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Chair of CFS opposed to UNB fee limit

by Karen Burgess

In a recent council meeting, Kelly Lamrock, president of Saint Thomas University's Student Union, raised the issue of UNB's reduced membership rates for the Canadian Federation of Students.

Apparently, when UNB joined the CFS there were no allowances made in UNB's budget for membership fees and therefore a funding ceiling was established at \$4,800.00

The CFS's constitution states that members will pay for membership at the rate of \$1.25 per student, but with the present ceiling UNB's payments work out to only \$0.78 per student.

In light of concerns expressed by other CFS members, such as the University of Moncton which pays fees close to UNB's \$4,800.00 limit but has only about half the student

population, CFS has been looking into the issue of whether the ceiling should be lifted.

Lamrock, Student Union president of STU and chair of CFS national said that he is opposed to the limit as it is "not in line with CFS national policy, we (the CFS) don't have that kind of weighted payment for one school.

In response to Lamrock's statements, Mark Lockwood, UNB's VP External to the Student Union, says that UNB's other contributions to the CFS more than offset any difference in membership fees. UNB provides office space for several CFS representatives including the CFS fieldworker and the provincial chair.

Lockwood says that there is absolutely no favouritism shown to UNB on the part of CFS, citing that the UNB Student Union not only pro-

vides office space to the CFS but also some staff and equipment as well. There are also outstanding accounts to the Student Union of the CFS, for certain expenses of Chantal Hanley, Provincial Chairperson, and Tim Claussen, CFS fieldworkers. Lockwood feels that before he could support lifting the fee cap, he would have to have "without a doubt, indications that they needed the money".

In Lockwood's opinion, for Lamrock to raise the issue of possible special treatment to UNB is especially ironic because despite Lamrock's affiliation with the CFS, and his prominent position in the student community at Saint Thomas, STU's membership fees to CFS have not yet been paid for this academic year, and some late charges have been levied.

Lamrock denied the existence

of an outstanding debt on the part of STU saying, "We're not withholding our fees, we're paying them. We haven't been penalized and there are no late charges".

Although Tony Norad, CFS-NB treasurer, confirmed in a conversation on January 29 that STU does have an outstanding account with CFS for its unpaid fees and some late

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SUB director changes policy without SUB Board approval

by Allan Carter

This week, organizations that use rooms in the Student Union Building received a memo from the SUB office informing them that the \$5 key deposit will be increased to \$25 effective February 1.

Kim Norris, director of the SUB says in the memo, that the fee deposit was intended to ensure that all keys are returned at the end of the year and so new locks would not have to be installed.

The key deposit fee is refundable when the key is returned to the SUB office.

Apparently at the SUB Board meeting in January, Student Union representatives expressed concerns that some organiza-

tions were having problems with their rooms because they were not sure who has access to them.

However, it was decided that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting in February, so no decision was made whether or not to increase the key deposit fee.

Norris was not available for comment to explain why he went ahead and enforced a new regulation without SUB advisory board approval.

Regan Legaissie, acting SUB director, could only say he enforces the policy, he doesn't make it.

No one could be reached for comment at the Student Union on Thursday.

SODAMN INSANE: According to Greg Belding, the T-shirts in the Smoke Shoppe were created in order to be a "morale booster". photo by Randy Goodleaf

T-shirts in SUB causing concern

by Allan Carter

The "Desert Storm T-shirts" which are being sold in the SUB are causing some concern among students.

The T-shirts have the Operation Desert Storm logo on them. But it is the back of the shirts that have been causing the controversy.

On the back of the T-shirt is a cartoon of Saddam Hussien with "SODAMN INSANE" written under the cartoon.

According to Greg Belding, General Manager of the store, the T-shirts were created to be a "morale booster" for the Canadian troops in the Gulf.

Belding says he also decided to sell the T-shirts in the store as a way for the public to vent some of their frustrations.

About seventy T-shirts have been made up so far. Thirty six of the T-shirts are in the store and Belding feels the customer response has been "supportive".

Some customers, however have complained about the T-shirts and a few students have informed staff at the store that they will not buy anything at the store until the T-shirts are removed.

But Belding, argues his intention is not to promote hatred with the T-shirts and

says the store is not making a profit off them.

"It's unethical for me to be selling T-shirts and making a profit," says Belding. "If anything, the T-shirts are going to cost the company money."

Belding is sending thirty-eight T-shirts as part of 'care-packages to Canadian soldiers in Qatar.

Nick Oliver, a first year student, is one person who is boycotting the store. He is urging anyone else who feel the T-shirts are offensive to stop shopping at the store.

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