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Wintercourse wonderland

Carnival capers cometh

By CHRIS NAKASH

Wintercourse? What is it? "An obstacle race in the snow?" Nope, it's the theme for 1988 UNB Winter Carnival.

Pretty catchy eh?

Starting Wednesday, (27th) and continuing through 'til Saturday, Winter Carnival '88 promises to be a "blizzard of fun."

In an interview with the Brunswickan, Jackie Veinott, Chairperson for Winter Carnival '88, said that a lot of planning had gone into the preparation of this year's carnival. "We are trying a lot of new ideas, and I think they'll work out really well."

This year, proceeds from the sale of Winter Carnival pins and scarfs will go towards the pediatric center in the Dr. Evert Chalmers Hospital. Scarfs and pins can be bought from committee members and from the Help Center in the SUB. They can also be purchased in the bookstore, but for a higher price.

Among the new ideas, is the first scavenger hunt of its kind in winter carnival history. Items on the list consist of a size 44D bra and Russ King's signature on a piece of P.C. literature, to name but two.

In conjunction with Winter Carnival '88, Campus Entertainment will be sponsoring five live bands in the SUB. The Extravaganza will consist of Zappacosta, FM and Nash the Slash, Lambert and James, J. Brian and the Cassettes, and the Straitjackets. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., with a cover charge of \$9.00. Also, there

will be happy hour prices on Labatt's products at the performances (not at the Social Club).

Kicking off Winter Carnival was the Residence Snow Sculptures, which will be judged on Saturday. This was followed up by Campus Entertainment's presentation of Crocodile Dundee.

Thursday saw the Ski Day at

Crabbe, however, the noon hour entertainment that was planned for the SUB cafeteria was cancelled due to a lack of time on the part of the Winter Carnival Executive.

Today at 1:00 p.m., the Student Union will battle CHSR Bunnies of Death in a game of snow football. (We at the Brunswickan have learnt that each member of the Student

Union team has obtained a varmit liscence from the government; yes.... that's right, once again it's rabbit season!)

Then, at 2:00 p.m., you can take your taste buds to the drowned, while in search for trivia. (Happy prices c/o Social Club where they may be Moosehead.) The climax of the day will be the Extravaganza

and it's promise of great music and a great time to be had by all.

Saturday brings on the Snow Adventures starting with the C.P.'s falling from the sky (parachuting) and ending with the Scavenger hunt, with Beaver Bogganing all night. A great time is promised to all who participate, so break out the size 44D bra, and get ready for lots of fun.

Complaint Committee commences (continued)

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ment, we merely expressed the wishes of the advertiser."

Braun's complaints of sexual harassment of female staff members met with mixed reaction among Bruns staffers. According to Melynda Jarrett, "what we are seeing here at the Brunswickan is the manifestation of an attitude problem which permeates the male culture of North America." Kate MacKay, a Brunswickan typesetter, agreed with Jarrett in that the matter reflects a general attitude towards women in North America. While she believes that the paper has exhibited a generally sexist theme, the most interesting point of this controversy is that "it underscores the fact that women are the last socially acceptable group to discriminate against or ridicule as a collectivity in a public forum." She refers specifically to the charges of anti-Semitism that were made against the Brunswickan's annual spoof issue last April. "I don't think it has escaped anyone's attention that the Brunswickan staff and editors were severely chastized when that issue hit

the streets. What I'd like to know is where Dr. Vigod, Dr. Downey and all the rest of last year's outraged moral wonders have been for the last term. Their silence has been overwhelming and that, in itself, is a statement." Other staffers have expressed the opinion that while the Brunswickan definitely isn't the ideal "work" environment, there is no intent of harassment, whether by male or female members.

Braun's third complaint was of a more personal nature. Apparently, a male Bruns staff member had removed a sanitary napkin from her desk and pinned it on the door for a short while. The napkin then made the rounds through the editors' mailboxes.

James Taylor, who admits to removing the napkin from the desk stated, "It was certainly not intended to be sexual harassment; I never realized it

would cause such a stir."

Braun, who had hoped the matter could have been dealt with internally, said she was left with no other choice but to resign. She also stated that she hopes her actions will shed more light on sexism and sexual harassment.

Her complaints, however, were never brought before the Bruns Editorial Board (BEB) for discussion under then Editor-in-Chief Mark Stevens. The Bruns has also not received formal notice from the Student Union on what complaints are being investigated.

Taylor also said that Braun "has not brought this matter face to face with me. I never expected her to want me hung out on the clothesline."

Ms. Braun, who has made her complaints known to the Student Women's Committee and the Personnel Department, plans to take her complaints to the University

Secretary and the Human Rights Commission, if the Student Union does not take appropriate action.

Braun also expressed some dismay at how her suggestion of a women's page in the Bruns was handled. The suggestion was brought up at a general meeting of the staff. Braun, who was not aware that the matter would be discussed at that meeting, walked out of the meeting and later resigned when the suggestion was met with derision from some staff members.

After Braun had left, a general consensus emerged that a women's page was not a good idea, but if it was included under a human issues page, it would be more acceptable.

According to BEB member Stephan Comeau, "If she was harassed, and I'm not saying she was, it was because of her attitude and not because she was a woman."

Blasted buddy burns

by Katherine Dines

A Fredericton man who accidentally set his leg on fire while in a city police jail is now suing three police officers, the police chief and the City of Fredericton.

On January 9, 1988, at approximately 1:00 am, Donald Acker was picked up outside the old Victoria Hospital by Officers MacLaggan and McGuire of the City Police and confined to a holding cell to recover from his drunken stupor. Apparently, while confined to the cell, Acker, in the process of lighting a cigarette, set ablaze his pant leg and subsequently suffered third degree burns to his lower leg.

Acker's lawyer, Tom Evans, maintains that the police were negligent in not properly

removing from Acker's person, all dangerous objects (i.e. shoelaces, belt, etc.) to prevent any injuries he may cause himself, especially in his condition. However, the officers overlooked a couple of cigarettes and some matches. Evidently, these articles were involved in Mr. Acker's unfortunate suffering.

"The negligence was needless and profound" commented Evans, saying that the officers failed to search Acker adequately, nor was he properly supervised. According to the investigation report, he'd already smoked a first cigarette and it was not until his lower left leg was ablaze that he was noticed.

The incident was compounded by one of the officers attempting to extinguish the

blaze by stuffing Acker's leg down the toilet but to no avail. Fortunately, the fire was brought under control without the aid of the city's fire department, despite the lack of an extinguisher or a fire blanket within the vicinity.

Furthermore, according to Evans, Mr. Acker did not receive immediate medical attention and was not responsibly able to take action for himself due to his state of mind and position.

Those named in the suit were Sergeant Thomas, on duty that evening; Officers MacLaggan and McGuire; Police Chief Mac Carlisle and the City of Fredericton. Many efforts were made to contact those named in the suit but none were available at the time of deadline.

Abortion act aborted

Dr. Henry Morgentaler has won his 15 year fight over Canada's abortion law. Yesterday, it was announced that the Supreme Court of Canada has ruled that Canada's therapeutic abortion law is unconstitutional. In a 5 - 2 split, the court ruled that the law restricting abortions violated justice guaranteed by Section seven of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

The ruling set aside a 1985 Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that ordered a new trial for Morgentaler on an abortion charge after a lower court had found him not guilty. He had been charged with conspiring to perform illegal abortions at his Toronto Clinic.

The ruling means Morgentaler can keep his Toronto clinic open and resume performing abortions at his Winnipeg clinic. Earlier, Morgentaler had said that he would continue doing abortions regardless of the outcome of yesterday's ruling.