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Fire dept. in hot water

by KIM DOYLE

It may not get into the Guinness Book of Records, but Susan Jane Daigle has become the first person to have a board of inquiry hearing into a sexual harassment complaint under the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission.

Mrs. Daigle was dismissed on Friday, January 29, 1987, by Chief Tom Powell, because there were complaints about her work and that she had no respect for her senior officers.

After her dismissal, Mrs. Daigle went to the unemployment office. From there her complaint of sexual harassment went to City Administrator John Robinson and then on to the Human Rights Commission, where a formal complaint was not filed until April.

According to Mrs. Daigle, Platoon Chief Keith Hunter asked her among other questions of a sexual nature, "whether my husband was a

good lover." Mrs. Daigle said, "There was always someone else around. I was humiliated and embarrassed." Mrs. Daigle spoke to her immediate supervisor about the situation, but as far as she knows, nothing was done. Mrs. Daigle didn't go above Mr. Fusk because it was not well looked upon if one skipped rank.

As well, Mrs. Daigle did not

tell Chief Powell of her harassment by Mr. Hunter "because I knew Keith Hunter was his friend", she said.

According to Marty Mockler, a human rights officer, the Commission looked into the business relationship between Chief Powell and Mr. Hunter, to find that they are two of three owners of T K Enterprises.

Testimony given by Paul Breen, a fire inspector, revealed that he had heard Mr. Hunter ask an explicit sexual question to Mrs. Daigle.

Mrs. Daigle feels that her work performance suffered because of the harassment from Mr. Hunter, as well as from Alan Spurrell, who often played with her hair, and call-

ed names such as "sweet thing" and "Susie Q", which she objected to.

Mrs. Daigle's lawyer, Paul Janssens, concluded with his witnesses on Wednesday, February 3rd, 1988. Testimony on behalf of Mr. Hunter and the City of Fredericton resumes on March 15.

UNB prof. gets new job

By N. FOLSTER

Business Administration Professor Carol Loughrey has decided to take a two year leave of absence and take up a post in the provincial civil service.

Effective in June, Prof. Loughrey will be deputy minister of an as yet unnamed portfolio. Given her background in business and accounting,

possibilities include related departments within the provincial government.

The offer from Premier Frank McKenna was completely unexpected. Prof. Loughrey's first reaction was "But I love what I'm doing." However, it was an opportunity she couldn't turn down, and she is looking forward to the experience. As a deputy minister, she will be responsible for managing the people and programmes in her department, as well as maintain-

ing the link between the politicians and the bureaucracy.

In appointing Prof. Loughrey, Premier McKenna is making good on a promise to place competent women in positions of authority within the government. As it stands now, only fifteen of the one hundred and eighty-five senior service positions are filled by women. However, Prof. Loughrey does not feel any additional pressure from the knowledge that she will be one of the few women in

the upper echelons of power. If anything, she feels that it is her status as an academic coming from outside that might make her transition to public life a bit different.

Prof. Loughrey has been teaching at UNB for eleven years. She says she is definitely sorry to leave, and that she enjoys her students very much. She intends to be back at UNB in two years, but says "There are lots of opportunities out there. I'm not closing any doors."

Robbery legal?

By David Pye

Psst!

Do you want to know a place where organized robbery is legal? A place where the vendor can steal with impunity and never have to fear making a guest appearance on the Crimestoppers show? I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Just pay a visit to the snack food vending machine in the main lobby of Tilley Hall and you can get in on the action.

In the antiquated vending machine, you will find and extensive variety of your favorite snack food. But there is one little problem. While you can look at the goodies and even attempt to buy something, the machine will simply swallow your change and not give you what you have purchased. In fact, it won't even give you your change back.

There is however a little sign conveniently posted in the upper right hand corner informing you that in exchange for a trek to the SUB you can recover your stolen money. But the fact is that most students are either on the way to class or on their way home and can't be bothered going over to the Beaver Foods office for a refund.

This writer has been repeatedly victimized by this huge thief standing silently in the lobby. People have tried to solve this problem in a number of creative ways by attempting to shake their purchase and/or money out of the machine with varying degrees of success. Some have even had the courage to check and see if the cord was plugged in. If you listen, you will hear the deadly crackle of the electricity in the frayed cord. So forget this approach if you want to survive to write your exams.

The problem with the machine is that the items are improperly loaded so that they stick on the end of the ring holding them on the rack. So if you are a junk food addict, you can either continue to pay your money and take your chances or else go on a diet.

Students get ombudsman

The students of UNB will finally have an Ombudsman. Last week, the Senates' Students' Council moved to create the office of Student Ombudsman.

Several years ago, the University Senate agreed to the concept of an Ombudsman but the Board of Governors refused to grant funding for the office.

The Senates' Students' Council has created the office in order to both provide the necessary function and demonstrate to the University how serious the students are in their pursuit of an Ombudsman.

The office will be an elected one with election for a one-year term coinciding with the student council spring elections. The Student Ombudsman will hear confidential grievances from students about any matter regarding the University and will make recommendations to appropriate bodies.

The Senates' Students' Council has appointed Susan Forestell as interim Student Ombudsman. Ms. Forestell

will be organizing the details of the office of Student Ombudsman before the spring elections.

WHO IS THIS?



"The Brunshine Girl"

Congratulations to UNB Student Union President Jane Arnold on taking part in activities "above and beyond the call of duty".