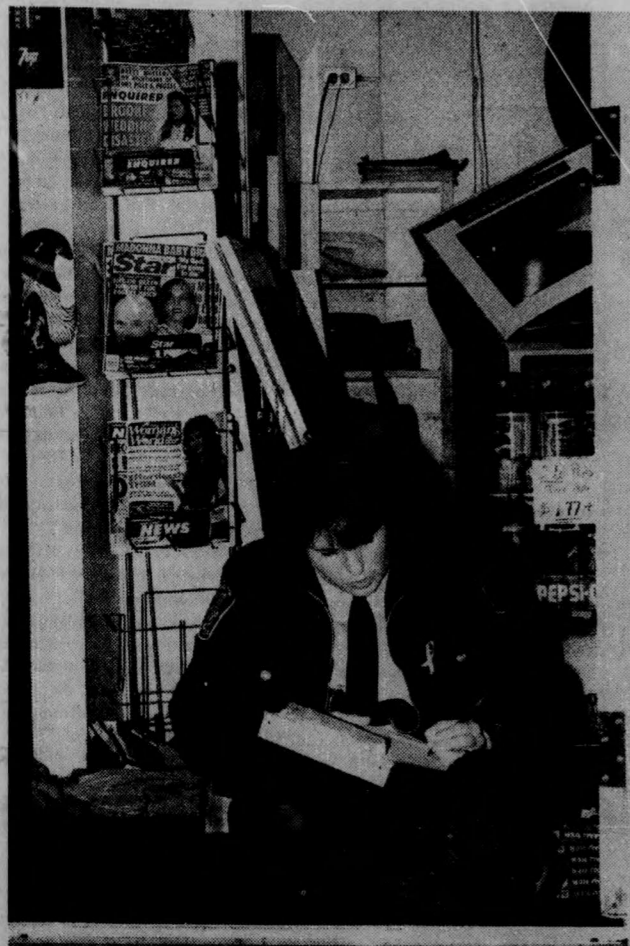


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Rash of crimes hits downtown area



Constable Janet Smith of the Fredericton City Police at the scene of the crime shortly after the 2:26am telephone call reporting the break-in at Dick's Convenience Store on Westmoreland Street. Behind and to the right of Cst. Smith is one of the vandalized video-gambling machines broken into by the individuals involved. Constable Smith is shown here itemizing some of the thirty cartons of cigarettes the perpetrators dropped while fleeing the scene.

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

Early in the morning on Wednesday, October 23 Fredericton City Police responded to a report of a break in at Dick's Grocery on Westmoreland St. Located in an area heavily populated by students, this comes at the same time as a rash of car thefts in the downtown area.

Police say that a local resident called them at 2:26 a.m. to report that more than one person had apparently broken into Dick's Grocery. Although the police were at the scene forty seconds later, the perpetrators of the robbery had fled. While police declined to comment on how the criminals escaped so quickly, a witness who asked to remain anonymous stated that they were carrying a police band scanner.

Staff Sergeant Carr told the Brunswickan that the store was entered from the back, where the robbers gained access through the basement. Police observed that two video gambling machines were broken open, the cash register was rummaged and cartons of cigarettes were stolen. The perpetrators escaped with an undisclosed amount of money and

approximately thirty cartons of cigarettes. Another thirty cartons were recovered outside of the store which the robbers apparently dropped while fleeing.

This break-in occurred less than two blocks from the home of a UNB student whose car was stolen out of his driveway late Monday night or early Tuesday morning. When Drew Gilbert reported this to City Police, he was informed that a number of vehicles have been stolen in the downtown area recently. He states that the police have been very friendly, even giving him and his roommate a ride to school in the back of a squad car because they were obviously without transportation. Police have recovered one of the stolen vehicles, but the rest, including Mr. Gilbert's, remain missing.

While these recent crimes may not constitute a crime wave, local residents should be alert to signs of suspicious activity. The people who robbed and vandalized Dick's Grocery remain at large, as do the car thieves. Anyone with information about either of these crimes should contact the Fredericton City Police at 452-9701 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Two thefts on campus

• Sometime between the evenings of Thursday, October 17 and Monday, October 21, person(s) unknown removed two digital balances from a laboratory (room 114) in Toole Hall. These electronic digital balances are very expensive. A chain was cut to remove these balances. Both are Top loading Mettler Electronic Balance, Model BB 240. One has a serial number K05540 of \$1,420 value, and one has a serial number NK 83547 of \$1,881. If you have information about this crime please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

• On Monday night, two (2) goal post pads were taken from Buchanan field. The post pads belong to the UNB Women's Rugby Club. They are red with white writing (UNB Women's Rugby/Budweiser). The post pads are urgently needed for a semi-final game this Sunday. There is a reward for their return. If you have any information concerning the whereabouts of these goal post pads, please contact Danielle Gervais at 455-7389.

Parking on campus still upsets students

JENN BROWN
THE BRUNSWICKAN

For many years now students and administration have been battling over the parking issue. Many students feel that parking conditions are lousy while administration insists that UNB's parking is more than adequate. There are two very clear sides to the argument.

Administration: Richard Peacock, Director of Security at UNB, says that the only real parking problem at UNB is essentially created by the students.

"There is no shortage of spaces—just spaces near the door." The stats on parking are as follows: UNB has 1549 general spaces were anyone can park. 93 spaces are designated as residence only. 528 parking spaces are student only and faculty/staff have 880 designated parking spaces. This is a total of 3050 spaces.

Peacock insisted that the traffic

department is not unfair. "We try to be reasonable but we have to maintain parking regulations. We do not give a student a parking ticket unless they have

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- Rick Peacock, Director of Security

parked somewhere that they shouldn't have." He also stressed that our registration fee of \$55 is one of the cheapest in the country. "The \$55 fee barely covers the paper work. There are other expenses for parking as well, such as, lighting, paving, snow removal, sanding, and signage."

Peacock stressed that, in his opinion, most students simply do not want to park their car and walk a bit, so they are willing to take the chance of getting a ticket.

Meanwhile, many students at UNB feel that there are serious problems with parking, particularly for residence students. Jacque Lovely, a proctor of Harrison House, says that residence

students should have the opportunity to park near their house.

"People who live in houses get to park in their driveway. People in apartments get to park near their building but they do not have that option. There are spaces all around my home but I am not allowed to park in them."

According to Lovely, one solution would be to take the section of parking near the quad that is now student parking and designate it residence parking only.

Jennifer Price, a proctor at Bridges House, expressed concern about the security's suggestions as to where she should park her car. They suggested that she park behind Tibbets or in the general parking on the other side of the SUB. This would mean that she, and other females in the house, would have

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- Trish Davidson, VP Student Services

to walk alone on the campus at night, which she feels could be unsafe.

There have been discussions of a petition as a possible option to ensure something is done about the residence parking problem, however nothing has been officially started.

Tricia Davidson, SU Vice President Student Services, says she spent time last year fighting to change the parking regulations.

Davidson's major complaint with parking is what she calls, "the blatant preferential treatment of faculty over students."

"Faculty pay the same fees as students but they get the better parking spaces." Davidson is also upset with the fact that students are here typically only for eight months but must pay the same fee as faculty who are usually here for the entire year. Davidson feels that the solution to the parking problem would be to eliminate all designated parking.

Multinational Woodsmen competition held at UNB



STEPHANIE SHUFELT
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Last Saturday, October 19, the Woodsmen's competition took place here at UNB. Dave Hare, organizer,

commented that it was a great day for the event and everyone seemed to enjoy it. 34 teams participated from all over Canada, including one team from New Hampshire.

Late in the day there was a relay race between Canada and New Hampshire to "see who was the better team," says Hare. Turns out the Americans were. But Hare was quick to object and say that "the Canadian team was tired at the end of the day."



UNB's men's A Team came in second behind McDonald College from Quebec. The women's team also came in second behind Sault College. There were some changes in the way things were run this year. Events were

Council Watch

KATE ROGERS
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Student Services

Vice President (Student Services) Tricia Davidson began Tuesday's council agenda with an update on the Paper Trail. Davidson announced a proposal to rent movies out of the Paper Trail for an approximate fee of \$3.50.

The long-awaited Student Directory will be sent to the printer's this week, and Davidson predicted circulation should be underway soon. Davidson also reported that Health Plan cards are scheduled to be distributed Wednesday, October 23, and "the cheques are in the mail" for students who opted out. Davidson also reminded council that this is Alcohol Awareness Week, and all councillors are encouraged to participate in this week's SMART PAAC activities.

Davidson also brought up the hot topic of student parking. In co-operation with Jacques Lovely of Harrison House, Davidson will be looking into the various grievances caused by the current parking situation on campus.

External

VP (External) Anthony Knight reported on recent meetings with the Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, Roly McIntyre. McIntyre called a meeting of university representatives to discuss the future role of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Committee. Topics on the agenda included student representation in government, quality programs, the NB Student Alliance, and the future participation of Nova Scotia. Knight said McIntyre urged student representatives to obtain seats on University Governance committees in order to gain direct influence in policy making.

Knight also announced an upcoming Atlantic Student Union conference to be held at Acadia University during the first and second week of November. Knight concluded his report with the announcement that the move to increase book tax has been cancelled by both the Federal and Provincial governments.

Finance & Administration

VP (Finance & Administration) Monique Scholten reported on the financial consequences of the Coke sponsorship deal. Scholten explained that UNB signed an exclusive contract with Coke in 1992. The terms of this contract specified that in exchange for monetary compensation to UNB, and free product for the Student Union, Coke would be the sole soft drink supplier on campus. However, no one was really sure what the consequences for selling a Pepsi would be.

University Affairs

VP (University Affairs) Anoushka Courage briefed council on this week's Senate and committee meetings. Courage informed council that while full-time student enrolment is up by 159, part-time is down by 86. Other related stats showed that 6.7% of '95-'96 students withdrew while 430 students were placed on AP.

Courage also announced proposals for an Atlantic Canada Open Degree. As the title suggests, the three-year degree allows students to amalgamate credits from various Atlantic Canadian universities.

Courage also addressed the issue of Orientation, reporting on a suggestion made by the Dean of Students. The Dean of Students has recommended that Orientation be stretched out over a period of five weeks rather than an overwhelmingly intense one-week period.

Courage also announced that administration is toying with the idea of starting classes on the Thursday of Frosh Week, rather than following Monday. And, on a final note, Courage reminded council that the deadline for election nominations is Friday, October 25.

President

President Joie Hellmeister announced plans for Cultural Diversity Week, which will run January 20 - 25. The week will be marked by workshops on multicultural issues such as religion and immigration, and an arts and crafts exhibition.

Hellmeister also confirmed the publication of the '96-'97 Yearbook. Volunteers have shown interest in the time-consuming project.

Once again, the issue of student fees paid by nurses on satellite campuses surfaced. Nurses feel their fee of \$51 should be eliminated. In consideration of the Student Union resources offered to the nurses, council defeated the motion. Hellmeister also requested that council allocate her \$200 to attend a strategic planning conference in Ottawa for Financial Aid Awareness Week. Council approved. In conjunction with UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, Hellmeister proposed a new fundraising initiative, in which a "President's Day" raffle would give students and faculty the chance to become university president for one day.

Most Heavily Debated Motion

At the request of VP (University Affairs) Anoushka Courage, council voted to allocate \$1500 to the Winter Carnival budget. The move was approved by VP (Finance & Administration) Monique Scholten. (Vote?)

Quote of the Week

"You pay \$80 and get to stay at the Wandlynn Inn... It's so everyone can stay close together."

Once again, SU President Joie Hellmeister, describing the accommodations provided by a conference being held this weekend.

a success and everyone enjoyed the events and competition.

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All in all Hare said that the day was