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Photography studios upset with SU motion

by Karen Burgess

Several Fredericton photography studios are upset by a recent Student Union motion to award a contract to Cambridge Studios of Massachusetts allowing them to take grad photos in the SUB.

Although a contract of this nature has never before been considered, Greg Lutes, VP Finance and Administration, said that there was no intention of asking for tenders from local studios until councillor Arthur Doyle Jr. suggested these business should be called.

The question of whether or not the studios were actually called is clouded by a great deal of confusion as none of the local studios acknowledges any contact was made with them.

In a letter sent by Harvey's Studios to Kevin Bourque, SU President, David Prosser, managing partner at Harvey's, said that the first time he heard of the contract was in the February 16th issue of the Bruns.

Prosser continues, "In addition, upon hearing of the motion, I contacted four other studios in Fredericton who, along with our studio, represent approximately 90 to 95 percent of the graduation photography business at UNB - not one of those studios had been invited to counter the Cambridge offer.

Doyle insists that the studios were called, but admits that he was not in contact with the managers of the studios, and believes this may be why none of them responded to the SU request for counter proposal. However, Harvey's, The Little Studio, Stone's Studios and Geoffrey Gammon Studios have all stated that they never received a call from any representative of the Student Union.

Some details about the date and location of the photo sessions are still undecided. The company has quoted a price for a Graduate portfolio that is \$8 cheaper than those provided by local studios, although there is wide variation

in content and quality of any photographic compilation, Lutes feels that the quality of Cambridge's work is "like any other" grad photo.

Lutes admits that it was the Cambridge studio who approached the Student Union and that Yearbook Associates, through Cambridge Studios, has offered to donate \$4,000 worth of production and free film to the UNB Yearbook (which is funded by the SU).

Prosser, of Harvey's Studios, feels that the awarding of this contract without public tender is a very serious issue to his studio, and says "this contract could mean loss of employment for some."

When asked if awarding this contract to the Cambridge Studio was not somewhat of a betrayal to studios such as Harvey's who have had a long relationship with the university in years passed, Lutes responded that he resents the attitude that it is wrong to do business with companies from America saying, "whoever

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competes the best will get the business. Students are not obligated to use this service."

Lutes continues by saying that he was put off by the attitude taken in the letter from Harvey's. He believes that if the studio's relationship with the students at UNB is sufficiently substantial, then students will continue to do business locally.

In a letter of response to Harvey's studio, Lutes writes that the contract with Cambridge studios has been finalized and that the Student Union is not prepared to break it.

SU allocates \$1, 000 for sexual assault survey

by Allan Carter

The UNB Student Union has allocated \$1, 000 to help offset the cost of a needs assessment survey on sexual assault at UNB and STU.

Larry Finkleman, from counselling services told council on Wednesday night that most studies have been done in the United States, and besides smaller surveys which have been done in Canada, there has not been one with a large random selection of students.

Finkleman said that three-quarters of assaults are what can be termed as "acquaintance sexual assaults". He explains that this is an assault where the victim is assaulted by someone they know.

This survey would be useful because such assaults are not

usually reported. He added that reported assaults only represent 10% of the actual number of assaults that take place. Thus about 90% of sexual assaults are not reported.

The survey, which was termed as a "needs assessment" survey, will cost about \$15, 000. About 1500 students will be picked randomly for the survey from both UNB and STU. Questionnaires will be mailed out to students next term in early October. Two weeks later a second letter will be mailed to remind students that if they are going to answer the questionnaire to get in their results soon.

Finkleman said the survey will be completely anonymous.

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Half Mast: Flags at the old Arts Building were flown at Half Mast in memory of Dr. Vicky Gray who passed away this past weekend. See story page 3.

Jamie Rowen photo

Police investigating physical assault

by Allan Carter

A Fredericton City Police investigation is underway after a woman alleged she was physically assaulted.

About 6:30am last Saturday, an intoxicated female, who is not a student at UNB wandered on campus and tried to gain access to McConnell Hall in an attempt to get out of the cold.

Failing to gain access, she pounded on the front doors of Jones House, a UNB male residence.

Residents of Jones House immediately alerted Campus Security, who in turn called the Fredericton City Police.

The woman who was bleeding from her arm after she cut herself when trying to gain access to McConnell Hall, was brought into Jones House until the police arrived. She then was taken to the city hospital.

According to Sergeant Roy of the Fredericton City Police, the investigation has been forwarded to the street crime unit and is being considered an assault case.

Although it is not believed the woman was assaulted on campus, Rick Peacock, director of UNB Security, says they "are obviously concerned, especially if it took place on campus."

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