

Reasons few for closed Board meetings

By DERWIN GOWAN

The ruling body of UNB is the Board of Governors. Their meetings have been traditionally held behind closed doors. When asked why this was so, Roy Neale, President of the Students Representative Council replied that it was due to tradition but that there is more than that to it.

Some business involves refinancing, purchasing of land, etc. If this were made public prematurely, Neale concluded, speculators would be able to make high profits at the University's expense.

However, he stated, "most of the business that goes on at the Board of Governors meetings should be open."

This was the opinion of Mike Richard, student member of the Board, who said, "I certainly don't

advocate closed meetings. The faculty, students, and people of this province have every right to know what goes on at these meetings. "However, he agreed with Neale in that matters dealing with "acquisition of property," and some other financial dealings should be closed, due to the threat of speculation.

Student Senator John Reid said, "I can't see any reasons for closed meetings, except for some financial dealings that would have to be confidential." He stated that students should be aware of some controversial matters such as the budgeting of the new arena, and other matters such as this. He also said that since the university is publicly financed, the Board "has a duty" to keep the public informed on new plans and transactions and that meetings should be "as open as possible."



Student Senator John Reid

When asked what could be or is being done to change this, Neale said, "We, the SRC, have made our feelings on this known for sometime," although to no apparent avail.

Richard replied that he has talked to some of the other members of the Board concerning this, and has written to other Canadian Universities to find out their policies. However, he stated that the closed meetings will "be quite hard to change," as the majority of the Board is against opening the meetings. They have, according to Richard, made the concession of distributing the minutes of their meetings.

Post-grad courses scrutinized

By ROB WILSON

Post-graduate courses in Business Administration were the topic of a meeting held by the Business Department on Thursday, 27 September.

The discussion was led by Al Laughland, an associate professor in the department. As the majority of the faculty present were graduates of M.B.A. programmes offered by US universities, the discussion leaned heavily towards descriptions of American M.B.A. programmes.

It was mentioned that, although an M.B.A. programme is a two year course, the first year may be waived for B.B.A. graduates who would already possess the credits necessary for the first year. In order to enter an M.B.A. programme, a letter of recommendation and/or an admissions test may be required. To write this test, one must pay a fee of twelve dollars to the Educational Testing Service in Princeton. The closing date for applications to write the 3 Nov. test is 12 Oct.

A potential M.B.A. student should realize that tuition fees in

the US may be as high as three thousand dollars per year, although state universities may charge one thousand dollars per year. American M.B.A. programmes of note were said to be offered at Carnegie Mellon, Stanford, M.I.T., Chicago, Berkeley, and Harvard. Top Canadian business schools are Western and McMaster.

A student may be able to finance M.B.A. programmes at McMaster and at York through assistantships which can carry a value of \$1,000 through \$2,500. At UNB, a B.B.A. student, having a high second division average, should be able to gain entry to any Canadian M.B.A. programme with the exception of UBC.

Before embarking upon such a course, a student should realize that an M.B.A. degree is practical only if he or she intends to seek employment with a large corporation. Finally, any student interested in an M.B.A. programme should consult the book entitled *Programmes for Graduate Studies in Business* which is available at the Placement Office.

Library carrel regulations revised

By GERALD THOMAS

Regulations regarding use of the Library's third floor carrels have been revised in response to student and faculty complaints.

The main problem centered around students taking over carrels in the fall, placing books in them, then not returning until spring. This, coupled with increased enrolment has resulted in serious students being denied their use.

This year honour students were told that they might only use carrels on a day to day basis having to clear them out each night. This, immediately gave rise to protest that it would highly inconvenience students working on essays.

Chief Librarian Dr. Gunn responded by calling the Senate's Library Committee together Tuesday to reconsider the regulations governing carrel use. The following is their resolution passed at that meeting, Tuesday October second.

Each graduate student who applies to the Library should be assigned a carrel which he can label and continue to keep while he is actually using it. He should certify his continuing use of it by signing and dating a register at least weekly at the service desk. If a period of three weeks elapses during which the student has not signed and offered no explanation the staff may clear the carrel, store the contents, and make it

available for other students.

In addition, a reserved carrel may be reallocated on a temporary basis if a graduate student gives notice he is to be away for an extended period.

Each honours student who applies to the Library with proper authorization will be registered for use of carrels. These carrels will not be name-labelled. Books and other materials in such a carrel must be left on the carrel shelf at the end of each day, with a prominent slip showing the user's name.

Any honours student seeking a carrel will be free to choose one where the table surface is clear. Each honours student should certify his continuing use of a carrel by signing a register at least weekly at the service desk. If a period of three weeks elapses during which he has not signed, the staff may clear the carrel shelf store the contents and make the carrel available for us of other honours students.

The system of course, will only work with the good will and cooperation of the students.

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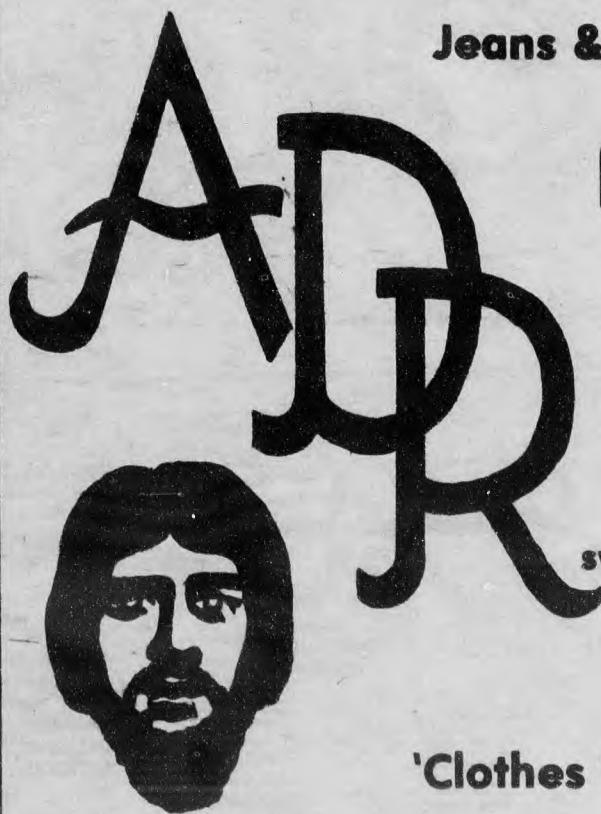


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