

Newman Group Responds to Funding Issues

The following is a formal response from the Campus Christian Community (Newman) to the SRC's decision to eliminate funding to religious groups on campus.

by Janice Legere, Secretary Treasurer

We realize that this decision is an action supported by the present Constitution of the SRC. It is this "old SRC by-law" which we challenge.

As a religious group, we are open to all students on campus regardless of religious affiliation. Our calling as Christians is that our doors be open to all humankind. This issue of "exclusion" is the main argument offered by the SRC for the elimination of funding to religious groups. The Campus Christian Community is in fact more inclusive than some other groups which are funded by the SRC. For example the Rock Climbing Club is not open to the physically handicapped students on campus whereas the Campus Christian Community is.

Weekly activities, provided by our group, open to the campus as a whole include both a coffee house and a spaghetti supper. Both of these are advertised weekly in "the Brunswickan". Although these activities are social in nature, they can not be considered a "party", in the usual sense. What they do provide however is a chance to meet new people, share the week's events, and talk openly in an atmosphere accepting of people as they are. We are sorry that the SRC does feel our events "benefit students as a whole", and we would in fact

extend a special invitation to the SRC members to join us at anytime for what has at times been a multi-faith and multi-cultural gathering.

Another point is that SRC fees are paid by each student to help support groups on campus which

they can then choose from based upon their time and interests. Every member of the Campus Christian Community pays SRC fees and therefore deserves to have at least a portion of that fee support this group.

Kim Doyle has stated that

religious groups on campus should rely on church for their funding. The church does support us financially for our activities which take place off campus (national and regional conferences). We do not feel justified in asking our local

church to support campus events when there is a half million dollars in SRC funds available. Our activities benefit campus, therefore we should be funded by campus.

World AIDS Day December 1

Press Release

December 1 has been proclaimed World AIDS Day by the World Health Organization. It is intended that this will help the world to focus attention on the global picture of AIDS as well as each community's particular situation.

Global Situation

By June 1, 1989, AIDS has been reported in 149 countries. While the cumulative number of people with AIDS reported was 157,191, the estimated number of cases is about 480,000. In Africa alone, 24,686 cases were reported. However, the World Health Organization estimates that there have actually been about 270,000 people with AIDS.

Dr. Mann, the Director of the Global Program on AIDS, has stated that the number of people with AIDS will double between June, 1989 and December 1991. In other words, he predicts there will be an additional 700,000 cases of AIDS by the end of 1991.

Nine times more adults will develop AIDS in 1990's than in the 1980's. Half of these have already been infected with HIV in the 1980's. Of those who will be infected in the 1990's, about 1/3 are believed to be preventable.

It is important to recognize that those people with AIDS are in the final stages of HIV disease. The WHO has estimated that 5,000,000 adults now are infected with the AIDS virus. This is expected to triple during the 1990's, unless effective preventive programs are implemented immediately.

Another trend across the world, has been the escalating proportion of people with AIDS, in 1984, only 6% of the people reported to have AIDS in Europe were infected through IVUDU. By 1988 this proportion had increased to 34%.

The Canadian Situation

In Ontario, 4.2% of individuals who have tested positive for antibodies to HIV (HIV+) are under 19 years of age. Thirty-nine percent of all who test HIV+

are women.

It is estimated that 1 in 150 people in Montreal is HIV+.

The New Brunswick Situation

Only 18 people have been reported to have AIDS in New Brunswick. However, 4 of these are women. In other words the male/female ratio of reported PWA's in New Brunswick is 3.5 male to 1 female.

This ratio is closer to the African situation of 1 man to 1 woman than the Canadian 1988 ratio of 17 men to 1 women. New Brunswickers need to recognize that across the world, including the U.S.A. the recorded numbers of PWA's is smaller than the actual number.

Since cure remains a distant hope, our only effective weapon against AIDS is prevention. As a result, at UNB, January, 1990 has been designated AIDS Awareness Month. A program will be coming to each faculty called SWAT (sex without AIDS today). It will consist of information about AIDS, and safer sex, a comedy presented by

a troop of student actors, and discussions.

Wanted: Students from all faculties who are willing to be trained to become peer educators for the AIDS program.

Criteria for selection:

- (1) ability to relate to peers positively.
- (2) representation from all faculties.
- (3) interest and willingness to commit 6 hours per week to AIDS education.
- (4) openness to new information.
- (5) sensitivity to cultural differences.

Expectations: Each student selected will receive 12-14 hours of preparation for becoming a peer educator. They will be expected to carry out the program, and contribute to the evaluation of its effectiveness.

These positions will be recognized by a \$100.00 honorarium. Applications should be made by telephoning Grace Getty AIDS Coordinator 453-4642, Local 7644 for an appointment.

A Gathering of the Nations

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The Board of International Students at UNB will be hosting an evening of dialogue and social interaction on Friday the 1st of December. This event, open to International Students as well as those interested in international affairs, will be held in Room #103 of the Student Union Building starting at 8:00 PM.

The social, titled "A

Gathering of the Nations", is expected to bring together a wide cross-section of students who will discuss issues facing International Students while they feast on the interesting assortment of snacks and drinks from all over the world. Music for the event will reflect the cultural diversity of this university community.

The Board of International Students is an organization created to serve the needs of the International Community on this campus. As an advocate for the rights of International Students it seeks opportunities to bring together students in an effort to create a forum for discussion and feedback. This event is expected to facilitate such activities.

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