

# Council Watch

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This week's council meeting began with an annual report from Student Union General Administrator, Barb Kirk. Under the headline of Campus Entertainment, Kirk reported that after a busy start, Eastern tours haven't been very popular this fall resulting in few events. However, she expects the entertainment scene to pick up with a good selection of other bands arriving in time for Winter Carnival. Kirk also reported that the Student Union saved \$1000 in the area of the Brunswickan and The Cellar this past year. The Union received an additional amount of \$16,820 from the university this week. The cheque was to make up for money the Union discovered it was promised but had not received over the course of the exclusive sale of Coke products. A cheque for \$6,080 is expected to follow next spring, marking the end of the Coke contract.

Included in Kirk's report was an update on this year's new additions to the Paper Trail. New services include a binding service and a drop-off for prescriptions, Kirk added that plans for video rentals are in the process.

A report on the first month of the Paper Trail was not available at the Council meeting, though Davidson indicated it would be ready for next week.

In this week's Student Services report, Tricia Davidson reminded council of numerous services available at the Student Resource Centre. Open from 10 AM to 4:30 PM, five days a week, the Centre receives approximately 20 inquiries daily. Davidson is proud of the "outpouring of generosity of time shown by student volunteers." Besides its various student services, the Centre has also launched the Terry Fox Run and the Employment Opportunities services. Davidson hopes to have an "A to Z Pamphlet" available soon in order to educate students of services provided. The Resource Centre recently hosted a Computer Workshop, however, it may be the last time for such an event as student turn out was poor. The Resource Centre has tentative plans to hold a Study Skills Workshop in preparation for exams.

Davidson reported that the Murial McQueen Ferguson Foundation for Research into Family Violence hopes to hold a workshop on relationships at the end of the month.

Davidson also reported on a recent meeting with the co-ordinator for Students with Disabilities. Sandra Latchford says she is pleased with recent renovations which have made areas such as the Student Health Centre more accessible for those with disabilities.

Reflecting on this year's Health Plan procedure, Davidson expressed some frustration with Blue Cross. In comparison to last year, Davidson felt that there was a distinct lack of efficiency demonstrated by Blue Cross.

Davidson then introduced Jeff Melanson, a member of the AIDS New Brunswick Board of Directors, former Chair of the UNB Student Union Council, Arts Councilor, and Chair of UNB Orientation 1995. On behalf of AIDS New Brunswick, Melanson introduced the Pill Bottle

Campaign. The advocacy campaign is designed to show support of the renewal of the National AIDS Strategy. The campaign is targeted to show the Prime Minister that AIDS is a major social issue. Students are urged to get an empty pill bottle, remove the label, and then write any message you want and insert it into the pill bottle. Students then insert the bottle into an envelope and mail it to: Prime Minister Jean Chretien, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9. The postage is free!

For more information, students are invited to contact Jeff Melanson.

Davidson reported that she has received a number of calls and e-mails concerning parking. "The Lawyers are pissed," she said. While Traffic and Security Director Rick Peacock says that parking is only a student problem, Davidson suggested that council organise faculty and students in a campaign to rectify the situation. Davidson said it was not a matter of how much parking space is available, rather how those spaces are assigned.

VP External Anthony Knight headlined this week's external report with the announcement that there will be no more higher taxes on books. However, the 7% tax is still applicable. Knight also announced that he and other executives are presently working improving working relations with UNBSJ. In other provincial news, the Universite de Moncton is expected to vote in a referendum Wednesday, October 30 to join the New Brunswick Student Alliance. Moncton is the only University in New Brunswick which is not a member of the New Brunswick Student Alliance.

Knight requested that council allocate funds so that he and President Hellmeister could attend the November 11 conference of Atlantic Student Union. \$800 was set aside for this conference, which will be held at Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.

Knight also announced that CASA attended the Liberal Policy meeting in Ottawa recently with apparently positive results.

Scholten reported on two meetings she had with the Cellar Board of Directors, on which she sits as Treasurer. Scholten announced that the University has agreed to allow Bar Services to extend its services to areas other than the Student Union Building.

In other news, Scholten said she had said a letter to CHSR concerned a number of long distance telephone calls which were not accompanied by the proper paperwork. Because individuals neglected to fill out standard log sheets, calls such as one to British Columbia which lasted over an hour are not itemized in the logs kept by the CHSR Station Manager, Tony Sekulich, but the bill must still be paid.

Scholten, who admits that it is not the monetary value of the calls, which total \$5-7 dollars (less than .1% of the phone budget), is more concerned about the access to phones with long distance capabilities. Last year, CHSR spent \$10,000 on phones while the UNB Student Union spent \$8,500.

VP University Affairs Anoushka Courage discussed the possibility of reducing the current constitution by revising it and adding a policy

manual. She also announced that the Student Union Building Advisory Committee has been reviewing the leases with tenants, which expire next August.

President Joie Hellmeister reported that she, along with two other council members attended the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Ceremony this week. Hellmeister explained that their attendance was an effort to get the Student Union more involved in community events.

Regarding a recent misprint published in *The Brunswickan*, Hellmeister read extracts of a letter of apology from Editor-in-Chief, Mary Rogal-Black sent to the all residences and copied to Hellmeister.

Hellmeister also read from an irate individual who went so far as to request a refund of the \$10 portion of his student fee assigned to *The Brunswickan*. However, Student Council Executives emphasised that this is not an option, and that if students have complaints, they should address them to *The Brunswickan*.

Hellmeister mentioned that she had planned to attend a conference in Montreal on Financial Aid awareness. However she may now be left without transportation.

Congratulations goes out to Matt Penney, Engineering, the representatives from Business, Forestry, Nursing, and Computer Science, who raised \$1,600 for the Boys and Girls Club in this year's Penny Drive! Penney noted, however, that the Engineers raised the most money.

The annual report from Student Union Beverage Services, the company which oversees the operations of the Cellar, was made to Council by SUBS Board of Directors Chair Shona Bertrand accompanied by fellow Board member, Richard Williams, who sits as Chair of SMART-PACC, and Bar Manager, Darryl Kent.

Bertrand outlined the financial position of SUBS Inc. Starting with a brief outline of the Cellar's history, Bertrand stated that the Cellar's purposes are to serve the members of UNB Student Union while promoting alcohol education. Through measures such as an expanded juice menu, food service, and profits directed to Smart Pacc, The Cellar's Board of Directors aims to provide a responsible service.

Among other things, SUBS Inc. allows Wet/Dry licensing for campus entertainment while The Cellar is used as a venue to reflect different interests. In January 1996, SUBS Inc. began providing bar services in the Student Union Building. In her summary of operations, Bertrand explained that things have really picked up. "At the end of last year, things were pretty grim." Although The Cellar reported a loss of \$3,000, this deficit has been significantly decreased from the previous year's loss of \$42,000.

Bertrand says that sales are way up and that expenses have been cut without negatively affecting operations. Although restricted by space, The Cellar has recently improved its operations with the purchase of a sound system and a pool table. The Cellar hopes that SUB expansion will bring with it a short order kitchen and outdoor patio for The Cellar.

## Security installs another camera at the SUB

# This building has two eyes

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Big brother is back. Last year, *The Brunswickan* reported that a security camera was being installed outside of the Student Union Building (SUB) facing the parking lot. This week, a camera is being installed on the opposite side, to monitor the expanse between the SUB, Harrison House and Bridges House.

"It's an aid to help us do our job, so we can visually monitor that whole big courtyard without having a person walking in that area," explained Rick Peacock, Director of Traffic and Security.

The camera, which Peacock estimates will cost about \$10,000, is more a preventative measure than a response to problems on campus. "It's an area that's heavily traveled. We found the one in front of the SUB very useful - we've witnessed a few disturbances in front of the building - so we asked for a grant for one for the back, and we got it."



This camera was installed at the back of the Student Union Building this week, so Security can monitor campus more effectively. PAT FITPATRICK PHOTO

## Student Union and Bruns on web

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Ignore the posted office hours; the Student Union is available 24 hours a day.

The Student Union now has its own homepage (<http://www.unb.ca/web/unbsu/>), to provide information to students.

"It's a current awareness initiative to spread the message that the Union is here," said Mark Morgan, Publications Editor for the SU. "It has a wide array of Student Services, and items to get to know the union: who's who, what's what."

The site includes information about services like SMART PACC, the Student Resource Centre (SRC), and the Anti-Poverty Foundation, which is available from various places on campus. "It's just an alternative format. This information is also available from the SRC and the Business Office; the web conglomerates everything."

"To my knowledge, we're not putting anything out of business," he added. However, Morgan stated that he believes there is a link to the Consumer's Guide information.

He referred to the site as "the electronic advancement of the page that used to appear in *The Brunswickan* [the Student Union page]," and compared it to the now-defunct HIP-DIAL. "It's more interactive than HIP-DIAL. It's visual-based more than auditory, with a sound bite here and there."

Morgan is finding, however, that he cannot update the site as frequently as he'd like. "I'd like to be able to put up Council Minutes as they're approved," he said, "but class commitments and technological difficulties, and other projects I'm working on impede my updates."

Morgan says the site has received some feedback since it began this year. "The current revamp is more visually appealing but takes a bit to download if your computer is slow. I'm trying to improve why people would want to be at the web site by linking to other

SU organizations and bodies, and linking to places where students can download information."

One of these informative sites is *The Brunswickan's* own web site (<http://www.unb.ca/web/bruns/>), which is updated weekly with all the stories in the current print issue. The individual sections (news, entertainment, opinion, sports,

distractions, and photo), which can be reached through the main page, contain archives dating back to April of this year. Stories from last year (when the site began) can be reached through *The Brunswickan's* search engine, which is also accessible off the main page.



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