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Unwanted Sexual Experiences report released

by Karen Burgess

UNB Counselling Services has released its "Report of the Survey of Unwanted Sexual Experiences".

The report is the conclusion of a survey done in October 1991 of students from UNB (Fredericton) and STU. The report's purpose was to "assess the incidences and circumstances of unwanted sexual experiences among both male and female students at UNB-F and STU during the previous year."

The survey found that more than one quarter of respondents (28.6%) reported having one or more unwanted sexual experiences in the past year.

The report was written by Larry Finkelman, of Counselling Services, based on responses to a questionnaire devised by Lucia O'Sullivan, a graduate student in psychology. Professor of psychology Dr. Sandra Byers acted as research analyst for the

project, with Todd Oliver as research assistant.

Finkelman says the statistics regarding the number of students who are victims of unwanted sexual experience are "quite comparable" to statistics compiled in the United States. He says that because there is very little information of this nature based on Canadian statistics, and none with regards to the Maritimes, UNB and STU are pioneering with this survey.

Finkelman comments that "virtually all the information that we are hearing about acquaintance rape among college and university students, or about unwanted sexual experiences among (those same students) comes up from the States. So, it really doesn't leave us in a good position to plan programs or policies."

He says now that the survey has been done, UNB and STU are among "the most informed universities in Canada" with

regards to students' unwanted sexual experiences.

The report says that those students who reported having experienced unwanted sexual attention "tend to be female, younger, and not living with romantic partners."

As well, it states that "most incidents of sexual aggression tended to take place in the context of a social relationship. Almost 1/3 of the respondents reported being victimized by a boyfriend or girlfriend (30.4%), 19.2% reported being victimized by a non-romantic friend, and 15.2% reported being victimized by an acquaintance."

When asked how many students come to Counselling Services with reports of victimization of this nature, Finkelman points out that the majority of students experiencing unwanted sexual attention do not report the occurrence.

The Report on the Survey of Unwanted Sexual Experiences

states that only about half of the students responding that they had had unwanted sexual experiences talked about the victimization. Most of these (92.1%) told friends, few told people of authority: residence proctor/don (4.9%), university security (1.6%), city police (1.6%), counsellor (4.9%) or medical doctor (3.3%).

Interestingly, only 11.7% of respondents reported having engaged in some form of sexually aggressive behavior on two or more occasions.

Some of the types of pressure reported by those having had an unwanted sexual experience are as follows: continual arguments or pleading (75.4%), ignoring requests to stop the behavior (71.3%), manipulating by sulking or silence (48.0%), and that the person was bigger and stronger (39.8%).

The report outlines three recommendations for the administrations involved. The

first is that UNB-F and STU should clearly communicate that sexually aggressive behavior is not acceptable. Finkelman says that the universities should set up a task force to examine existing policies.

The second recommendation is that universities' programs should take into consideration the circumstances of sexual aggression among students. The report's third recommendation is that there should be better coordination of programs established to deal with unwanted sexual attention.

Finkelman points out that the Universities of PEI and Cape Breton have recently had to examine their policies with regards to sexual aggression in light of violent sexual assaults perpetrated on both campuses. He says that "UNB is right to want to look into the problem in a more comprehensive way before a crisis should occur."

Allegations of misused Campus Police funds

by Aime Phillips

An unnamed source has disclosed information to The Brunswickan concerning the fraudulent misuse of Campus Police funds.

The allegations concern a former member of the Campus Police. The source alleges that a student billed the university and received remuneration for shifts not worked.

Ric Peacock, Director of UNB Security, admitted that after a close look at the 1991-92 financial records "a discrepancy was discovered, what we thought was an overpayment."

Peacock, who is responsible for the allocation and distribution of the Campus Police Budget in part with the Campus Police chief, explained that the Campus Police budget is examined each year to see if clients were billed and paid, and to see if the student members were paid.

Peacock further stated that he spoke with the student in question at the time of the discovery and that "the student agreed it was an overpayment. The overpayment is being reimbursed."

Peacock declined to comment on the amount of the overpayment. The source claims the amount is approximately in the range of \$5 000.

The source also alleges that this overpayment contributed to an exhausted budget towards the end of the winter term, culminating at the point that Campus Police patrols were canceled.

Peacock says this information is incorrect, explaining that the funds allocated for patrols are derived from a different budget. Money is set aside for weekend patrols in Security (budget). Every year the budget is exhausted. He said that it is not uncommon to exhaust that portion of the budget.

The unnamed source claims the issue of the overpayment is an important student concern as these funds ultimately came from tuition. Peacock concluded that "there were some discrepancies that I was concerned about. It was discussed and the matter was resolved so that there was no loss to the university."

Student Union Council notes: Monday, November 9, 1992

The Student Union Council meeting held on Monday, November 9, discussed several issues of interest to students.

In light of an application by a political youth party, the Student Union Council voted to amend the Union's by-laws to exclude political parties from recognition as Student Union Clubs or Societies.

Groups given recognition can use the Student Union's name in conjunction with their own. Even those groups given non-financial recognition would receive the benefits of the Union's resources through the free use of rooms in the SUB for meetings, photocopying, and the poster run.

The Student Union Council also announced the distribution of a SUB Expansion Survey in selected classes next week. The survey was approved by the task force set up earlier this year to examine the issue of SUB expansion.

"Coke is it" on UNB campus

by Jonathan Stone

Coke is it; or at least it now will be at UNB.

The university administration has negotiated a five-year exclusivity contract with Coca-Cola, worth an expected \$220 000.

"It's a commitment on the part of the university to do certain things that allow Coca-Cola to sell and advertise on campus," said James O'Sullivan, Vice-President of Finance and Administration.

"The whole idea of it is to help the student council, but at the same time work out a relationship that is beneficial to both," said Bernie Roy, Coke's Sales Manager.

"We have to derive enough sales to offset the amount of money that we spend at the university, and the only way we can do that is if we have something in writing," he added.

Under the terms of the deal, the Student Union will receive \$60

000 in cash and merchandise for student clubs and programs. The remaining \$160 000, in the coffers of the administration, will likely go to athletics.

"The Student Union's going to allocate money as it sees fit, and the university will do the same," said O'Sullivan.

"A lot of it will go into athletics, if not most of it," he said. "They (Coke) have a concern that the name of Coca-Cola appears in a good light; that's what they're spending their money for," he added. "I can't think of how we would propose something that would not appeal to them."

He suggested that some of the administration's existing budget for athletics can be used elsewhere.

"The money that would have gone into the athletics program will be available for scholarships, the library and God knows what else."

The Athletics department can now expect funds for programs,

intercollegiate athletics and intramurals.

Roy stated that most major universities in Atlantic Canada have similar contracts.

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Pepsi products will be available only at the Aitken Centre, the Social Club and the SUB convenience store, where existing contracts still reside.

As well, Pepsi advertising will still be visible on the scoreclock of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym, since it is a sponsor of the AUAA.



UNB has signed a five-year exclusivity contract with Coca-Cola Ltd. Kevin G Porter photo.