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UNB's new grade review

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Recent changes in university regulations will be affecting the method in which students will see their grades reviewed.

The new regulation for grade review was passed by the university senate on September 14. It

now allows students to seek a review if they feel they have received an unfair mark on work valued at or above 25 per cent of the course total.

Old regulations stipulated that material had to be verifiable before it could be reviewed. This meant that it was required to be in the possession of the depart-

ment for 12 calendar months after course completion. The result of this requirement meant that only final exams were up for review since little else would be kept by the professors.

On the surface this might appear to contradict the supposed purpose of the new regulations.

For instance, professors will have the opportunity to make final exams the only portion of a course worth 25 per cent or more. Further, students could take advantage of the system to ask for more reviews than necessary.

However Pat FitzPatrick, Student Union VP University Affairs, stressed that this is an unlikely scenario.

"It isn't expected that the need for grade reviews will increase. We have to rely on the good integrity of both students and professors," he said.

In the end these new regulations are simply more progressive and favourable to students.

"It's wonderful for students. Professors are now more accountable, and it provides an avenue for students who feel they are treated unfairly," emphasized FitzPatrick.

"The time had come for a change. The idea had been discussed at other universities and the Registrar saw the need for a change to be made at UNB," he concluded.

A whopping 91 per cent voter 'tune-out' Fall bi-election not without its problems

by Gordon Loane
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UNB Student Council has upheld an appeal by Arts candidate Nathan Weinman who complained after Chief Returning Officer Graeme Smith disqualified him from running in last week's fall bi-election.

A new election would normally be ordered, but in an ironic twist Weinman revealed he received funding for his campaign from sources outside the university.

Council decided the contribution from the provincial New Democratic Party violated other by-laws. On that basis, Weinman has been disqualified from the election again.

The controversy began when CRO Smith ruled Weinman failed to have his posters removed from all buildings on campus by 9:00 p.m. the night proceeding the opening of polls.

Instead of expelling the candidate from the election, council ruled the CRO should have levelled a fine against Weinman. As a result the appeal was upheld.

But during a hearing on the appeal, Weinman, who serves as president of the NB Young New Democrats, revealed a contribution

for his campaign was received from the provincial NDP in the form of the free use of a computer and fax machine and approximately 200 free photocopies of his campaign poster.

An SU by-law states that no person shall run for any position as a representative of any political party, registered or otherwise, or with any political or electoral affiliation.

Council ruled Weinman violated two by-laws with his actions, resulting in a clear reason for disqualification.

There is no word as to whether Weinman will appeal the latest decision.

Meantime Council has also fined Arts candidate Tricia Davidson for failing to remove 11 election posters from Kierstead Hall by the required deadline.

Davidson, who won election to Council, was fined \$10.

A poll worker is being blamed for an election night controversy that may have spoiled the final results for the Physical Education and Recreation seat on the UNB Student Council.

The poll worker, who election of-

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MP believes bookstore service will not suffer

by Connie Corbett
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The local member of parliament said that booksellers and student consumers will not have to worry about a drop in the quality of supply and service of text book distributions after changes are made in the Federal Copyright Act.

According to Fredericton-York-Sunbury MP Andy Scott, Federal copyright legislation will not be proclaimed until a balance can be struck between the rights of the publishers and the needs of their clientele. Scott said that the act is being amended to "provide a stronger basis of protection for Canadian publishers."

He also said that the new legislation, which is meant to prevent booksellers from going south of the border for text books that can be purchased from Canadian publishers, will rationalize the current situation.

"The relationship between Canadian publishers and their clientele will be outlined in the legislation," said Scott.

"The notion of an accepted level of service will also be included," he added.

Canadian booksellers may purchase texts from across the border if Canadian publishers are unable to supply the quantity of texts required at a reasonable price and within a reasonable period of time.

According to the legislation, the burden of proof would be upon the publishers to establish that the booksellers could have purchased the texts at a compatible price without buying American.

This type of legislation, which already exists in countries such as the United States and Great Britain, will include a single copy exception. This means that the Harriet Irving Library will be able to buy books from the U.S. without worrying about the new legislation.

UNB marks Graham's death

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Students and co-workers are mourning the death of Orlo Graham, a supervisor for 22 years with Modern Building Cleaning on the UNB Campus.

He passed away last Friday at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital at the age of 52.

"Orlo was a conscientious supervisor dedicated to getting things done," said Judy Edwards, Resident Manager of Modern Building Cleaning and Graham's boss since last March.

"He was a man with moral values who dedicated much of his time to his family," she said.

"We have very big shoes to fill," Edwards concluded.

Graham supervised 15 to 20 cleaning staff in various buildings on campus. Part of his duties included responsibility for the Student Union Building for nearly 10 years.

"We had a strong working relationship and I will miss him," said Kim Norris, Director of the Student Union Building for most of the 10 years Graham worked in the facility.

"It is not an easy job supervising cleaning services in this building," said Norris. "This place is heavily used, especially during the academic year."

"Orlo was extremely conscientious and passed away much too young," Norris said.

Graham is survived by his wife Irene; a step-daughter Karen Mottus; a son Jamie, a second-year Engineering student at UNB; and three brothers and a sister.

A funeral service was held Monday at the New Maryland United Baptist Church. Interment took place in the Church cemetery.

Donations may be made to the New Brunswick Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society.

by Pam Easton
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Residents of Neville House certainly got their exercise last weekend.

The group pushed a bed, with a person lying in it, from Saint John to Fredericton in the second-annual Neville House Bed Push fundraiser. All proceeds from the event will go to a local transition house.

House President Scott Stewart

said the trip took a little over 12 hours, departing Saint John at 10:00 p.m. and arriving in Fredericton around 10:30 a.m.

The trip had its moments of excitement. Along the way a tire blew, so the participants kept the bed rolling on the metal rim. After the wheel broke completely, and while it was being replaced, the Neville residents carried the mattress for 10 to 15 kilometers. When the new tire

blew near the Vanier Co-Op, the group just continued into Fredericton.

After months of organizing by the Neville House committee, the residents sold T-shirts and collected donations. According to Stewart, over \$2000 has been raised, with money still to come in.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or buy a T-shirt can call Scott at 450-6812.

'You picked a fine time to leave me loose wheel'

Neville House residents push bed



Neville House residents are on their last legs as they enter Fredericton after more than 12 hours of overnight bed pushing.
Photo courtesy of Scott Stewart

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