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## Planned disaster at Memorial University

### Two students suffer minor injuries

BY AMANDA LABONTE

ST. JOHN'S (CUP) — Last week Memorial University saw an explosion in the front entrance of its arts building leaving hordes of bleeding students lying in the debris.

Of course, none of it was real.

Memorial, in conjunction with the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary and the St. John's Fire Department, played host to a mock disaster filming.

The Arts and Administration Building was closed for the day while taping. The film is to be used in a future crisis management exercise to test the university's readiness in an emergency situation.

Facilities Management, with university relations, helped plan the disaster.

Aidan Kiernan of Memorial's Facilities Management says

the exercise is part of the university's effort to be as prepared as possible.

He says the film will be used in November as part of an exercise to train key university personnel. Kiernan adds that during the training there may be some more mock accidents, but not at as large a scale as this one.

Last week's mock disaster consisted of a fake explosion with students from the Memorial Drama Society posing as victims.

"We certainly appreciate the co-operation we got from the students and the drama society, without whom we couldn't have staged the event," said Kiernan.

Two members of the Drama Society who posed as victims for the fake disaster actually did end up at hospital after they suffered from smoke inhalation.

Maureen Power, a third-year biology student, and Lucy MacLean, a first-year student, both

played walking victims.

"They put a lot of make-up on us, they had a make-up expert come in and we had all these wounds and blood," said Power.

MacLean says they were shooting the last scene, which involved a smoke machine, when Power had to drag her out of the building because she was having trouble breathing.

"Everybody thought I was acting still when I got out, I was coughing and choking," said MacLean. "Then they realized I was actually in trouble so they put me on oxygen."

Power says the response to the injuries was very quick.

Power and MacLean, along with one of the firemen, were sent to the Health Science Centre.

Both say the situation was handled very well.

According to Power, a cast party and screening will be held for all the victims at a later date.

## Trent Central Student Association investigates petition

### Students unhappy with representatives

BY LISA WHITTINGTON-HILL

PETERBOROUGH, ON (CUP) — Legal counsel for the Trent Central Student Association (TCSA) Board of Directors is investigating questions arising from a petition put forward last month by a group of Trent University students.

The petition asked the Board to hold a referendum to review the TCSA's membership in the Canadian Federation of Students.

The CFS is a national student based lobby group that provides services to member schools and lobbies the government, both federally and provin-

cially, on behalf of students.

Matt Griem, TCSA vice-president (student issues), says the Board needs legal advice because it is currently caught between two different groups, those who presented the petition and the CFS.

Joel Harden, Ontario chairperson for the CFS, says that when concerns are brought forward to his organization, they are dealt with quickly.

Harden adds he hasn't yet seen a petition with 10 percent of the student body's signatures calling for a referendum.

According to CFS bylaws, 10 percent of students at a mem-

ber school must sign a petition before a referendum to leave the CFS can occur.

"I just think that the average student out there has absolutely no interest in this sort of technical data gathering," said Harden in regards to the petition and lawyers being involved.


The initiators of the petition also consulted lawyers, but according to Nick Butler, spokesperson for the initial petition, the group is not presently talking to legal counsel.

"We have confidence that the TCSA is choosing the best course of action under the circumstances," said Butler.

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