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Now students can pick up prescriptions on campus

photo by Mike Dean

Drugs to be found in Help Centre

by Peter J. Cullen
Brunswickan News

How many people are looking forward to trudging uphill through a violent blizzard with a sickening ailment just to get your medical prescription filled at the mall?

Since you may not exactly relish this idea, take solace in the new program offered by the Help Centre in the Student Union Building, and Collins Pharmacy Ltd. Just drop your doctor's prescription off at the SUB before supper and it will be filled, returned, and ready for ingestion before your Neo-Citron takes effect.

But how much will you have to pay for this incredibly helpful service? Why, nothing at all! Due to begin before the end of September, the venture is designed "so students won't have to take cabs and so they won't have to leave the campus when they're sick," said Student Services Vice-President Tricia

Davidson.

Concerned with the well being of ill students, Davidson began formulating and organising the program in mid-summer. But now her plan is almost ready to be implemented. "There is no fee. The goal is just to provide a service for students," she said.

As the participating pharmacy, Collins Pharmacy Ltd. appears extremely optimistic about the new service. Pharmacist Jeannie Collins Beaudin sympathises with the students' past predicament. "This will save time. Students usually have to hike to the pharmacy, wait 10 to 15 minutes for the prescription, and then hike back," Beaudin said.

Since Beaudin rents out portions of her house to students, she observes the benefits of the program firsthand. "It's a problem [for the students] if they have no transportation or aren't feeling well. I can see how much they appreciate the service," said Beaudin.

The only exercise the students must

endure is the journey to the Help Centre. "As long as they drop [the prescription] off by 4 PM, the pharmacist will come to pick it up between 4 and 5 and bring it back in a couple of hours," Davidson said.

To save even more time, Beaudin suggests having your doctor phone the pharmacy to request the medication. "Doctors can phone directly and it makes it a little more efficient. If the doctors are willing to phone ahead it spreads the workload," stated Beaudin.

Beaudin also points out one small formality. "We need information on students but they can fill out a form at the Help Centre," she said. "It's mainly to do with [the students'] drug programs, side effects, and new prescriptions."

So you need no longer fear catching a double dose of pneumonia while fetching your prescription. Just send your roommate to the SUB for you. But make sure you do the same for them when they catch your cold...

Thieves walk with Equipment

by Peter J. Cullen
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On August 28, an extremely valuable piece of audio-visual equipment was blatantly stolen from the Media Studies department on the third floor of Keirstead Hall.

Temporarily placed in the hallway while other items were being moved, the FOTOVIX, a \$3000 digitizing device, was discovered.

Valerie Pumple had been transferring equipment between the Media Lab and the attic and had amassed several items in the corridor throughout the day. By the end of the afternoon, the FOTOVIX had vanished. "I was moving equipment and I moved it from here (the

Media Lab room) and put it in the hallway. Somebody just walked off with it," said a distressed Pumple.

The FOTOVIX makes it possible for students to transmit images from slides or VCR stills and duplicate the pictures on computer. Pumple said, "If students had slide photos, they could project it onto video. It was a very unique piece of equipment." The department truly laments the loss of the digitizer.

However, it is doubtful that the parties responsible for its theft were aware of what exactly they were stealing since the FOTOVIX was packaged in an unmarked case. "They took it and didn't know what they were taking. They didn't take the attachments ... they probably thought it was a video camera," said Pumple. Vickie MacLeod, the Media Lab Co-ordinator, hopes that the culprits responsible will have a change of heart after discovering what the case contained. The expensive cost of the video processor casts large doubts on whether the lab will purchase another FOTOVIX.

"I don't know if we can ever replace it. It would just be nice to have it back," MacLeod said. So far the campus security and police have had no luck in recovering the stolen object. Richard Peacock, Director of Security and Traffic at UNB Fredericton, described the theft as a crime of opportunity.

"The briefcase was there and the culprit may not have known what was in there, possibly thinking it was a laptop computer," he said. Peacock also commented that stolen goods are often recovered when the thieves realize the implications of what they have done.

Through anonymous phone calls, campus security has occasionally found pilfered objects abandoned by crooks. The Audio Visual department hinges their hopes on this occurrence. "It would just be nice to have it back," MacLeod commented.

If you have information concerning the whereabouts of the item or the persons responsible for this theft, Crime Stoppers is waiting for your call at 1-800-222-TIPS. Your anonymity is assured.

UNBSU Consumer's Guide in error

by Cynthia Kirkby
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The *Consumer's Guide*, a UNB Student Union production intended to help students learn about UNB's rules, regulations, courses and effectiveness of professors, is now out, errors and all.

"Due to an 'error in the layout', the numbers for strongly disagree and strongly agree were reversed under the section of Effective Teacher, *The Guide* Editor Joseph Fitzpatrick explained.

The mistake, which could mislead students who turn to *The Guide* for information on how their peers feel about UNB courses, was not

noticed until after it had been printed and shipped back to the university. To rectify the situation, Fitzpatrick had errata sheets printed and inserted in every copy, explaining the mistake.

"Because it was already in transit, there was no way to print an extra page. The costs of reprinting it would have been close to \$14,000, and that was just an unacceptable loss," Fitzpatrick said. "The cost for the sheets was only \$125."

Professor Judy Roy,

backwards." Because of the error, the *Guide* reported that 109 students strongly disagreed that she was an effective teacher, while 0 agreed.

Fitzpatrick made a similar comment: "When you look at the evaluations as a whole, you notice that there's a real difference.

"There's zeroes in all the strongly disagree columns and then all of a sudden there's the largest number for [effective teacher]. So, if you were in the class it'll strike you as odd. Hopefully that will strike many



The Guide's error could have cost students more

whose *Verbal Communications BA 2001* course evaluation was one of the most affected by the error, commented that she "felt that the reputation of the course was strong enough that students would assume that something was wrong or

students."

Fitzpatrick, who took over *The Guide* from its first editor, Shona Bertrand, accepted responsibility for the mistake saying that he "laid it out wrong."