frosh queen be dropped from the orientation program in future.

Kevin Malone said that he said "no value in continuing the tradition."

The members of the committee have been evaluating the program with a view to improving next year's effort. The general feeling among committee members, according to the chairman, was that the frosh queen contest did not further the aims of orientation.

The suggestion originated from within the committee and there has been no outside pressure to drop the pageant.

The decision is a question of programming rather than of

the constitution of the committee. The chairman of next year's orientation committee is not bound to act on the recommendation of this year's committee.

Commenting of the actual

selection of the princess, Malone said that the contest was "anything but a cattle show." The princesses were selected by a committee of girls who interviewed the freshettes at registration. The executive of the

orientation committee selected the queen from among the princesses on the basis of a half hour interview.

Personality was the most important criterion.

SRC president Bob Poore

said the orientation committee was best qualified to judge whether or not the contest served any purpose. Though the contest is "not strictly a beauty contest, many people interpret it as that."

\$225 carpet for Council President

UNB - Without the authority of anyone other than himself, Students Representative Council President Bob Poore purchased a \$225 carpet for his office this summer, simply "to make it look more like an office."

Poore's office is in the office wing of the Student Union Building. Unofficial estimates

are that the floor already there would last another 20 years. Thus by installing a carpet students will also be paying for a "floor" that won't be used any more.

Student Council Presidents in the past have always had to do with the tile floor common and acceptable to most of us and they had to cramp themselves and their Vice-Presidents

into a small office on the second floor of the Sub. Even that was changed this year when Poore and his Vice-President (Don Olmstead, who has since been refused entrance to Law School) moved to a larger office across the hall.

Then, in August, with only the prior consultation of Comptroller Dan Fenety, who, by the way, agreed, he bought and

installed a carpet. The SRC still hasn't decided on whether or not to pay for it. If that doesn't work, the Sub Board is likely to be issued with the bill.

If they too turn it down, which is more than likely, then Poore will be stuck with a "better looking office" and a \$225 bill.

