

Ombudsman funding in dispute

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UNB's Student Union has received a budget proposal for financing an Ombudsman's office.

The proposal, sent by the university's Ombudsman Committee, suggests a fifty/fifty cost-sharing plan involving the Student Union and the university administration.

University Secretary Professor James Woodfield estimates the total cost, including salary and office expenses, will be about \$25,000.

A response to the proposal will be forwarded to the committee as soon after the SRC election as possible.

The proposal and the selection committee itself appears to be a source of concern for Vice President Academic Michael Bennett.

As it stands now there will be seven committee members. Two will be appointed by the Board of Governors and two will be appointed by Senate.

Woodfield said. 'More than

likely these will be faculty members, but it's hard to say.'

Three students will also be committee members. One will be appointed by the Residence Representative Committee, one will be appointed by the Student Union council and another will be appointed by the student Senators and Governors.

'At Senate John Bosnitch and I tried to amend the terms of the composition of the committee. We wanted equal representation,' said Bennett.

As for financing the office of the Ombudsman the Student Union has two avenues. 'We don't know if there will be a referendum which means there will be a direct levy on the students or if the Student Union will grant funds directly to the post,' said Bennett.

If council decides to grant the funds directly, monies slated for other purposes will

have to be reallocated, said Bennett. The other option, according to Bennett, is for the Board of Governors to increase tuition fees to absorb the cost of the Ombudsman.

'The mechanisms of achieving the funding are negotiable, however, if they are going to ask us to pay 50% of the cost we should have equal representation on the selection committee,' said Bennett.

Woodfield said, 'Once the financial aspect is settled, we can then strike a committee.'

Initially the plan was to have an Ombudsman appointed by December of this year, however, according to Woodfield the target date for the appointment is now July 1, 1986.

The Ombudsman, then, will not be in place until the beginning of the 1986 academic term.

Women in law

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The NAWL has existed in Canada since 1974. On a national level the group is concerned not only with women in the legal profession.

The group lobbies in areas such as the Constitution, sexual assault laws, federal human rights, divorce reform and the Indian Act.

There are twenty local NAWL caucuses across Canada. These regional groups confer and lobby on matters of local concern.

Pohlkamp will be speaking at Ludlow Hall (Room 28) on

Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00

New Brunswick members of the National Association of Women and the Law is sponsoring a lecture on Women and the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

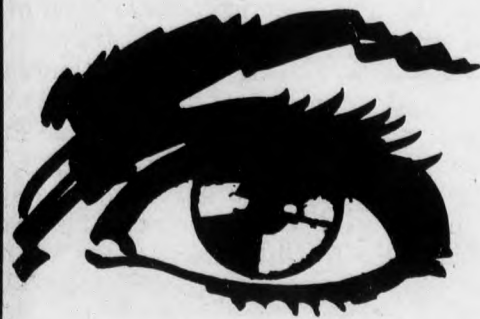
Gretchen Pohlkamp, the guest speaker, has contributed extensively as a member of NAWL to the group's conferences and publications.

Pohlkamp's publications include 'The Poor Get Poorer', 'Women and the Need for Pension Reform', and 'Matrimonial Property in Nova Scotia'. She is currently an associate in the law firm of Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Three new telecourses begin in January at the University of New Brunswick--in Child Development, Introductory Psychology, and Children's Literature. Adults interested in registering for any of these courses must do so by November 22nd. To register or to get further details, call the department of extension at 453-4646--or come to room 121 MacLaggan Hall. The extension department is open evenings till 9:00 pm., Monday through Thursday, and until 5:00 pm., on Friday.

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SHOULD I BE AT UNIVERSITY? PART II

Many students apply to university after high school, and when no other options present themselves, launch straight into their first year, for lack of a better plan. When you're not sure of what you want in life, university is the best place to be. It's a place of self-discovery and exploration, the perfect setting in which to consider your options and seek advice. A year as a student is a year well spent, even if it teaches you that university is not your cup of tea - how would you have known if you hadn't tried?

But don't be discouraged too easily. Many students are "beaten" by their own unreasonable expectations and ambitions, which when unrealized, leave them with a sense of failure, and no motivation to continue. Now that you're at university, it's important that you look at life realistically. Become aware of your strengths and weaknesses, learn to accept your limitations - we can't all be nuclear physicists, though we'd like to think so! If you can't knuckle under and get the grades which will be your bridge to fame and fortune, well, perhaps it's time you took a good, long look at the goals you're aiming for. Counselling Services have experienced, professional counsellors who can help you clarify your direction and set realistic goals for yourself.

OFF-CAMPUS OPTIONS:

You may decide that university in general is not a realistic goal for you. If this is the case, you may want to check out other educational programs at the Atlantic Business College (454-6381), the New Brunswick Community College (454-3641), or the Craft School (453-2305) and see what they have to offer. Visit the Career Information Library at Counselling Services to obtain information on many different programs across Canada.

ON CAMPUS CHANGES:

Be careful not to make your decisions too hastily, though. A moment's frustration, and 'F' on an assignment, even a whole year of fail grades, doesn't mean you should slam your books shut and give up the academic life. In the process of re-assessing your goals, you may have found that you've been burning the wrong trail. Resigning yourself to a life of Chemistry or Engineering when your real vocation lies in poetry is enough to give anyone bad grades, even if they're not stupid. Then again, you may have found that you really had no definite goals at all, and your view of the future was vague and uncertain. Perhaps you should start looking for some direction, or maybe you should switch to another subject. Changing faculties, or fields, is very common amongst students as they explore and discover different aspects of their personality - don't feel ashamed or disappointed in yourself if this is what you decide to do. Make an appointment with your faculty advisor or a counsellor, or come to one of the Counselling Services Workshops which offer help in finding educational direction. Counselling Services can also help you landmark a few basic goals and ambitions in that vague, uncertain future of yours. By working towards these, a visible end, you will be able to find motivation to channel your efforts and energy in a definite direction. Thus you may finally find some achievement in that previously unsuccessful university career.



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Upcoming Society Events
GROG Nov 28 in the TV Room 3.30 PM
EXTRAVAGROG the last day of classes Dec 6 in SUB Cafeteria
Note: no formal office hours til Jan. We are now there when we're there