

NEWS

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Students left in cold waiting for loans

by Jonathan Stone

A married student couple* claim they recently got the 'cold shoulder' from NB Power.

Despite an agreement made last Monday to pay off their overdue account by the following Friday after receiving a student loan, they awoke on Thursday to discover that they had no heat.

They owed about \$400.

At the time what concerned them most was the welfare of their three-month-old baby.

"I called them (NB Power) on Monday and told them that my cheques from the university were going to be there on Friday and that the bill will be paid in full, and they said 'no problem'," the woman said.

However, she did not know the name of the agent she spoke to.

NB Power Spokesperson Grant Jardine said that any details of such conversations are entered into the client's computer account, but was unable to find any remarks pertaining to this agreement on the couple's file.

He acknowledged that the disconnection was an error.

"If they had made an arrangement to pay it on Friday then that information should have been

passed along. We obviously made a mistake there. That's unfortunate—that's not the way we do business."

After discovering the loss of power, the woman called NB Power confused about the misunderstanding.

"I called them and they didn't want to hear anything. She (the agent) just said 'there's nothing we can do, I can't reconnect it until you pay it in full', so we basically spent the entire day in a freezing cold house."

She attempted again to arrange a suitable payment agreement.

"I told her at the time that I had in writing from the comptroller's office that we had \$1200 (in loans) on Friday. They refused to reconnect it."

The couple finally borrowed from a friend to pay the bill and the power was reconnected near 6:00pm Thursday night.

Jardine explained the company's standard procedure before disconnecting residential power accounts:

"Once an account is one month overdue the tenants receive a notice on their statement asking them to pay the late charges. After two months, NB Power's computer system issues a notice

on that account for collection by credit staff. The residents are told that they are liable to have their service disconnected if they do not pay immediately or make a

suitable arrangement."

For the students, even now that everything is back in order, new financial challenges must be met. "There's not much money go-

ing around," she said.

*For the sake of privacy, the names of the students have been omitted.

BOG to see *Phantom* free?

BOG members issued invitations to attend with a date

by Karen Burgess

The UNB Board of Governors is offering its 45 members complimentary tickets to the March 25 showing of the *Phantom of the Opera*.

The Board's next meeting will coincide with the musical's production here in Fredericton. At the meeting, the Board will address, among other things, the tuition rates for next year which are rumored to increase.

Stephen Strople, University Secretary and Secretary to the Board of Governors sent out letters to Board members asking how many members would be interested in tickets for themselves and a date. Tickets for the show run as high as \$32.50 for the general public.

When contacted by *The Brunswickan*, Strople said that the BOG hopes to receive most of the tickets as complementaries from the show's organizers. He commented that nothing had been finalized, and that if demand for the tickets exceeds those provided as complementary, other funding will have to be found to provide them.

This initiative, which could possibly see the expenditure of student's money for theatre tickets, and also the provision of free alcoholic beverage at lunches provided for the BOG during their day-long meetings, has been criticized by Student Union Vice President External Affairs, Tammy Yates, who is also a BOG member.

Yates commented: "I think it is appalling that students are paying for Board members' theatre

tickets. This is just one more example of the BOG's lack of accountability. That body makes decisions each year which cost students a lot of money—it's time for the BOG to realize the impact of those decisions. They hiked our tuition by \$250 this year—something many students could not afford—and now the university intends to buy theatre tickets with that money. That is wrong."

Strople said he feels the complimentary tickets are simply a way the university can compensate its members, who volunteer their time to meet for day-long sessions, about six times a year.

Yates says the Student Union will be raffling off her tickets, with the proceeds going to a bursary fund for needy students.

Law Week schedule

by Tracey Griffin

The Faculty of Law extends an open invitation to all Saint Thomas and University of New Brunswick students to come and take in the events organized for Law Week 1993. Law Week begins on March 8th running through to the 13th with all events being open to the public. The theme of the week is "A Legal Life: Facets of a Profession". For anyone considering a future career in law this is an excellent opportunity to see what it has to offer.

Even if you have no interest in law as a profession, the speakers and topics cover a wide array of interesting and contentious issues. For instance, Tuesday afternoon will feature a hot debate with the Minister of the Environment and representatives of Irving Oil and Saint John's "Save Our Shores Group". Tuesday evening the role of native justice will come under scrutiny. Judge Graydon Nicholas and Andrea Bear Nicholas will be on hand to lead the discussion.

Take a look at the following schedule and be sure to drop into Ludlow Hall during Law Week for an event or two.

On Monday, March 8 at 10:30 am, Joel Pink, a Nova Scotia criminal lawyer, will speak on "Ethical Issues and Criminal Law". At 2:00 pm the same day, Mr. Justice Joseph Robertson of the Federal Court of Appeal will speak on the topic of the Transition from the Academy to the Bench. At 7:00 pm, there will be an Inns of Court and a Professor Appreciation Evening

held.

On Tuesday, March 9 at 2:00 pm, there will be a discussion of Environmental Law issues with the Minister of the Environment, representatives of Irving Oil, and Saint John's "Save our Shores" group. At 7:30 pm that evening, the topic will be native law, entitled "An Autonomous Aboriginal Justice System or Adjustments to the Present System?". Judge Graydon Nicholas, Andrea Bear Nicholas and representatives of the Assembly of First Nations will be present.

On Wednesday, March 10 at 2:00 pm there will be "Career Day" in which students will have access to information on a variety of legal career options which are open to law school graduates. Everything will be covered from Masters Programs, Corporate Counsel, Politicians, to Legal Drafters. At 7:30 pm that evening, Deborah Coyne, a Constitutional lawyer who has launched an action against the NB government over the entrenchment of Bill 88, will discuss "The Debate Between Individual and Collective Rights Under the Charter".

On Thursday, March 11 at 7:30, the Annual Harrison Shield Moot Competition will be held.

On Friday, March 12, at 11:00 am, Dean MacLauchlan will speak on the close of the Centennial Campaign. At 2:00 pm, Joseph Ghiz, former Premier of Prince Edward Island will speak on "Future Constitutional Issues in Canada".



AIESEC recently held its executive elections. Shown are the new executives, (seated l-r) Michael O'Toole, Corporate Relations; Shawn Pleunis, VP Public Relations; (standing l-r) Mike Appt, VP Human Resources; Andrew Keenan, Local Committee President; Jason Strokes, VP Special Projects; and Stephan Maynard, VP Exchange. Missing from photo is John Harrington, VP Special Projects. Kevin G. Porter photo.

AIESEC executive elections held

by Shawn Pleunis, AIESEC Public Relations

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Being a member of AIESEC exposes you to all essential operations of a business, and enables you to expand your skills in: MARKETING- gives you the chance to approach top business executives and learn how to do market research.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-expands your written and oral skills by providing extensive exposure for AIESEC throughout the business community and the university.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE - CHANCE to learn about foreign business practices by working for companies in foreign countries.

SPECIAL PROJECTS-allows you to coordinate local and international business events, and shows you the inside of AIESEC's global network

HUMAN RESOURCES-developing your communication skills, and managing teams.

FINANCE-balancing budgets, controlling cash flow, and working with real money.

We are currently looking for globally minded, outgoing students from all faculties to run these management positions. If you are looking for a competitive edge over your peers, call us at 453-4959, or stop by the AIESEC office downstairs in room 30 of the Student Union Building.