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Group insurance covers students

Pamphlet can save students money

by Pat FitzPatrick

"Group Insurance for the Students of The University of New Brunswick, Policy No. 20353." A harmless little pamphlet published by the Mutual Group of Canada, this is the student's guide to medical and drug insurance, and can save the average UNB student a fair sum of money.

Available at the business office, the pamphlet outlines the insurance policy under which all students of UNB and their spouses and children are covered. The plan is not one for which students must apply, but one for which they have already paid, the cost being included in the tuition fee.

The policy offers students a number of different benefits, including life insurance (\$3,000); accidental dismemberment coverage (to a maximum of \$10,000); comprehensive "Major Medical" coverage, including emergency hospital fees outside New Brunswick; PAP smears; transfusions; physiotherapy;

the rental of wheel chairs and other devices; prosthetic devices; and even up to \$300 for the removal of impacted wisdom teeth (this is only a partial list).

However, of major importance and some controversy to students is the Prescription Drug Insurance Section. Under this section, the plan will pay for 80% of the cost of the drugs, provided they were prescribed by a doctor or dentist and filled by a licensed pharmacist.

Items covered include almost all prescription drugs covered in the CPS (Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties), as well as narcotics, Hismanal, insulin, and iron supplements for pregnant women. However, the plan will not cover experimental drugs or, most significantly, contraceptive devices, including oral contraceptives.

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Birth control pills - They are not covered under the group insurance policy 20353 for UNB students.

Photo by Pat FitzPatrick

UNB to promote Crime Stoppers Program

(UNB-PRI) The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is about to join a program to increase vigilance and prevent crime.

This fall UNB will begin promotion of the highly successful Crime Stoppers program on its Fredericton campus. Richard Peacock, director of UNB Security and Traffic, believes that the students, faculty, and staff of the university community can make a difference in the prevention and apprehension of criminals on and off campus.

"The idea is to make students, faculty, and staff aware of criminal activity, similar to a neighborhood watch program," says Mr. Peacock. "If criminals know that their deeds may be reported to the police, the incidence of crime in a vigilant area goes down," he adds.

Mr. Peacock is quick to point out that the crime rate on campus is not rising. "Apart from the occasional major theft, there is rarely what we might call serious crime on campus. Periodically, however, purses and wallets are stolen from gymnasium lockers, university property is vandalized, and false fire alarms are pulled.

"These crimes are often committed by the same people, and one tip to the police can help prevent the further instance of a particular crime on campus for some time to come."

The Crime Stoppers program

on campus will not involve UNB Security directly. Instead, the campus will promote participation in N.B. Crime Stoppers Inc., a provincial non-profit organization which works with local police forces in the apprehension of criminals. Mr. Peacock notes that "the Crime Stoppers program has been employed on other Canadian university campuses. Fredericton High School has found the Crime Stoppers program useful in dealing with problems they were experiencing. We hope to have the same kind of response on

the UNB campus."

N.B. Crime Stoppers, modelled on a program begun in Albuquerque, N.M. in 1976, offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest of suspects. Tipsters who wish to remain anonymous may do so.

Instead of providing their names, tipsters are provided with a code number which insures complete anonymity. Crime Stoppers provides rewards of up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of a suspect.

Resignations

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Of the positions of Representative to the Nursing, Arts, Education and Science faculties now vacant, the first was not filled during last year's elections.

The resignation of the Arts and Science Reps came when they were offered important opportunities at other universities, and one of the Education Reps has decided to step down to run for a position on the Student Union executive.

The other vacant positions on the Grad Class executive, the Board of Governors and the position of Student at Large,

were all forfeited for employment on academic opportunities, or for reasons of health.

In the face of this exodus, the Student Union must hold a bi-election to fill positions opened by the resignation, as well as others left vacant in the previous election.

Nominations for all positions to be dealt with in the bi-election opened on Wednesday, September 19 and will close at 7:00 p.m., Monday October 1.

All campaigning must be completed before 9:00 p.m. October 14, and elections will be held on Monday, October 15.

AIDS

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Getty admits it pushes the limits in the AIDS education in some ways.

"We learn that it is alright to discuss sexual practices and ideas. It is not something we normally do," Getty notes.

According to her, there are signs the program is working.

"One big thing worth noting is the different attitudes towards people with AIDS," Getty states.

She points out that at least ten percent of all university students will contact a STD during their university years.

She concludes by explaining the AIDS program is not encouraging sexual intercourse but merely trying to educate people about protection.

AIDS Awareness Week is during October 15 to 19.

"I've been seeing a big difference from three years ago... They want to protect themselves and view it as their responsibility and not someone else's. AIDS makes people think of things never thought of in the past," she states.

She says the AIDS program provides counselling and in the next few weeks there will be SWAT sessions (Sex Without Aids Today).

In addition there will be various presentations during

AIDS Awareness Week, including "It's Your Life".

"It is a light look at AIDS and safer sex. Last year it was well received. The people who came went away feeling very positive about it," she says.

Getty talks anxiously about a 22 year old woman who acquired HIV, who may speak during the week.

"We have never had a chance to bring in a woman to speak.

It would be much more effective then only having men as speakers. Students may realize they could have acquired HIV just as she did," Getty states.

She explains UNB was one of the first universities to start the AIDS program and says they are the furthest ahead in the testing of the program.

The testing will involve two sets of questionnaires distributed at random. According to Getty it is to make sure the program is dealing with the actual needs of the students.

She says the training peers have had a great deal to do with the success of the program.

"We currently have 12 to 15 peer educators. They can portray a message that is easy to hear. Peers are able to express it more clearly than another person of a different age or of a different situation. It lets them know other students approve of safer sex," she says.