

NEWS

Bill C50 To Protect Children

By MIRIAN DEBLY

On Monday, Nov. 3rd, Justice Minister, Ray Hnityshyn gave a lecture to UNB law students. He discussed recent developments and initiatives in Canada to reform the Criminal Law. Hnityshyn, who is also the recently appointed Attorney General, focused on reforms concerning pornography in Canada. He plans to initiate new federal legislature to "Protect children from sexual abuse and exploitation."

He feels pornography is an increasing concern in Canada considering that one half of all Canadian females and one third of the males are victims of unwanted sexual acts. Most of these acts are directed towards children and youth. The people of Canada feel

there is unacceptable depiction of abnormal human behaviour and the law must set guidelines to prevent pornographic material from infiltrating society.

He will present "Bill C50 to prevent sexual interference exploitation and invitation". Specifically, concerning children under 14 and those students felt such a clause would allow too much freedom.

In addition, the Minister emphasized his proposal of the "Victims of Crime Act" which would protect the victims from any type of harassment and they would be given total consideration and sympathy. He is even recommending compensation for the victims for the under 18. Individuals will be guilty of an indictable offence when they benefit financially from prostitution. However,

controversy did arise concerning the Minister's suggestion to relax the criminal code to allow for scientific, education and artistic freedom. Some law trauma ensued.

Furthermore, he commented on initiation of a national system of drug reinforcement which would even provide communication with other countries to prevent international drug smuggling. He also proposed amendments to the "Tax Act", theft, fraud and vandalism. Concerning

the issue of "Hate Literature", he intends to legislate effective laws to protect minorities against unacceptable allegations and help defend and control hate propaganda.

When asked about the lack of environmental laws, he felt they were of prime importance but not top priority. In regards to a question about the "Vote on Capital Punishment" he commented, "our government's main objective is to elevate the economic situa-

tion and then focus on legal

Overall, the Minister placed prime emphasis on his reforms to the "Sexual Act." He proposes to alter the Evidence Act so as to allow children to testify on video without being intimidated by the presence of the accused in the courtroom. Hnityshyn proposes to present his Bills to legislature in late December. "No specific date has been set for the free vote on this issue."

Beat the Deans

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The second annual Beat the Deans Trivial Pursuit Challenge proved once again that Dean Andre Hughes and Professor Gerry Clarke are a tough team to topple. In fact, this feat was accomplished only twice in the three hour event. The contest was organized by the Education Society to raise money for UNICEF.

Organizer, and Education Society President, Dave Long, functioned as official score keeper for the challenge which raised \$78.00.

Throughout October, Marshal D'Avray Cafeteria staff members, Helen McKay and Gord Crilley ran a great button



Photo Jean-Louis Trembley

Dean Andrew Hughes (Educ) laughs off the competition at the UNICEF Beat the Deans Contest

sales and box campaign which raised almost \$200.00.

Although donations from all UNB contributions have not been tallied, the final total will be much better than last year.

Also helping to make this UNB UNICEF campaign the best ever, were the campus

book store, the sub store, and the sub cafeteria. Special thanks to Mgr. Joe Doerig.

UNICEF would like to thank those who contributed the hard cash - the essential resource - to help the children of developing countries reach the future.

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Weatherhead recommended that in order to relieve the SU debt, the council must negotiate a long term loan with UNB or a financial institution in order to continue to operate.

Brian Walsh, SU administrative director (appointed after the overthrow), recommended that the Student Disciplinary Committee proceed towards a draft of charges against those who allegedly misappropriated funds. Walsh also recommended "that legal council be directed to investigate and proceed with the

recovery of funds by means of small claims in the Court of Queen's Bench."

The council accepted both of Walsh's recommendations.

In a press release, the former SU executive called the audit "deceptive, incomplete and purposely misleading."

The press release condemns the hiring of Forbes, whom they say was fired as the SU lawyer over five years ago and was dismissed as lawyer of the Student Union Building Board of Directors after being accused of negligence.

In regards to Weatherhead's work on the audit, former Vice President (Services) Hugh Brown has indicated that he is reviewing a submission of a formal charge of professional misconduct to the provincial regulating body for auditors and accountants.

Former SU President John Bosnitch says that the financial misappropriation did not occur while his executive was in

charge. Bosnitch maintains that his executive was only in charge of finances for four months, and the audit covers a period of twelve months. Bosnitch says that the financial mismanagement occurred while Doug Burgess was in charge of SU finances, previous to Bosnitch's executive taking office. After the April "palace coup", Eric Semple took the comptroller's position. Burgess and Semple were both in charge of SU finances for a four month period respectively, out of the twelve month audit period.

The previous executive claims that all money spent after the overthrow in April was illegal. They plan to release an internal audit report "complete with authorizations for all payments made to individuals in the form of honoraria and salaries."



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TURKEY OF THE WEEK

A California woman who was advised by her doctor to avoid street drugs, abstain from sex and to take her prescribed medication, gave birth to a brain dead child and is now being charged with fetus abuse. Stanford University Professor Robert Mnookin, a specialist in family law claims, "As social policy, it is madness to use criminal sanctions to assure that mothers give adequate prenatal care."

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

Carl Sagan, astronomer and best-selling author was arrested for criminal trespassing at the Nevada Test Site. He and 138 other protesters, mainly health care professionals, were demonstrating against the continued U.S. nuclear testing in the face of a Soviet moratorium.

While the protest was going, the tenth underground bomb so far this year was detonated.

