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Young Grits gain SU recognition

by Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

What a difference a couple of weeks makes. A compromise has been worked out in which the UNB Student Council will indirectly recognize the Student Liberal Society.

It is a far cry from the cold shoulder the aspiring Grits got when an organizer of the group appeared before Council September 14.

The young Grits wanted Council approval because recognition has its privileges, including free room rentals on campus and possible use of the SU's photocopy and poster run service.

But council said "no" in a very close vote. At least two councillors objected on philosophical grounds.

"If we are to slam the government, we should stay as far as possible from any political party," said Paul McLean, Law representative.

"I like Jean Chrétien, but I make an effort to be a student advocate first. It is a bad idea to associate with the party you're supposed to be fighting," McLean told the

Council meeting.

Engineering Representative Vish Nandall supported McLean.

"It is and should not be the place of the Student Union to recognize these types of organizations," Nandall told student council.

"A precedent of recognizing political organizations is not a good thing to have," he said.

Matt Cowan, Director of Communications with the New Brunswick Young Liberal Association and a key organizer of the Student Liberal Society was clearly dissatisfied with Council's decision.

It sparked a round of lobbying and meetings with various student politicians and the media.

Cowan met first with UNB Student Union President Paul Estabrooks and eventually a meeting was set with Council's Constitution and Policy Committee. It was at this last meeting that a compromise was forged.

To assuage the concerns of several student councillors, the young Grits or another group affiliated with a party as defined by Elections

Canada, will not be directly recognized by Council.

Instead, Council will recognize an umbrella group that will eventually consist of every political organization or party on campus.

"The catch-all group would then be able to rent rooms on campus free of charge," Pat FitzPatrick, Vice-President of the Student Union told Council last week.

"However, if council approves this plan, the photocopy and poster run service will not be made available, nor would the umbrella group be eligible for student funding."

While the final approval of council is still to come, the compromise seems to have won the approval of both Cowan and another campus Liberal organizer, Duncan Fulton.

"We are greatly relieved," said Cowan following last week's Council meeting.

"It costs over \$47 to book a room on campus if a student organisation is not recognized somehow by the Student Union. The cost would have been too much for us," said Cowan.

Health plan promo unpopular at MacLaggan Posters irk nurses

Your Patients Really Starting to Get to You?



Think You Need Something
a Little Stronger Than Asprin?

YOU'RE COVERED
BY YOUR STUDENT UNION HEALTH PLAN

DEADLINES:
• To enroll your family in this Plan
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SEPT. 30
To sign up or add on Family Coverage go to the temporary Health Plan Office, Room 114 in the SEB. Open Sept. 12 - 30, 10am - 3pm.

Some nursing students believe this poster is insensitive.

by Jonathan Stone
Brunswickan Staff

Students and staff of the Faculty of Nursing have a few headaches over posters circulated by the Student Union to promote the new health plan.

The posters in question were designed to inform students of the coverage included in the new student-managed plan and to announce the cut-off date to withdraw from the coverage and receive a rebate of \$100.

"The goal of the posters was to hit each faculty to let them know that they were covered," said Chris Alward, SU Vice-President Student Services, who organized the campaign.

"Our goal was to create something that was effective and specific to the faculty. It's something exaggerated from each faculty," he said.

Alward said there were a series of 10 posters designed, one for each faculty.

For nursing, the poster depicts an angry nurse with a 5000cc syringe. The caption reads: "Your patients really starting to get to you? Think you need something a little stronger than Asprin (sic)? You're covered by your student union health plan."

Dean of Nursing Penny Ericson said the poster was brought to her attention by a concerned faculty

member.

"She was upset, she didn't like the image of the nurse. I felt the same way," she said. "In the posters from the other faculties the drawing depicts something funny, but ours was a nurse who was angry. I was saddened that the people who designed it thought it was funny."

So Ericson took a couple of minutes during a recent class to have her students form groups and comment upon the posters.

The students' comments included:

"Displays uncaring attitude; Seems like we don't enjoy our job; We are not servants - remove the cap; We are males as well as females; The caption makes it appear that we use analgesics to avoid dealing with our patients; Portrays nurses as being stressed, unapproachable; Contained spelling mistakes."

Alward said a local artist was contracted to design the cartoon portion of the posters.

"We sat down with him and told him what we wanted," he said. "We came up with the slogans."

But Alward said the intent was only to make students aware of the plan.

When asked if he intended to promote the use of medication to combat stress, "Absolutely not," was Alward's response.

SU to vote on sexual assault centre

by René Ross
Brunswickan News

This November, the Student Union will be voting on a proposal for a sexual assault centre at UNB.

The Centre, modelled after a similar program at McGill University, is being put forth by third-year business student Greg Moore.

"The Centre will not be a counselling service, but an outreach program run by and for the students," he said.

The focus of the centre will be to open up the lines of communication and encourage students to talk openly about the realities of sexual assault.

"It will also concentrate on educating students and challenging the existing myths surrounding this topic," Moore commented.

The centre will complement the organizations (counselling service, rape crisis centre) that deal with these issues.

Coordinators believe that sexual

assault has become such a concern at UNB that it should be student run.

Though space for the centre is a current problem, human resources and volunteer recruitment are a priority at this stage.

According to the proposal, over 100 male and female student volunteers will be needed to lead the discussion groups and undergo crisis intervention training.

Student Union Representatives appear to support the idea for the centre, but some minor concerns still have to be dealt with.

If the proposal is accepted, coordinators are anticipating that the centre will be established by the end of the year.

Eventually, as the program progresses and if it is successful, centre representatives will look at setting up a student run Crisis Intervention Counselling Hotline with the help of outside organizations.

If you are interested in volunteering, or would like more information, contact the Student Union Office at 453-4955 or leave Greg Moore an e-mail at H2RS @ UNB.CA.

Police still searching for suspect

by Janice McConnell
Brunswickan News

Fredericton City Police are still investigating two separate assaults on a female student that occurred September 18 and 19.

The victim was assaulted as she entered Bridges House after midnight on the 18th. She was approached again by the same suspect at midday of the 19th.

Corporal Daniel Copp said he received no tips following the release of the initial story in last week's Brunswickan.

"We're continuing to investigate all aspects of the case," Copp said.

The police are meeting with the complainant, an 18-year-old woman, later this week to help further their investigation.

The suspect is described as a white male, approximately 18 years old. Copp said it is not known whether or not the suspect is a student, but he believes it is likely.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Fredericton City Police at 452-9701.

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Contrary to popular belief the name of the guy downstairs is Steve not Mike.
Sorry for the Identity Crisis.