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Funding problem at CHSR

by Pierre St Amand

CHSR's future may be in jeopardy as a proposal from the Student Union is threatening to cut back its funding.

In an interview with *The Brunswickan*, programming Manager Steve Staples revealed that CHSR has been facing this situation for many years.

A very restrictive tight budget has already been hindering the creation and expansion of their advertising programs and public relations objectives.

Further cuts, states Staples, would seriously hinder CHSR and bring all future programs to a stand still. Staples says "ideally we would like to have our own programming guide."

Staples states that the most important thing is to have secure funding so that the development of future plans won't be stifled by lack of funding.

When asked if students and the community listen to CHSR, Staples explained that CHSR has a listening ratio of over 20%. In comparison, most other radio stations consider a 12% ratio to be extremely high.

He also states that the results of the survey presented by the Student Union concerning CHSR, were in his opinion, very inconclusive.

Having discussed the matter with the Student Union, Staples says that CHSR will probably be given the opportunity to conduct their own survey.

Staple strongly feels that the station "doesn't need uncertainty" and that CHSR needs the support from the Student Union.

CFS Conference held

by Leslie Robertson

Last weekend marked the First Annual Freddy-Beach Conference for CFS.

Representatives from UNB Fredericton and Saint John, St. Thomas, UDM (Moncton) and St. Louis Maillet (Edmunston) met on Saturday and Sunday in room 103 of the SUB to discuss New Brunswick's role in the national scheme.

The focal point of the weekend was to discuss new ways of protesting the various attacks on student financing.

Bill C-33 proposes cuts in post-secondary education funding, tuition fees are constantly rising and now students are faced with the 3% tax on student loans.

In addition to the giant Valentine card being sent to Brian Mulroney on Feb. 14 in protest of the loan tax, the suggestion was made to send smaller valentines to all the MP's with the inscription "We love education, how about you?"

Other protest ideas included hallograms, balloons and fund raisers. Candlelight marches along the streets were held during National Week in some areas of the province.

Saturday's meeting took the form of executive reports as well as a general question period, followed by a 3-hour workshop concerning education day.

The group concluded on Sunday with a discussion of the various services CFS offers to students and future goals.

According to UNB-SJ representative Amiya Khare, the social aspect of the weekend was a huge success if nothing substantial was accomplished.

UNB wins debate

by Kevin Bourque

Monday night at the College Hill Social Club the UNB Debating Union hosted a British parliamentary style debate against the STU Debating Union. The Resolution argued was: Be it resolved that the government is keeping us ignorant.

The Saint Thomas team, comprised of: Andrew Titus, Kelly Lamrock, Chris Gomes and Patrick Toner, presented arguments that censorships taxing student loans and reducing overall government transfer payments designated for education is hindering the fair access to education that everyone deserves.

STU also stated that government sponsored education "is essentially brainwashing." To conclude their arguments STU exonerated all other outside influences on government stating that "in the end they make the final decisions."

UNB won the debate explaining that we must look at the factors that influence government, namely ourselves and special interest groups.

UNB successfully pointed out students apathetic attitude towards funding cuts. UNB explained that "we have fundamental rights to participate and demonstrate against government actions that displease us."

Further they explained how students were not using this privilege to their advantage, pointing out the recent low numbers at the fall march on the legislature.

UNB concluded by implicating big business explaining how special interest groups make hefty donations to political leadership campaigns and election in return for huge patronage grants. The UNB team consisted of: Kevin Bourque, Jason Burns, Christopher Pollard and Kapil Kamra.

The Debating Union would like to thank the College Hill Social Club for entertaining the event, all who gave speeches from the floor, the STU-Debating Union and our 3 judges Gary Clarke, James Gill and Rodney Chassion.

This debate was the first of a series that will be sponsored by the UNB Debating Union. The purpose is to promote discussion and awareness of important issues that exist in society today.

Best Blood Faculty Award Presented

Press Release

The Best "Bloody" Faculty is the award presented to the faculty that has the highest percentage of blood donors during the three day clinic.

The Red Cross would like to congratulate all the students in Forestry that made their faculty the Best "Bloody" Faculty at the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic held November 27, 28, and 29.

Second and third place went to Physical Education and Science respectively. The next clinic will be held March 12, 13 and 14 from 1:30 to 4:30 PM and 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the SUB ballroom.

The Red Cross challenges the Forestry department to come out once more to give a pint and see if their faculty can keep the plaque.

They also congratulate the Men of Aitken for winning the inter-residence competition once more this year, and inform them not to get too confident because McLeod and Neill, the second place residences are on the rise.

For more information regarding the upcoming clinic or about volunteering, please contact Red Cross at 458-8445, Tabitha at 453-4951, Room 232, or Holly at 453-4857, Room 5.

Best "Bloody" Faculty Award being presented to Nancy McCrea (centre) of the Forestry Association from Holly Campbell (right) of the Health Science Society and Tabitha Bainbridge of the Red Cross Youth Action Team.