

# Child find at centre of controversy

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The recent controversy over child prostitution in downtown Fredericton has been "blown out of proportion", said Earl Stapleton, of Child Find New Brunswick.

Stapleton was commenting on the flurry of criticism and negative media attention which accompanied his comments to local business interests that the problem of child prostitution in Fredericton was larger than people might think - and that it was linked in part, to "social workers who don't care."

In conversation with Stapleton on Monday, he stressed the fact that the whole issue has been sensationalized by the press and does not help his cause. As a result, the focus has been shifted away from the

real issues. Instead of concentrating their concern over the issue of child prostitution in Fredericton, people should be aware of the immediate need for programmes which will help these children cope with their familial and social difficulties.

Stapleton does acknowledge the problem of prostitution among runaways, but he also says that only a small number ever get mixed up in it. Furthermore, an even smaller

number are 14 year olds. Rather, the majority of child prostitutes are in the 16-19 year old range and are thus considered to be Juveniles.

His remarks that "social workers don't care" were in reference to the shortage of social workers to deal with this problem. Clarifying this statement, Stapleton said that it is not that social workers don't care, but that there is an overload of cases on a very small amount of these people

who are expected to provide quality in the face of large quantities. Confirming that there are several caring social workers who give of their own spare time, he recommends that the government provide additional funding to alleviate this situation.

Meanwhile, Stapleton reiterated that his department is concerned with finding runaways & missing children and that sensationalized

newspaper accounts will only serve to turn them away from the very institutions which are designed to alleviate their familial and personal problems.

Especially so, he said, when these kids read the newspapers and begin to doubt the degree of trust and confidentiality which Child Find New Brunswick attempts to establish with missing children & their families.

## All Election Seats Acclaimed?

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The deadline for nominations in the Student Union Inc. elections has been extended until today at 5 p.m.

Chief Returning Officer Tony English says the reason for the two day extension

(originally the deadline was on Wednesday) was because of a difficulty in the distribution of nomination forms.

Lana Grimes has been acclaimed to the Vice President (Administration) executive position. Those already acclaimed to representative positions are Jackie Dickison and Susan Forestall (Arts), Andrew Petrie (Physical Education),

Kevin Colton (Computer Science) and Barry White (Forestry).

S.U. Inc. President John Bosnitch says there are still six or seven nomination forms out and "if those are returned it looks like we will have a full operational government."

Bosnitch says that it does not look like an election will be necessary, as he believes that

all of the positions will be acclaimed.

Larry Hansen, president of the current governing council says he is not recognizing the S.U. Inc. election as official.

"I'm planning to ignore it and I think the students on this campus are planning to do the same," Hansen says.

## Marketing News

The fifth annual Marketing Management Competition, sponsored by the University of Manitoba, is an interactive computer simulation of the home electronic entertainment industry. It begins in October, and attracts entries from universities all over North America. Last year the UNB team won the award for best Canadian team and placed second overall, with Ohio State winning first place.

The UNB Marketing Management team members were chosen through a cooperative effort of the Faculty of Administration and the Business Administration Society.

The criteria for the team selection were marketing ability, presentation skills and entrepreneurship. The ability to handle the pressure and time constraints of the excess work load (ten weeks of strategic planning plus preparation of the final formal presentation, equivalent to one extra full course) was also a consideration.

This year's team of business students are eager to invest their time and marketing skills in order to "profit" from the experience. This year's team includes; Ms. Shirley McGrath (team captain) a fourth year Business Dean's list student, who has been awarded the 25th Anniversary Business Administration Scholarship (1985-86) and runs her own Management Consulting firm

in Yellowknife, N.W.T. Mr. Kevin Waller a fourth year business student majoring in marketing and finance. Mr. Kevin Doucette a fourth year business student majoring in marketing. Mr. Derek Hassay a fourth year Business student with a major in marketing and recipient of the 25th Anniversary Business Administration Scholarship (1985-86).

The winner of the Marketing Management Competition will be chosen by a panel of judges comprised of leading businessmen and senior educators. The competition finals will be held in Winnipeg, January 15 to 17, 1987.

In competing in the highly interactive computer simulation the students will be required to use all their marketing knowledge to analyze a complex situation, formulate and implement a strategy, in competition with others. At the finals each team will make a formal presentation to a Board of Directors.

Each team consists of four students and a faculty advisor. Again this year associate Dean Professor Ross Darling will be the team's advisor. The Marketing Team and the Business Society are presently involved in a fund raising program to provide the monies for this year's competition.

Last year's success and experience gained make UNB a favorite to win this year's competition.

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