

Daycare funding on a roll

by Gordon Loane

Two more student groups have announced major contributions towards the construction and operating budget of a new daycare centre on campus.

Organizers of the College Hill Daycare Co-operative say the UNB Graduate Students' Association will contribute \$7500 towards construction of the 60-space facility. The money comes from fees collected last September and from fees to be generated this fall.

In addition, the executive of CAMPUS—the association representing mature and part-time students agreed to spend \$4000 towards capital costs.

Both student groups have agreed to provide ongoing operating support as well. Graduate students will provide five dollars each to help subsidize 18 spaces reserved in the new facility.

The subsidy will reduce the monthly user fee by \$50. It will cost just \$300 per-month as a result. The CAMPUS organization will provide a lump sum payment of \$2000 a year.

Nancy Mathis, Chair of the Board of the proposed Daycare, says there are promises of more funding to come.

"The Graduate Students and CAMPUS are getting together to sort out who represents part-time graduate students," Mathis said. "Until that's done, there are no firm commitments. But the GSA feels if they get to be the official representatives, some 463 part-time graduate students should contribute five dollars each towards the yearly operating subsidy for the Daycare Centre," she said. "That represents

another potential source of \$2300 in yearly funding if all goes well."

Something a bit more firm is meetings scheduled in the next week with two staff associations that represent the bulk of UNB employees.

"We're seeking funding from the UNB Employees Association and have a meeting set for next Tuesday," Mathis continued. "We're meeting with the AUNBT today as well."

The UNB Student Union has already announced funding totalling \$6800 towards construction. A further \$8200 request is under active consideration, together with a request for an \$8400-a-year grant to subsidize 14 spaces reserved for UNB undergraduates.

At the Saint Thomas Student Union, a request for a yearly operating subsidy has been turned down. But a \$4500 request to help fund construction costs, though rejected twice by Student Council, may yet be reconsidered.

In all, just over \$18,000 has been raised for construction in the last couple of weeks. Some \$48,000 is still needed to complete the financing for the \$300,000 estimated cost of the facility. Public tenders for construction close next Thursday. A public opening of tenders will take place at that time.

Next week, the College Hill Social Club is organizing a major fundraising event in support of the project. Next Thursday, March 3, several bands will be performing in the club from 2:00pm until closing time at 2:00am.

A second fundraiser takes place April 9 in the SUB Ballroom when a child fair and a yard sale is being organized.

Hundreds rally at future abortion clinic



Pro-life and Pro-choice forces gathered to voice their opinions last Saturday at the proposed site of a Morgentaler clinic in Fredericton.

Photo by Roxanne Robinson

by Cheryl McLean

A huge march took place in front of the proposed abortion clinic owned by Dr. Henry Morgentaler at 88 Ferry Avenue last Saturday.

Pro-life supporters estimate that over 1000 people came out to the peaceful demonstration called *Witness for Life*, while pro-choice supporters numbered 14.

"Abortion is wrong, whether it is at a clinic or at a hospital," said Debbie McIntyre of the pro-life group. She pointed out that although this clinic is not yet open, abortions are still being performed in hospitals.

Pam FitzPatrick organized the pro-choice group to counterbalance the pro-lifers and said that the reason that her group had such a small turnout was because she had not heard of the demonstration until last Thursday, giving her two days to or-

ganize.

FitzPatrick held a last-minute organizational meeting on the morning of the demonstration, and even though the turnout at the rally was small, she was pleased that the pro-choice voices were heard.

Like many pro-life supporters, McIntyre's goal is to keep fighting until abortion stops. When asked if she supported abortions in the cases of rape or incest, McIntyre replied that the main focus was to stop the "97-99%" that use abortion solely for "convenience" and that it is a small percentage of women that have abortions after rape or incest.

FitzPatrick was curious to know from what source McIntyre found such high statistics, and wondered if it was just speculation.

McIntyre feels that when a woman is raped, she should be counselled and that an abortion would only compound her guilt.

The main focus of a rape should be the mother's well-being and an abortion might divert the needed attention. McIntyre quoted an article saying, "Isn't it a twisted logic that would kill an innocent unborn baby for crimes of the father?"

McIntyre's group have written to their MLA's, some of which have sided with them as private members.

A pro-life supporter believes that from the moment of fertilization a human is created because "nothing is put in or taken away." For those that believe a child is not human until birth, McIntyre said, "isn't it a crazy thing to let people tell the worth of a human?"

FitzPatrick said a pro-choice supporter believes that every person has the right to make their own decisions for their own bodies.

The clinic is scheduled to open later this spring.

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Brostowski says inquiries at his office are most welcome by phone, fax or E-mail.

Meantime, changes in the administrative procedure for liquor-only events will not affect a service being provided by Beaver Foods since early last summer. Since then, the university's food caterer has been providing liquor service when event organizers order food.

"We will continue this service when our customers ask for it," said Joe Doerig, Beaver's Food Service Director.

The minimum charge is three dollars per person when food and a bar service are provided. In addition, there is a minimum charge of \$40 if bar sales at an event fall below \$200. Beaver will also provide bartenders and campus police as required.

"Our rates were set last June and will not change after March 1st," said Doerig. "Our fees are competitive with other hotel operations in town," he emphasized.

But one of the major advantages of the Beaver services is that student organizations can still hold wet/dry events if food is ordered. Beaver Foods looks after all administrative work necessary to obtain a Bar Service, but it comes obviously at a price. It also depends clearly on what types of events student organizers wish to hold.

In the residence system, the closure of Bar Services is not expected to have a major impact, at least according to Lynn Fraser, Assistant to the Dean of Residences.

"Since September our Residence Alcohol Committee has been instrumental in organizing House functions. After consulting the liquor licensing Branch, House members are now free to take drinks any where in the residence. House functions are limited to a certain number each academic year and only one guest per resident is allowed at an event," Fraser said. "So certain restrictions do apply, but generally it's working out well."

Last fall, the residence system organized several so-called SUB Socials. Fraser claims these turned out to be unpopular.

"The new system requiring special occasion permits is expected to be too restrictive for our needs," Fraser claims. "The elimination of the wet/dry option at liquor events is a major disadvantage for many of our residents who are underage," she concluded.

Student leaders have a mixed reaction to the closure of Bar Services. van Raalte says the extra administrative work for event organizers may be matched by a chance to make modest profits on liquor related events.

"There are certain restrictions on advertising those events, and wet/dry events are out," he said. "I think it might drive underage drinking underground as well. It will also require our Alcohol Awareness Committee to shift its focus just a little. The elimination of wet/dry events will require us to organise more non-alcoholic events for those in first- and second-year who will be restricted from attending liquor-related functions."

Changes to spring Graduation ceremony

by Brunswickan staff

Graduation on the UNB Fredericton campus promises to be somewhat unique this spring.

In a departure from tradition, university officials have decided to hold three separate ceremonies. The time and date of graduation will depend on a student's faculty and degree to be conferred.

The university released its tentative graduation schedule to *The Brunswickan* this week. Undergraduate students in Business, Education, Physical Education and Office Management will receive their diplomas on Wednesday, May 25th at 2:00pm. Graduate students in these faculties will get their diplomas at the same time.

Meanwhile, undergraduate and graduate students in Arts will join the Nursing and Law faculties in a second ceremony slated for 10:00am; Thursday, May 26th.

A third ceremony will see students in Science, Computer Science, Forestry, Engineering and Forest Engineering receive their diplomas at 2:00pm on the same day. Master and Doctorate Degree students in these faculties will attend

the same ceremony.

All three ceremonies will be presided over by UNB Chancellor Fredrik Eaton and UNB President Robin Armstrong. New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governor has been invited to all three events, which will take place at the Aitken Centre.

For many years, all students attended one ceremony. But over the last couple of years there have been concerns expressed.

"President Armstrong appointed a committee some time ago to review the ceremony and sought input from students, parents, faculty and staff," said Stephen Strople, university secretary. "People complained about the three- to four-hour length of spring graduation," he said. "Many students felt the ceremony was not oriented enough towards them. The changes we are announcing hope to address these concerns," Strople said.

About 450 students are expected to graduate at each ceremony. The university expects to present one honorary degree per ceremony, and that person will double as graduation speaker. Introductory remarks will be delivered by the chancellor

or the president on each occasion.

"Our aim is to shorten the ceremony, make it more personal and provide much more seating room for invited guests," said Sandra Howland of UNB's Department of Development and Public Relations. "Since we plan to use the Aitken Centre and rearrange the stage somewhat, we hope to achieve our goal," she continued. "Each of these ceremonies will still be slightly larger than UNB's Fall Convocation."

Students expecting to graduate this spring should go to the Registrar's office as soon as possible. Office officials remind undergraduates that they have just a few days left before the March 1 deadline to fill in the yellow cards containing an "Application to Graduate."

Graduate students who expect to complete their degree and graduate this May have until April 1 to fill in their blue "Application to Graduate" card. These cards can be obtained from their own director of Graduate Studies.

The Registrar's office reminds graduates to consult the grad packs they will soon receive to confirm the full graduation schedule.