

Hostile environment ?

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Student Council will discuss a complaint of sexual harassment by a former Brunswickan staff member when it meets next week.

Following an incident last term in which she felt her personal rights had been violated, former Features Editor Karen Jean Braun filed a formal complaint with the Student Union describing the Brunswickan office as an unhealthy and hostile work environment.

V-P External Larry Hanson says that Council, as publishers of the Brunswickan and representatives of the students that fund it, have a responsibility to investigate the matter.

Ernest Dunphy, managing editor of the Brunswickan commented: "I don't think that the Bruns ever constituted an unhealthy and hostile environment" but added, "I think conditions were less than desirable, but that's to be expected when we're working under pressure created by our deadlines."

Braun has also criticized what she terms sexist and offensive content in the paper. Her intention in filing the complaint is to draw attention to what she feels to be discriminatory practices within the Bruns organization, and to its lack of a formal, written editorial policy. She also wants to test the mechanisms established by the University

to deal with cases such as hers, to see if they are adequate.

Both Braun and Hanson suggest the establishment of an independent Board of Directors to oversee the publication of the paper as a possible solution to the problem, if a Student Union investigation determines that one does in fact exist.

In Dunphy's view, his opinion of an independent publishing board would depend on "it's (the Board's) role in Brunswickan affairs, and the day to day operations of the paper."

Student Senators Unite

For the first time since students at UNB gained representation on the Board and Senate, representatives have formed a council. The student senators will work together under the name of the Senators' Students' Council to form a stronger voice on campus.

The mandate of the Senators' Students' Council, founded by Senator Susan Forestell, will be to solicit input from the student body on issues concerning academic and other Senate matters. The council will also keep the campus informed of developments in the Senate.

The council is presently seeking official recognition from the University Senate as a standing committee. Any students wishing to express their concerns to the council may do so by contacting Senator Susan Forestell, Chairman at 453-9093 or by writing, via campus mail to Senator Morag Duncan, Secretary, Box 135, Lady Dunn Hall, UNB.



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What's the world coming to?

Northwestern Bell Telephone decided to discontinue "Gab-teen," a party line service for teen-agers. The company acted after a Minneapolis television station monitored the service for four days and provided tapes in which callers made drug deals and adults solicited teens for sex.

-Chicago Sun Times

Agriculture officials in Jakarta, Indonesia have urged restaurants there to stop selling dog meat curry. Officials are also considering a ban on chicken curry made from chickens that have been run over by cars.

-New York Times

Percentage of recruited students athletes at Division 1 NCAA universities who graduate 67%

Percentage of all students at those universities that graduate - 59%.

-Harper's

Two deaf and mute men were caught trying to open a cabinet at Moos school in Chicago after they failed to notice the frantic hand signals of a third deaf mute lookout who was trying to warn them the police were coming.

-Chicago Tribune

While rubbing a toad probably won't give you warts, it might give the toad a hard-on.

-George Carlin

Italy's Radical Party has apparently seen enough of their most famous member, porno-queen-cum-politician Ilona (Ciccolina) Staller.

The Radical Party is embarrassed by the exposure she has received, and is complaining that she is not keeping abreast of the important issues.

Ms. Staller, however, is not trying to cover anything up and admits to mistakes of naivety and misjudgement.



Mutants for nukes