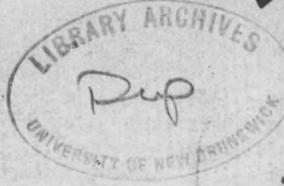


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Student Union: ordinary cards not good enough

by Allan Carter

About two weeks ago the idea of the Student Union having a photo of the executive on their Christmas cards was brought to the Student Union Council. Council approved the idea and allocated \$200 for this small project.

According to Wayne Carson, Student Union President, it was felt that this would be a good way to show appreciation to students who worked on the Student Union, but did not receive honorariums.

In addition the cards would be sent to groups on campus that the Student Union comes in contact with throughout the year, and other universities across Canada that the Student Union has received cards from.

The cards have a picture of the executive: Wayne Carson; Kim Doyle, VP Finance of Administration; Gary Clarke, Vice President (external) and Stephane Comeau, Vice President Activities with a small Christmas greeting and their signed names. James Gill, VP (internal) is not on the card.

One hundred cards were made up at a cost of around \$90. When asked why the Council did not go with ordinary Christmas cards, Carson said that, with the exception of a card at the UNB Bookstore with the Arts Building on it, the Student Union could not find a card "with a UNB aspect to it." The cards that the UNB Bookstore has are five dollars for ten, but Carson said they only had 50-60 and they needed more.

Cards have been received from other universities over the past week, yet Carson says he has yet to see any other university have cards published in this way. Usually they either are ordinary Christmas cards or have a scenic picture of the university on the card.

Asked why generic cards were not made instead of cards that would never be used in the future, Carson said that the cards would only get lost over the summer months. "It is cheaper

to do what we did", said Carson.

Carson was not real "keen" on the idea at first because he thought the notion of dressing up in costumes would look stupid, but after he realized he would be Santa, he jokingly said, "I would be disguised in a Santa suit and everyone else would look stupid so I agreed to it."

Kim Doyle, feels "it is a good idea". She says that part

of the Student Union's job is to keep the lines of communication open with people they work with (i.e. other universities).

When asked why cards were not made that could be used from year to year, Doyle argued that this year's council could not determine what next year's council would do. She says they might not even give out cards so it would only be wasted

money.

According to Doyle, the executive represents the students at UNB on a national scale and these cards will make them look like fun co-operative people. She added that the cards would encourage others to get in touch with the UNB Student Union. She describes the cards as "a personalized thank you" with "a special touch to them".

Students at UNB seem

divided on the idea. Some feel that the Student Union is being excessive and the money could have been put to better use in other areas. Others feel that regular Christmas cards would serve their point while some students feel it is a fine idea and \$90 is not a big waste of money and isn't much to spend to wish someone a Merry Christmas.



Santa and his elves

Student Union President and Council Executives dressed in Christmas garb for personalized Christmas card.

Fourteen women murdered at University of Montreal

Wednesday's killing of 14 women at the University of Montreal is the worst mass shooting in Canadian history.

A man who appeared to be in his twenties entered the first floor cafeteria in the University's Engineering building wielding a .223 calibre storm ruge semi-automatic rifle and killed three women. He proceeded up to the second floor, walked into a classroom and ordered the men and women to separate.

He shot six women in the classroom and another in an administration office. He then went on the third floor where he shot four more women in

the hallway.

The gunman also wounded nine women and four men. Two of the wounded are in critical condition while the other eleven were said to be out of danger early Thursday. The gunman then shot himself.

An apparent hatred for women was behind the lone gunman's rampage. A note was found on his body complaining about feminist who ruined his life and how he would take revenge on women.

An owner of a Montreal gun shop said that the rifle the gunman used could be purchased in any gun shop for

\$600 after getting a \$10 permit from the Quebec Provincial Police.

Flags on the Parliament building and all Federal buildigs in Quebec were lowered in memory of the victims on Thursday.

On behalf of the students at the University of New Brunswick, the Student Union would like to extend their greatest sympathies and regret to the families of those students pointlessly murdered, and to the faculty and students of l'association des Etudiant(e) de l'ecole Polytechnique of the Universite De Montreal.

Each and every student at the Fredericton campus share in your loss, our thoughts are with you.

Letter of sympathy were sent to the University of Montreal from UNB, STU and AIESEC.

The Brunswickan understands that a vigil will be held which is tentatively planned for Monday, December 11 at 4:30 p.m. in front of Head Hall. More details will be forth coming. All women and men are welcomed to attend.

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