

Red Cross out for blood

By Amber McCulley
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The Red Cross is out for blood. They are in desperate need of blood donations of all types, especially type O.

A Blood Clinic was held on February 28 and March 1 in the SUB Ballroom.

Responsible blood collection techniques require donors to register by displaying a blood donor card or picture I.D and fill out a health assessment questionnaire. The questionnaire asks for information about any prescription medication being taken and the donor's general health.

Each individual was assessed in a screening booth by a nurse. A nurse visually checked the donor's arm for any obvious signs of drug abuse and attempted to determine the person's likelihood of carrying HIV.

Donors that met the donation requirements had half a pint of blood siphoned off (1/10th of the total body supply). Rest beds were provided for the donor to recline afterwards. Refreshments and sweets (cookies) were provided for the drained donor.

Giving blood takes approximately half



Mark Morgan gives blood.

Photo by Kent Rainville

an hour, according to Scott Ferris, Blood Donor Recruitment Coordinator.

The blood collected at the clinic will be screened at the Red Cross Centre in Saint John and will be available for distribution to hospitals by March 3.

Ferris said that the whole system operates much like a bank. Most hospitals order their blood from the centre monthly. The Clinic had expected 400 donors but preliminary results suggest those numbers were much lower.

Electoral change sparks debate

By Gordon Loane
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A dispute between University officials and the UNB Student Union could delay student elections for one seat on the Fredericton Senate and one seat on the university's Board of Governors until the fall. Elections for four other seats on the Fredericton Senate will proceed as usual and are not part of this dispute.

The controversy began when the student union decided to fill the two seats in question by automatically appointing whoever is elected SU president to the BoG and whoever is elected SU VP University Affairs to the Fredericton Senate.

Student elections have been called for March 22 and 23.

The election call has already been approved by the student council and advertised in the last two issues of *The Brunswickan*.

The change from direct elections to automatic appointments caused University Secretary Stephen Strople to review regulations under the University of New Brunswick Act.

He determined that the new method

of election was incorrect and informed the student union's Chief Returning Officer Graeme Smith by hand-delivered letter late last week.

Smith claims Strople learned of the change in election procedure by reading *The Brunswickan*.

UNB SU VP Pat FitzPatrick said he never contacted Strople to advise him of the new procedure.

FitzPatrick said the method for selecting a representative to the university's BoG and how the two positions on the BoG would be split between the UNB SU and the Graduate Students Association was decided a number of weeks ago.

FitzPatrick said he has never needed to contact Strople in the past on student elections or procedures. He said the SU has legal advice that the procedure for automatic appointments is correct, despite Strople's letter.

Strople's position is being supported by both UNB President Robin Armstrong and the chair of the university's BoG's Ilsa Shore, *The Brunswickan* has learned.

FitzPatrick is trying to set up a meeting between Strople and representatives of the SU for later this week in an at-

tempt to iron out the problem.

When contacted yesterday morning, Strople said he had not yet been contacted by CRO Smith or anyone else at the UNB SU to clear up "this misunderstanding".

"I had hoped for a response by now", said Strople referring to the fact that a week has elapsed since his letter was sent to Smith.

As for whether a compromise can be struck, Strople did not sound optimistic.

"It's not a question of what change is possible but what regulations exist under the relevant sections of the UNB Act", said Strople.

If the university administration's position prevails, FitzPatrick said it will be impossible to change the automatic appointments, give two weeks notice of election for the change and be in time to meet student elections March 22 and 23.

For that matter, FitzPatrick claims there will not be sufficient time to hold separate elections by the end of classes this spring.

He said the SU by-election would cost about \$5,000 and budget money is just not available this school year.

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President, "encouraging the university to get on with developing its guidelines in the area of harassment."

This is just the latest event in a long process which aims to produce a comprehensive harassment policy for the university.

According to Strople, the administration sent out draft guidelines to all concerned last year.

"The deadline for feedback was mid-October and of all the responses that we received," said Strople. "We didn't get any from student organizations."

In response, SU President Paul Estabrooks said that the administration is "well aware of our position."

Estabrooks said that the SU has advocated the quick adoption of a policy on several university committees. He added that the council plans to take decisive action to address the way in which student discipline is handled before the current members leave office.

George Eguakan of the Board of International Students said his organization submitted a proposal for a racial harassment policy several years ago.

"It is very sad that it is taking this long," said Eguakan.

In response to those who say that the problem of harassment is not "rife" on campus, Eguakan said that victims of racial harassment feel intimidated and have no way to come forward.

"Where do you go?" he asked.

In the meantime, the BIS said that it has been working toward setting up its own crisis centre to provide support for victims of racial harassment.

In contrast, some people on campus have voiced strong objections to the implementation of a comprehensive harassment policy.

Noel Iverson of the Sociology Department said that policies such as these create "an atmosphere of suspicion and mistrust."

Iverson maintained that universities "ought to provide a forum for the free exchange of ideas, not a chamber for the sentencing of miscreants."

"What have we, faculty, staff, and students, done or failed to do to deserve the insult to our honour and integrity that this proposed policy implies?" he asked.

Eguakan, however, maintains that racial harassment does exist on the UNB campus and that it is best dealt with within the community.

"We can go to the Human Rights Commission," he said, "but why drag the name of the university through the mud?"

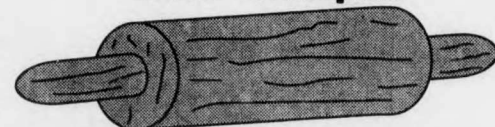
Strople added that the university is much better suited to handle complaints effectively and expeditiously. One way of dealing with the problem is modelled after the current Sexual Harassment Policy, according to Strople.

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