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Dean of Students investigates alleged discrimination complaint Investigation progress slowed

by Karen Burgess

The office of the Dean of Students has yet to conclude its investigation into a complaint of alleged discrimination by a University representative in charge of one of UNB's off campus residences.

The complaint was made by a

prospective tenant of MacGee House. The student was apparently offended by a comment he interpreted as being prejudiced, that was made by Helga Stewart, who reviews all applicants for residency at the house.

Judith Potter, assistant Dean of Students, said that no decision

has been reached thus far on whether the remark made was in fact indicative of a true bias, or was simply a case of an inappropriate choice of phrasing.

Tom Austin, Dean of Students, commented that while the University will not tolerate unfounded discrimination, steps are still being taken to determine whether or not this matter is actually one of true prejudice. Progress in the conclusion of the case has been slowed due to the fact that the Dean's office has been unable to make further contact with the student who originally made the complaint.

When asked for her comment on the issue, Stewart's only response was that "This office does not discriminate and never has."

UNB's library circulation system updated

by Christine Monroe

What you don't know could cost you this September, when a new automated circulation system whirs into effect at the Harriet Irving, science and forestry, engineering, and education libraries on UNB's Fredericton campus. The system is similar to those found in many university libraries across Canada.

"Under the new system, a patron's borrowing privileges will be suspended for outstanding fines or long overdue material," said Pat Johnston, a librarian at UNB's Education Resource Centre who has been working closely with the system. "Once suspended, a patron will not be reinstated until all outstanding fines, processing charges and replacement costs have been settled and all overdue items are returned."

Planning for the new circulation system began in the fall of 1988, with system testing starting in mid 1990. Previously, the approximately half million books that are circulated over the course of a year were checked in and out through a complex and costly manual system. With the

automated system using bar codes the process is simplified. Instead of counter staff handling book cards, they scan the bar-coded labels with wands.

"The new system is not only easier, but it is also more efficient and cost effective," said Johnston. "It will allow for more control in implementing and maintaining the new policies and procedures." The system will also provide additional services to users, such as indicating the loan status of a book in the library's online catalogue.

"Some aspects of the system will not change," Johnston added. "Renewals will still be available, and borrowers will still be responsible for lost, missing and unreturned items."

Under the new system, all borrowers must have a valid bar-coded university card which, if lost, can be replaced for a \$5 fee. The responsibility for issuing cards to full- and part-time students rests with the registrars' offices at St. Thomas University and UNB. Faculty-staff cards and cards for retired faculty/staff are issued by personnel services at UNB and by the president's office at STU.

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"substitute" contains the exact same medication in the same strength as the "name brand", with comparable safety standards.

Secondly, some members of faculty and staff have expressed anger over the fact that certain drugs and medical supplies must be paid for in advance and then a claim filed in the same manner as students. Items in this category include certain prescription drugs, as well as diabetic and home health care supplies.

In the matter of oral contraceptives, SU President Greg Lutes feels that there is considerable study to be done. In

particular, a committee is to be formed to determine whether the issue of contraception and health insurance is indeed relevant to students.

Mr. Lutes claimed that a large portion of students have health insurance covered under their parents' plan and from their jobs. He feels that the exact percentage must be determined so that the council can go with the feelings of the majority of the students.

To this end, the SU is preparing a survey for students, aimed at determining how many have other forms of health insurance, and what exactly students submit claims for and what they would like covered. If student interest from the study should warrant it, there exists the possibility of another referendum in the future.

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Sexual assault survey planned

by Pat FitzPatrick

In an attempt to determine the types and frequencies of sexual assault on campus, UNB Counseling Services have commissioned a survey of students.

The study comes at an especially appropriate time, in view of the sexual assaults on campus last year, as well as heightened media attention due to recent changes in the Canadian legal system with regards to sexual assault cases. Funding for the project has been contributed by several sources, including U.N.B. and the U.N.B. Student Union. It is hoped that other contributions will be made

within the near future to assure the success and completion of the venture.

SU President Greg Lutes applauds the survey, expressing the hope that the survey will result in a "higher degree of education for the students and public, and outreach services to the victims."

According to Tom Austin, Dean of Students, the survey will be completed in one comprehensive stage, and stressed that to make the survey as valid as possible, it will be carried out on campus under the close supervision of the University and experts in the field of sexual assault counselling.

Varsity Mania scaled down

by Murray Carew

Varsity Mania, a four year old U.N.B. program geared at promoting school spirit, will be scaled down this year.

According to Darren Comeau, co-ordinator of Varsity Mania, due to the lack of participation at last year's events it was decided that Varsity Mania would cover only seven major events during the academic year, rather than nine.

During the '91 orientation week, Varsity Mania will be supporting the Terry Fox Run, Shinerama, and the Bucket Bonanza.



A new automated circulation system becomes effective this September at the Harriet Irving, science and forestry, engineering, and education libraries on UNB's Fredericton campus. Yolande Gagnon, right, at the circulation desk in the Harriet Irving Library checks out a book for Linda Rauch, a student, using the system.