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Adoption ad raises controversy

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An advertisement which appeared in *The Brunswickan* last week has got the Department of Health and Community Services up in the air over its supposedly "illegal" contents.

Norman Boudreau, of the DHCS informed *The Brunswickan* on Wednesday that the ad - which was placed by a Toronto couple who are seeking to adopt an infant - contravenes the Province of New Brunswick's Family Service Act which states that it is illegal to solicit infants for adoption through a third party. In other words - it is legal for a first party (for example an adoption agency) and a second party (for example - the pregnant woman giving up a child or the couple seeking an infant) to negotiate the adoption of an infant. However, it is a different story when a third party - such as a newspaper, gets involved in the process, soliciting infants

for couples who want to adopt, or for women who may want to give up a child for adoption. Not only is it a different story, it is illegal, says Boudreau.

Apparently, Boudreau was informed of the advertisement in *The Brunswickan* by a wary DHCS staff member who happened to pick up last week's copy and noticed the ad. However, she also said that another regional University newspaper (which she would not name) had phoned the DHCS last week after receiving a similar phone call from the Toronto couple. Told by the DHCS that such an advertisement was illegal, the student newspaper refused to print it.

The Brunswickan phoned the number contained in the ad and found that it was a private line - not an adoption agency as believed. The woman, Pam, and her husband are seeking to legally adopt an infant through an adoption agency and insist that

what they are doing is legal.

According to the Toronto couple, they are only trying to speed up the process of adoption by locating a child themselves and then having the adoption agency go through the legal procedures. In a time when more and more women are having abortions instead of going to full term and then giving the child up for adoption, they have encountered untold difficulties in their quest for a family.

Although they already have an adopted four year old, the couple say they would like another child to love and care for. However, in Ontario where they reside, there simply are no children to be adopted. As a result, they recently began placing ads in Canadian University newspapers.

When asked why they chose to advertise for an infant in University newspapers, the woman replied that there are some women attending university who become pregnant and do not want the child. They

are not prepared to become mothers, "they want to finish their education," she said. So naturally, the obvious choice in these cases would be a university publication.

Although the costs they have incurred in their quest for a child are astronomical, the couple maintains that they are determined to continue.

Whether the Department of Health and Community Service's decision to view the ad as illegal will further impede their quest remains to be seen. But they say they are desperate, and as the advertisement shows, some people will go to great lengths if they are determined - and desperate enough.

Meet the candidates Arnold

Basing her campaign on renewed trust in student government, Jane Arnold says there is a "need for confidence, responsibility and respectability in the Student Union."

"The students must feel good about the government again. We need to forget about what has happened in the past and look to the future."

Arnold, now completing her fourth year of a psych-pol sci major, would like to see a handbook published by the SU for all UNB students; an Entertainment Committee set up to deal solely with procuring bands and lecturers; and a Yearbook Committee to ensure the publication of the book in future years. Other plans include an expansion of the presently inadequate typing and photocopy services, and the establishment of an information exchange between UNB and other Atlantic universities.

"It's time to stop looking backwards, we've spent enough of our time with past conflicts. It's time for a new beginning."

Rivington

"I want to get the Student Union out of debt. We're going to have to pay sooner or later" So says Tom Rivington, candidate for SU president.

A second year BBA student, Rivington plans to rely on his business sense to bring the government back into the black.

"We can cut costs by trimming the budget: through better control of expenses, especially in clubs and organizations."

"The students have a right to more, better quality entertainment, bands brought in by the student government."

Rivington feels that funds to pull the Student Union out of debt could be realized through these Extravaganza-type events, as well as through a student council-operated clearing house.

"The students will be given a place to buy and sell their used texts. The Student Union will be able to use any profit to hopefully decrease its debt."

Tracy

"I'm running on a platform of conciliation; I intend to see an agreement between the two parties involved in legal action," says Tony Tracy, referring to the on-going battle between the Bosnitch and Hansen governments. Tracy sees himself as a potential mediator between the two groups.

"I'm here to work for the students. . .the waste of students' money on personal battles must be stopped."

Tracy also notes that student services can be improved in the coming year.

"They're selling the photocopiers upstairs, this is absurd." Last year, he maintains, the SU was "selling copies at 5+ and breaking even."

Tracy hopes to see the initiation of a weekly movie series, a program of popular lecturers at the university and a freer flow of criticism and comment between the council and the student body.

With regards to his announced candidacy for the VP Services position of Student Union Inc., headed by John Bosnitch, Tracy said, "I will go to any means necessary to achieve a conciliation."

"I'm willing to co-operate with any other elected officials to avoid the in-fighting we've been plagued with in the past."

White back in the races

Barry White has won an appeal to the Senate Nominating Committee to have his nomination for election to the University Board of Governors reinstated.

The nomination was originally retracted because he

was the subject of investigation by a Committee of the Board which found he had a conflict of interest, was guilty of not declaring that conflict and accordingly, his removal from the Board was recommended. The university solicitor, Gor-

don Petrie recommended that Mr. White should not be permitted to stand for the office from which he was dismissed.

The appeal was heard under Regulation 4(e) and as a result of the ruling, Barry White will be included as a candidate on the ballot.



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Turkey's and Tributes of the Week are chosen by Brunswickan News Staff in recognition of the *Marvelous* and the *Moronic* things people say or do.

This week's Turkey of the Week Award is given to Bosnitch's Student Union who entered Paul Michel Lord's name as a candidate for VP Academic. . .without his permission and without his knowledge.

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

This week's Tribute of the Week goes to OURSELVES. We work like pigs, and sweat like dogs, and don't get paid for it.