

# NEWS

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## 10% of students do not believe in God

Results of Navigators survey at UNB

by Jonathan Stone

Ten percent of UNB students do not believe in God, according to a recent survey compiled by a spiritual group on campus.

The Navigators, a Christian fellowship organization, circulated a "Spiritual Attitude Survey" during orientation week and obtained over 2200 responses.

The survey consisted of four theme questions on God, The Bible, Jesus Christ and the Church, and was designed to gain insight into the spiritual attitudes of students.

"The numbers are interesting just to see the trends and the way people think," said organizer Ragner Oborn, "You always want to keep your finger on the pulse of how people are thinking about

spirituality."

The results were as follows:

Thirty-seven percent believe God is important in their lives, while 28% thought God was important but they knew little about him/her.

A third of those surveyed said that The Bible is God's word and that all it says is true, which, according to Oborn is a very conservative view.

Slightly more (36%) maintain that The Bible was written by those inspired by God but it contains some errors.

Eleven percent found The Bible irrelevant in their lives.

On the question of Jesus Christ, two-thirds of respondents believed that Jesus was the Son of God, rather than a moral teacher, a path to God or a fictional character.

"What surprised me was the high number who thought Jesus was the Son of God, which is a very religious answer. I expected that a higher percentage would have said he was just a moral teacher," said Oborn.

According to the survey, 36% of students do not go to church.

Oborn said he circulated a similar survey at Acadia University last year and obtained comparable results.

The Navigators are now in the process of contacting those surveyed who left their names and phone numbers.

"We're trying to provide a platform or a forum for students to help make our faith more involved with our everyday living," said Oborn.



Shown are three of the participants in Neill House's safe walk program. Kevin G. Porter photo

## Neill House safe walk program

by Erin Campbell

For the second year, Neill House is providing a safe walk programme for the female population of UNB.

The need for such a service, states Craig McInroy, who is in charge of the escort programme, was made obvious in the first month and a half of the 91-92 scholastic year. Approximately six sexual harassment's had been reported to campus security during this time. By creating the escort service, the Neill House committee hoped to provide security to female residents after dark and to discourage would-be attackers.

The Neill House service has the full support of UNB security. Rick Peacock, head of security, states that if the residence had not implemented a safe walk programme, campus police would have arranged for one. There is always a continuing need for an escort service on campus, Peacock says.

He also recommends the service for female students if they are walking alone or in twos after dark on campus, especially if they are in areas of potential risk.

Peacock reports that usage of the safe walk programme always increases after the report of an assault.

Female residents and proctors have expressed concern over the selection process of the escorts. McInroy states that the members are chosen very carefully by the house proctors. The names of the residents who will be walking the students to their destination are reported to security and to the clients. McInroy adds "It would be pretty stupid to try anything."

The escort service is available from 6 pm to dawn seven days a week. For anyone interested in the service, McInroy asks that clients contact security. Campus police then contacts Neill House and information about the escorter is then provided.

Members of the safe walk programme are easily identified by their bright yellow jackets. A student can expect a Neill House resident within 5 minutes. Although it is wished that the route extend only a mile beyond campus boundaries, the Neill House escort service is always willing to walk a student farther when necessary.

## "Loonie for Life" campaign

by Julie Egers

Due to funding cut backs by the provincial government, Chimo is seeking the support of the university community. Donation boxes were set up at various campus locations during their "Loony For Life" campaign that ran from September 28-30. Although the organization receives some aid from the United Way, without further resources, it will be forced to close.

Chimo is a Fredericton helpline that is equipped to provide friendship, information and support in a crisis. So as to be able to meet the needs of it's callers, all volunteers, go through an extensive 60 hour training course.

Presently they are staffed with 35 confidential volunteers who work to maintain this 24 hour service. The volunteers range from ages 18 to 80. New volunteers are welcome. Chimo provides applications for those wishing to get involved.

There is a continuing need for

this organization. It was established in 1971 and has since been a source of help to many. There was a total of 9,845 calls in 1991 alone. Out of these calls, 116 were pertaining to suicide. This is why Chimo puts alot of

focus on suicide education and intervention.

Although Chimo has been and continues to be vital to many in times of need, it can not do it alone. Show your support—"Give a Loony and save a life".



On Tuesday, Hogstar the Pig and Rowdy the Beaver helped to collect donations for CHIMO's Loonie For Life Campaign. Kevin G. Porter photo.

## UNB takes steps to improve quality of student life

Press Release

UNB's Task Force on the Quality of Student Life is looking for answers to the following questions from all members of the University community:

a) What do you feel are important determinants of quality in student life?

b) How effectively do you feel that UNB functions as a community?

c) does UNB offer an environment which encourages student learning? What are the

positive and negative elements in this environment?

d) What are the strong features of student life at UNB?

e) What aspects of student life at UNB need improvement?

The Task Force invites all students to provide us with your answers to the above questions. Please send your answers to the Office of the Dean of Arts or to *The Brunswickan* before Friday, November 13. Print "Task Force" on the envelope. Any questions should be directed to Mr. Stephen Stople at 453-

4613. or to Dean Kent at 453-4655.

After the submissions have been received, the Task Force will arrange meetings with those groups and individuals who have asked for an opportunity to meet with us to discuss their submissions. Consultation sessions will be arranged for November, December and, if necessary January. If you would like to meet with the Task Force, please inform Mr. Stople or Dean Kent. Co-chairs of the Task Force: Karen Gallagher, GSA and Peter Kent, Dean of Arts.

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by this because Fredericton has the only Rape Crisis Centre in the province and many other services intended to help women and children have been cut. Ms Deswarick's words did not end with protest. Celebration was dealt with as well.

The women gathered to honour all women who are dedicated in helping women and children across the country. Women who volunteer to get the job done. Women who work to keep places like the Rape Crisis Centre running. With the finishing of her speech the march was ready to begin.

The route took the group up Queen to Westmorland and from Westmorland to Brunswick St. From Brunswick St., the march headed down to Church St. where it crossed up Queen again to City Hall.

The turnout was favorable but with the awareness of women's

issues today, the women that put on the march would like to hope that there will be even more next year.

The evening ended with a speech given by Susan Turner. She discussed the Muriel McQueen Ferguson Foundation. This foundation provides funding for social services in addition to providing awareness to the public about issues such as violence against women. Their present project deals with family violence.

Furthermore, the Rape Crisis Centre invited everyone to gather in the centre and talk and enjoy food and refreshments. T-shirts were also being sold.

All in all the evening went well and if anyone needs to get in touch with the Rape Crisis Center their office hours are from 9 to 5. They can also be reached by phone at 454-0437.