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Committee combats sexual harassment on campus

Harassment curbed

by Shari Narine

The director of the President's Advisory Committee on Sexual Harassment (PACSH) says the existence of the committee can be a deterrent to sexual harassment on campus.

"People shape up because of the possibility of a formal complaint," said Dr. Leslie Bella, chair of PACSH.

The committee was established in 1982 by University President Myer Horowitz. It began as a study committee on sexual harassment which recommended a permanent committee to be established to handle complaints and do preventative work.

PACSH consists of eight people from four different associations: the Association of Academic Staff of the U of A, the Non-Academic staff association and the Students' Union.

The president selects PACSH members from names recommended by these associations. A man and a woman are chosen from each association along with eight alternatives.

PACSH has jurisdiction over academic and non-academic staff and students. Although the committee has no real power over independent businesses on campus, it does have the right to strongly suggest to the president that a lease be terminated.

Dr. Bella said PACSH handles both heterosexual and homosexual complaints and added that men, not only women, make use of the committee.

The Advisory Committee works on the Alberta Human Rights Commission and the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT). Bella said many of the situations PACSH deals with fall within one of the CAUT guidelines: "an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or academic environment."

There are a number of stages in the complaint procedure. An individual with a problem must first contact a PACSH member, the member will then meet the complainant within one week.

Parking Registry forced to close

by Neal Watson

The SU Parking Registry has been forced to shut down operation due to a City of Edmonton bylaw enforcement campaign.

The Parking Registry provided students with a list of area residents willing to rent out their property for parking.

But the City's Land Use Control department is enforcing an existing bylaw that prohibits residents from renting out their property for parking.

Nester Chumer of the Land Use Control section says the city does not permit residential areas to be used for commercial parking. Residents are not allowed to use their property for commercial gain.

According to SU Housing and Transport Commissioner Grant Borbridge, the Parking Registry oper-

ated last year, and was quite successful this year until the City began to act.

"We have had offers for a lot of spots," said Borbridge. "People out there are willing to help."

Borbridge said a complaint from a resident in Windsor Park may have been the impetus for the City's action.

As well, Borbridge said the SU expected word from the City by the end of the week on the proposed shuttle service from Emily Murphy and William Hawrelak parks to the university.

If the City approves the service, Borbridge said it would be in operation by next week.

The plan, which has already received approval from the University, would employ university vans to transport students.

Then, either a complaint is signed or another method of solving the problem is suggested.

Bella said often complainants have not informed the person in question that his or her behaviour is seen as offensive. She may then suggest the complainant notify the alleged offender.

If the individual fears repercussions, Bella suggests that he or she forward a copy of a letter to the alleged offender and one to PACSH.

After initial contact, a two-member assessment panel, usually consisting of Bella and another PACSH member, meets within two weeks. The panel quickly assesses whether the behaviour described fits the criteria of the AHRC and CAUT.

The lengthiest stage is the investigation, when the complainant and the respondent are notified. A three-member investigative panel meet and then, if necessary, the complainant, the respondent, and the panel meet together.

The panel makes a full report to the president along with recommendations the president may or may not accept.

Bella said last year, the committee

heard twelve complaints, of which only two reached the formal complaint stage. No one was found guilty in either case.

Bella feels that PACSH is most successful when it is able to solve problems without formal complaints.

She said a formal complaint can be very upsetting and lead to much "human wreckage."

PACSH also emphasizes educating people about sexual harassment. Bella has done a lot of media work and, if requested, is willing to talk to different associations. PACSH also distributes pamphlets.

Individuals seeking aid from PACSH can either see the coordinator, Mrs. Solomon at University Hall or Dr. Bella at the Physical Education Building. Individuals may also call 432-TALK (8255) to discuss a certain concern or to arrange a convenient meeting place to speak with a PACSH member.

A summary of the PACSH annual report appears on page 3.

Man dies in wild res party

U of S cracks down on alcohol permits

Saskatoon (CUP) — The death of an 18-year-old man following a rowdy university residence party has prompted the administration at the University of Saskatchewan to crack down on student drinking.

Administrators, shocked by the death of Shawn Reineke, have refused to issue any more liquor permits at the university for an undetermined period of time. Reineke's body was found September 29 in a residence garbage bin after having been dropped seven storeys down a garbage disposal chute.

Reineke, a native of Hodgeville, Sask., was discovered in the early morning following a September 28

party and died at the university hospital shortly before noon. Some residents say the body was covered in mustard, whipped cream and residue from a fire extinguisher.

Saskatoon police confirmed that the body was covered in a "white foamy substance" and say they suspect foul play. Alcohol played a large part in the man's death, according to police. They have questioned numerous people already.

"I'm sure somebody knows something but we haven't talked to anyone who does yet," police inspector Grabowski said.

Resident manager Neil Nickel said Reineke did not likely fall into the garbage chute, leading police to suspect he was shoved. "These are standard garbage chutes," said Nickel. "We are amazed that someone could in fact get in these — if that is the case." He refused to elaborate.

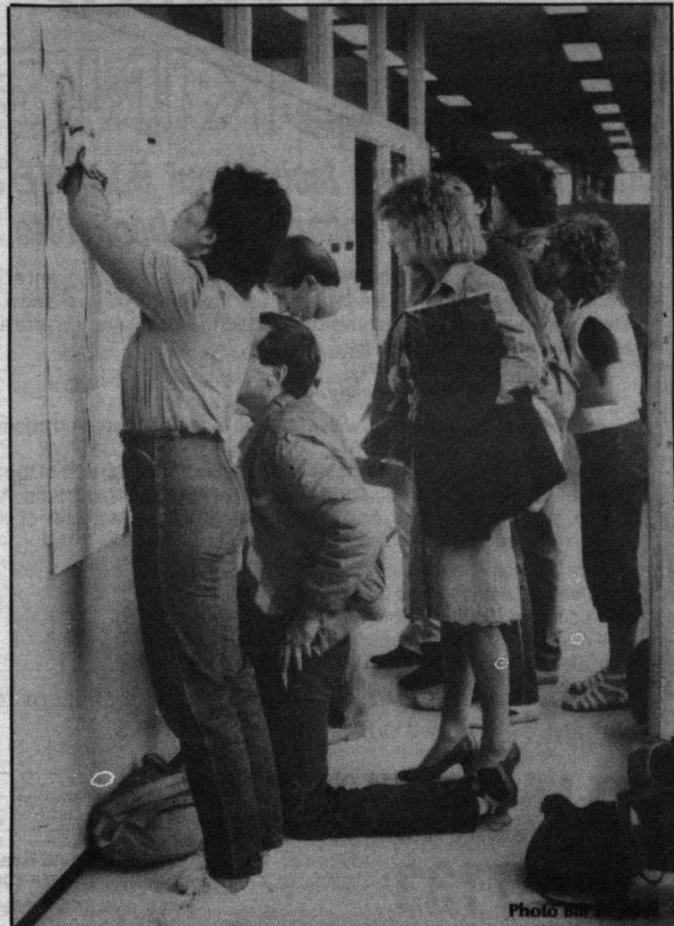
Grabowski said although no one has been arrested yet, the charges could range from death by criminal negligence to murder.

Roland Muir, assistant to U of S administration president Leo Kristjanson, said he also suspects liquor played a part in the man's death.

"There is strong evidence that there was liquor involved in the tragic accident," he said.

Muir said no permits will be approved until the university's current policy of granting liquor licenses is reviewed. He suggested the university may change its license requirements and stiffen security.

Nickel added: "We are considering what we can do to have better control over outside people while keeping in mind that this is home to quite a few students who have rights to have outside visitors."



The Exam Registry is proving to be one of the most popular hang-out spots for students as mid-terms approach.

Brandon students say yes to CFS

Brandon, Man. (CUP) — The Canadian Federation of Students won a "moral victory" at Brandon University October 3, when more than 75 per cent of voting students cast a "yes" vote for the national lobby group.

"Anything over 65 per cent is a moral victory," said CFS fieldworker Dave Plummer. He said the only other victory to top Brandon's membership referendum occurred at the Emily Carr School of Fine Arts in Vancouver last year, in which about 98 per cent of the students voted yes to CFS.

The U of A CFS referendum in October last year passed with 55 per cent.

Twelve per cent of Brandon's student population voted in the referendum. No organized "no" campaign surfaced, although several leaflets warning of the "universal evil of communism" were found on campus prior to the referendum.

Student council endorsed the CFS membership and favored a yes vote.

year student at the University of Guelph, Wouter Van Stralen, was killed by an impaired driver who was being pursued by police September 16.

On September 5, 17-year-old Jeff NeMarsh drowned after he fell off a ferry into Lake Ontario. He was taking part in a Ryerson Polytechnical Institute frosh picnic, and police say alcohol consumption contributed to his death.

Brandon University's student council had been prospective members of the federation for three years. It ran unsuccessful full membership referendum a year and a half ago and would have lost its prospective membership status had this latest referendum failed.

CFS executive office Dian Flaherty was pleased with the results, saying the win will bolster CFS members' hopes for a successful referendum next week at the University of Calgary. The U of C grads will vote on whether to pull out of the organization Oct. 10.

Flaherty said the referendum win will also help the federation shrug off part of its deficit, which is now nearing \$65,000. "Every little bit helps," she said.

"The more money we get, the better it is for our financial situation."

Full-time Brandon students will now pay \$4 per year to the organization and part-time, about \$2.00.