## Pastor makes enemies

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belong very many places. The YMCA on Gottigen Street, where his Church meets every Sunday has recently revoked his rental license at their facility.

June Saunders, General Manager of the community YMCA noted that "space is needed for our programs. My concern is that we rent to groups that uphold our views . . . what he's preaching is not open." said

Both Saunders and Kellow say they have received several complaints from their respective communities.

'He attacks a wide ban of our members," said Kellow. "A lot of people have said they're not happy with him around . . . he's a hate-monger. It's sounds harsh, but he's a fool"

Brown disagrees with the DSU, saying he has a right to exercise his freedom of speech. opinion on controversial topics".

One of Brown's beliefs which received the most response was his take on feminism.

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> "I think feminists are anti-Christian, I think they're antihumanity," said Brown. "[Feminism is] pseudo science, it's selective anthropology. Like many of their Goddesses, it's a myth".

> Patty Thompson, Director of the Dal Women's group and members of her group reacted to Brown's comments with picket signs and chants.

"It's totally wrong," said Thompson.

Brown also made an attack on the Dalhousie Chaplaincy, saying that comments made by Dr.

"It's not hateful. It's just our Paul Friesen of the Chaplaincy were "...lies, ridiculous and absurd." He also referred to the Chaplaincy as liars, saying that they had manipulated information on the history of Christianity.

The Dal Chaplaincy office responded to Brown's comments, which they feel are misled

'I think he's being unwise and he's being immature," said Dr. Paul Friesen of the Chaplaincy

Brown responds to such criticism of his Church with anger and denial

When approached by Kellow and a Dalhousie Security officer and told to refrain from putting his literature in the student union building, Brown called Kellow a fool and denied putting his fliers anywhere on the campus.



Pastor Brown (left holding sign) and his wife (forground centre) attempt to bring their message to the people.

Despite repeated requests by the DSU to stop coming to Dalhousie, Brown has made appearances outside almost weekly, each time gaining a larger audience.

About an hour after he

arrived at the SUB, Brown stepped down from his pedestal and began to pack up, promising the people around him he would be back next week.

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## Computer Science building opens

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own building on campus is a huge improvement over previous years, when the Computer Science faculty was housed in the Maritime Centre on Spring Garden

"We used to have to travel up to a mile and a half between classes" said William Hody, a Computer Science student and past president of the Computer Science Society.

'There's been a bit of griping about why the building isn't ready yet. But when you look at computer science, this is our first permanent home. Even when we weren't in the new building, we were actually in a better position than when we were in the Maritime Centre."

Most other computer science students said they were pleased with the new building.

"I think it's great," said Mark Lamey. "I like the openness about it. Everything's visible, everything's accessible to every-

Lamey says he's particularly happy not to have to run around campus tracking down temporary classrooms any longer.

"It's been a bit of a hassle, trying to figure out where people are located. I didn't know anything about the building not being ready until I came to actually register, and saw a big sign...it

was kind of a shock."

One student said she has safety concerns regarding the computer labs.

'Instead of big computer labs they have little pockets of 3 to 4 computers," said Catherine

"The panel of designers wanted it that way - they wanted people in smaller groups.

But Hanus says she doesn't think the panel thought the decision through enough.

"The thing is, they had all men on the panel. But all the women I've talked to prefer larger computer labs, because they feel safer in larger groups, especially at night.'

Carol Serroul is the current president of the Computer Science

"It's been a long process," she said.

"Moving in during the middle of the term has been a bit confusing, and we've all had our share of mix-ups.'

Aside from the delays, Serroul says she has a few complaints about the building

"Like anything, it's not perfect," Serroul said. "We could do with a little bit more undergraduate space, say, an undergraduate lounge. But it's much better than we were, it's a drastic improvement. It's nice to have our own space, and it makes us feel

more like a community."

Bill Lord, of Facilities Management, has been involved with the construction of the new building from the beginning. He says the delays, while unfortunate, are not completely unexpected.

"We always thought there would be a chance of not meeting the deadlines," said Lord, citing various factors from the difficulties of getting building permits under the new Halifax Regional Municipality, to delays caused by winter weather, to the fact that the planning team had "fast-track", or design as they went, in order to get the building done as quickly as they did

Lord also adds that if they'd tried to speed the process up any more, they would have run into heavy costs.

"We were already working a lot of overtime and weekends. If we'd pushed it faster, it gets very, very expensive, and we would have just gone over our budget. We felt it was important not to."

Nicola Embleton-Lake, Projects Coordinator for the new building, says even with the deadline pushed back, it was an exhausting effort to get everything ready for the students by Tuesday.

'Too many people have been working too many long hours to get ready," she said. "But it's been well worth the effort, and we've got a nice home to show for

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billion dollars in post-secondary education and training since taking office in 1993.

This has opposition members asking why the government is directing its funding to specific research grant initiatives rather than giving the money to provinces for distribution.

Constitutionally, education is a provincial responsibility.

Bloc Quebecois Leader Gilles Duceppe said that by giving money to specific research initiatives rather than through transfer payments to the provinces, the Liberals are attempting the control how provinces spend money on education.

Meanwhile, Libby Davies, New Democratic Party education critic, said the speech gave no indication that the government will move to lower student debt load.

"The speech was hugely disappointing because it completely failed to address the reality of a crushing student debt load," said Davies. "This shows how removed the government is from the general public."

Some university representatives were equally lukewarm about the government's plans.

"I find it somewhat hypocritical that a government that has cut back transfer payments says it has made it easier to save for their children's education and created more accessible education," said David Robinson, director of Public Policy for the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

"Now we have increasing ties between corporate interests and public education," he added. "As far as technology is concerned in the speech, I'm not against promoting it, but for what purpose? It's not clear to us. If you wire all the classrooms, who controls the technology?"



Adrienne Clarkson Presents

Robinson says the CAUT welcomes any new funds for humanities research that may be given in the increases to research

But Minister of Human Resources and Development Jane Stewart defended her government's record on post-secondary education initiatives.

"I think that when you look at the strategies towards research and investment, the 21 new chairs to be placed in our universities, that's an area that the country does depend on. I think it's an extraordinarily piece from the speech from the throne," said Stewart.

Meanwhile, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) sees some hope for education as an issue of importance in the upcoming session of parliament.

'We always welcome the emphasis on research in universities," said Sally Brown, AUCC senior vice-president. "We believe that universities are key pillars to carrying out the initiatives of this speech.

Brown says the need for strong post-secondary education institutions, as outlined by the Liberal's speech, will give added bargaining power going into the next federal budget.

"We see this as an opportunity to put our agenda forward," said Brown.

