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## Two more SUB employees lose jobs

BY DANIEL CLARK

Two more full-time employees have been let go from their duties in the Student Union Building (SUB).

This time, Joan Bradley, SUB Reservations, and Ronald Farrell, SUB Night Manager, were released in the name of restructuring. Both were in their first year of employment in the SUB.

"It wasn't a performance issue," said Dalhousie Student Union (DSU) President David Cox. "We have less money to work with than in the past, so we have to tighten our belts."

Previous employees that were fired by the DSU were SUB General Manager Steve Gaetz, who was fired in September, and Bar Services Manager Deborah Brown, who was fired in January.

But the circumstances are different in this instance, said Leech.

"They both did a solid job," he said. "It had nothing to do with Ronnie or Joan. They are both reasonable people who understand our need to restructure."

There is not only a financial savings with the restructuring, but also the fulfilment of a campaign promise, said Cox.

"We were elected on the platform that we would re-evaluate the way the DSU has run and we're doing that," he said. "First, we tried to perform the job of General Manager through committee, but that didn't work, so now we're trying this, and I believe that it will be most effective."

Cox responded angrily to the suggestion that there may be problems with year-to-year continuity and that there may be a lack of full-time staff to handle the transition.

"That is a very selfish opinion," he said. "I don't buy that. A student can learn just as much as a full-time employee. These are smart people who came to this school with good grades. They

### *Restructuring, not job performance, given as explanation*

can handle it."

The plan of the restructuring is to reduce the full-time staff to a bare minimum of six core positions. The former position of General Manager has been split between two positions: Executive Administrator and Director of Marketing. The other positions to be held by full-time employees are Executive Assistant, Manager of Bar Services, Facility Operations Manager, and Accountant.

"We are still trying to fill one position," said Leech. "Dave Cox

is directing the search for an Executive Administrator, but once that is done, we will be ready for any change."

"I have always been a big supporter of student jobs," said Cox. "I want to put a student in every possible student union position. It will provide valuable experience to the student, and can only benefit the union. We will choose the most dedicated and the most experienced person. Not to undermine the business program, but I believe that we are offering them

a co-operative experience."

Leech agreed.

"This really a great opportunity for the students," he said. "Not only to get a job, but also to receive valuable management experience."

The students who will fill the vacancies will become part of a two year apprenticeship program. There will be a senior student who will leave at the end of the year, and a junior student who will be tutored to succeed the senior student into the second year of the

position.

The students hired will be initially trained by Pat Martin, head of technical services.

"This man knows everything about this building," said Leech. "He trained both Joan and Ronnie, and they couldn't be in better hands."

Cox regrets that Farrell and Bradley were let go, and said that they have been helped with placement and recommendations. The exact details of their respective compensation packages are being kept confidential.

Neither Bradley nor Farrell were available for comment.

## Six men found guilty in frat beating

### *Watts more than ready to move on*

BY SAM MCCAIG

And life goes on for Darren Watts.

On Tuesday, February 27, the six men charged in the brutal beating of Watts in September, 1994 were found guilty of aggravated assault.

Two were also found guilty of aggravated assault on John Charman, and two were found guilty of aggravated assault on Rob Gillis.

Cyril Smith, Spencer Dixon, Stacey Skinner, Damon Cole, Herman McQuaid, and Guy Robart are presently in jail awaiting sentencing.

While he can take some satisfaction from the verdict, some of the issues that were raised during the course of the trial disappointed Watts.

"The case and the judgement has sometimes been pursued as a race issue and that really disturbs me," he said. "The race element is disturbing. It casts a lot of negative light on the local black community and that disturbs me. This

case isn't about race."

Andy Doyle, president of Watts' Phi Kappa Pi fraternity, agreed.

"I'm disgusted with the way people have made it out to be a racial issue, when it's not," he said. "It was mostly the defence lawyers...they attempted it in the courtroom, but the judge got fed up and told them to move to another line of questions. The issue had nothing to do with race."

It is not the racial issue that is on Watts' mind as he continues his road to recovery.

"As far as the legal aspect is concerned, it [the end of the trial] does represent some sort of closure," he said. "The health issue remains, and there are different emotional issues that I'll have to get through with help from my family and friends."

According to Doyle, injuries sustained in the beating have left Watts with trouble sleeping, seizures, and on medication.

"It'll probably affect him for the rest of his life," said Doyle. "He

had a brain injury; that's a major injury, it's not like a broken leg."

Despite the hardship caused, Watts sees no gain in brooding about his misfortune.

"Getting extremely angry would do no good for me, the case, or anyone else," he said. "I'm trying to look beyond the case and at my own life...go to school, and just do what I can normally."

But with the physical trauma of the beating and the two week coma that followed, "normal" has changed for Watts.

"He's not who he was, but he has come an incredibly long way," said Doyle. "He's probably come further already than anyone ever

expected."

Watts agreed that his life has changed because of the incident.

"It has to have a great impact on you," he said. "But I try to maintain my traditional ways. I try to not let it affect me, taking into consideration the limits."

Right now, Watts is happy to travel the territory that most other university students are presently experiencing.

"I just want to wrap up the semester on a strong note and I'm in the market for a summer job like a lot of my friends," he laughed. "It's a matter of getting the pieces together academically; I'm looking at grad school and then maybe medicine."

## Researcher denies possibility of human testing

BY ERIC SQUAIR

TORONTO (CUP) — Officials at the University of Toronto are checking into allegations that one of their researchers is heading to China to conduct medical experiments on human subjects without university approval.

In early February, the Toronto Star reported that physiology professor Andrew Sun intended to conduct experiments on humans in China, bypassing Health Canada approval for use of human subjects in research.

"We are checking into this with the leadership of the faculty of medicine," said Patrick Gutteridge, assistant to the vice-president of research at U of T.

"As long as Dr. Sun holds an appointment at U of T he is bound by U of T policy. He must submit a human subject research review that is acceptable to the university."

Sun made headlines last fall when he successfully transplanted

insulin-producing pig islet cells into diabetic monkeys, paving the way to a possible end of insulin injections. In a November article, Sun told a U of T student newspaper that he was seeking approval to begin testing on humans.

Following publication of the Star article, Sun denied the paper's claims, saying the story was a fabrication.

"I would appreciate it if you don't write anything," he said.

Concerns have been raised that Sun may be attempting to take advantage of the Chinese government's lack of regard for human rights, possibly resulting in research being performed on prisoners or on subjects who have not given informed consent.

"We are talking about responsibility here," said Dora Nipp, a member of the International Coalition for Human Rights in China, "and the Chinese government has not shown a lot of responsibility to its people in many ways, par-

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