

Making it last subject of psych lecture

By Janice McConnell
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How do you prolong intercourse?

"I think about dead animals on the side of the road" was one student's answer to that question as part of a Psychology department study.

Psychology doctoral student, Guy Grenier, spoke at a Psychology department colloquium on the subject of ejaculatory control on February 12.

Grenier discussed the findings of his research on university men and their attempts at ejaculatory control.

The research specifically looked at attempts to delay ejaculation in men who experience a sexual dysfunction known as rapid ejaculation, more commonly known as premature ejaculation.

Rapid ejaculation is the most common male sexual problem, affecting from one-third to three-quarters of men, depending on the definition of rapid ejaculation that is used.

"In order to do research there has to be a standard for the term 'rapid ejaculation,'" said Grenier.

Grenier's research explored the more common aspects of premature ejaculation. This included voluntary control of ejaculation, the number of thrusts that can be completed, as well as the sexual response of the partner. The research investigated men's distress or satisfaction in timing and control of ejaculation.

The research is novel as this is the

first time that all the criteria of ejaculatory control have been examined at the same time and compared to the behaviours that men are doing, Grenier stated.

"This is the first time it has ever been investigated empirically," asserted Grenier.

According to Grenier, there are more than twelve theories for what causes rapid ejaculation.

"One theory is that men who ejaculate rapidly simply haven't learned behavioural techniques that men that don't ejaculate rapidly have learned," said Grenier, "and that lends itself to empirical investigation."

Participants in the study were asked

to specify what they did to prolong intercourse.

Many students reported using thoughts to control their ejaculation. Along with thoughts of roadkill, students recounted thoughts of ugly teachers and women with unpleasant personalities. Among the other techniques cited, was singing the national anthem silently or calling one's mother on the telephone.

It appears that thinking certain types of thoughts did not relate to control. The only consistent result of the research is that ejaculating before intercourse was the behaviour that was more often reported by men who report poor control.

"We don't know if that technique is

effective or not," Grenier continued.

Results of the study were sent to the Canadian Sexual Research Forum, a group of sex researchers and therapists. The group members were asked to determine which responses were made by men with control problems.

"We were asking experts in sex to make that assessment," Grenier said.

"We found that even a group of sex experts could not distinguish between men with good and bad control based on the techniques that the men reported they used to delay ejaculation," he said.

"Evidence suggests that men with longer latencies and good control aren't doing anything remarkably different," concluded Grenier.

UNB Dean of Nursing reappointed

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Penny Ericson has been reappointed to a second year term as dean of nursing at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

During her first term as dean, Professor Ericson oversaw the adoption of a new faculty curriculum focused on teaching students to care for clients within the primary health care framework. "Our curriculum continues to evolve as challenges presented by new diseases and changing social and environmental conditions make an impact on the health care system," says Dean

Ericson. "Students are partners in contributing to effective classroom and clinical learning experiences."

In her second term, Dean Ericson will direct the expansion of the basic BN program to additional sites around the province. She also hopes to implement a masters of nursing program.

As vice-president of the Canadian University Schools of Nursing responsible for the education portfolio, Dean Ericson is in a unique position to assess UNB's nursing program. "I'm able to see in what areas of nursing education UNB leads and which areas need to be developed," says Dean Ericson. "UNB contin-

ues to lead in preparing students to meet the professional challenges of nursing."

Looking to the future, Dean Ericson foresees a continued commitment in the nursing faculty to excellence in teaching, practice and research. Such initiatives would bring practitioners from various health services to the university while sending faculty members to health services fields. "Joint appointments will be encouraged to facilitate a stronger link between client focused and student focused areas of practice," says Dean Ericson.

Dean Ericson joined UNB nursing in 1984.

STU SU may nix SUB expansion referendum

By Gordon Loane
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Saint Thomas Student Union President Shane Donovan has all but ruled out a second referendum on SUB expansion.

Student Council will make a final decision soon, but Donovan says priorities have changed since he originally promised to hold a second vote on the issue this spring.

A referendum on SUB Expansion failed at STU last spring, while a similar vote at UNB was approved. The referendum would have been in conjunction with student elections March 22.

UNB students contribute a yearly fee of \$25 each to a SUB Expansion fund. STU's decision means a loss of \$50,000 annually in potential revenue for the expansion project.

"There hasn't been much movement on SUB expansion this year," said Donovan, who cites the upcoming CFS referendum as a more urgent priority.

"I just don't see STU students contrib-

uting \$25 each to a SUB expansion fund at this time," said Donovan.

"We have been contributing to the construction of the Sir James Dunn Building so I don't think the enthusiasm is there for any other project at this time," Donovan explained.

"But SUB expansion is a good idea," he said citing work done to date by the UNB Student Union.

"It's just not for us this year," he said.

"I recognize that our requests won't receive top priority when expansion takes place without a financial contribution," Donovan said.

"At the same time we do not expect to lose office space in the building either," he continued citing funds from the STU Administration that helps pay for heat, lights, maintenance and cleaning the SUB.

"In fact, office reorganization in the office wing may benefit the STU Student

Union in the long run," he said.

The decision to postpone the referendum is not expected to dampen relations between the STU and UNB Student Unions, according to Donovan.

"I suppose officials at the UNB SU would be much happier if we held a referendum and it was approved or finally decided one way or the other," Donovan said.

This is a sentiment echoed by UNB SU President Paul Estabrooks, who is not surprised by Donovan's announcement.

He said STU's participation in the plan has been affected by delays in finalizing plans for the expansion.

"Other priorities like the CFS, the CFS health plan and the upcoming CFS referendum have overshadowed the SUB expansion project this year," said Estabrooks.

"We just didn't have all the information available that could have been of some

assistance to help sell a possible referendum at STU this spring," he added.

Estabrooks still hopes to attract the STU SU's attention in the future.

"Naturally we would love to have them on board," said Estabrooks citing a long standing co-operative partnership between UNB and Saint Thomas that helps maintain the current SUB.

SUB Director Kim Norris would love to see STU students participate in the SUB expansion since plans are being discussed again at a scheduled March meeting of the SUB Advisory Board.

"But a decision to participate in SUB expansion is up to Saint Thomas students," said Norris, reacting to Donovan's announcement.

"Certainly no one is forcing them to participate," he said, saying it will be business as usual with the STU SU whether they are in or out of the expansion project.



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This issue is dedicated to those acid freaks who thought last week's issue did have color. Right on, right on. And, along the same lines, to our ever-so-bloody-special birthday boy, Michael. We love you.

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