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seriously. Just look at what the support of the University administration and the private sector has done for the Chair for Women in Engineering. Enrollment of women is up nearly 20% this year. With the Women's Studies Programme in place, what is needed now is a bona fide Women's Studies Resource Centre which is funded, staffed, furnished, lit, heated, ventilated, and centrally located in a visible, high-traffic area such as the SUB. or Tilley Hall. And we need access to copying and postal services. And a telephone. And our own computer.

For years, women students have conducted business and planned women's events out of briefcases, knapsacks or the bottom drawer of a sympathetic female faculty member's already overstuffed file cabinet, or met impromptu in women's washrooms all over campus, or funded events by scrounging silver from the bottom of our purses, scoffing donations of envelopes and illicit photocopying. For years (five that I know of), women have petitioned the Student Union and the University Administration for space and funding. So why have we only just now been granted occasional use of Room 31? Why do we not already have an established Women's Studies Resource Centre? Because Student Union Presidents change year to year and it takes the newcomers the better part of their term in office "to get their ducks in a row," and by then, of course, it's too late to pass any policy, and so women students are referred to the incoming executive who have to be apprised of the situation all over again. And so it goes. Talk about having always to re-invent the wheel.

The University's administration, specifically the past President's Office, also knows well enough that we women students (being the overachievers that we often are) will thankfully graduate sooner or later, and so are likely to go away. Well, we aren't going to go away.

For every woman graduate of this fine institution who has gone on to greener pastures, it seems that there are two energetic young women ready to rise up in her place. It is time for the students, staff and faculty to stop regarding gender issues as a nothing more than a passing trend and to begin to regard women and women's cultural contributions as legitimate areas worthy of academic notice. To include women into the equation of knowledge adds to the pool of discoveries and "facts" from which we try to extract "truth," so what's the problem? Would it be too much to ask that the UNB Administration, the Student Union and departments offering women's studies courses on an interdisciplinary basis jointly fund a staffed Women's Studies Resource Centre as is done in almost all major universities and a surprising number of community colleges across this nation? But then most such institutions are not still haggling over the feasibility of quality on-campus daycare either.

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# Policing powers on campus

There are various organizations involved in maintaining peace and order at the University of New Brunswick. The most prominent of these are the Campus Police (CP), UNB Security and the Fredericton City Police. Within the residence system, the proctors and the dons of the individual houses have limited power to maintain order and enforce house rules.

Because the Campus is considered to be private property, the University, under the University of New Brunswick Act, has the responsibility of maintaining order on Campus. In order to do this, the Board of Governors of the University has enacted various regulations, including the Student Disciplinary Code and liquor regulations.

#### Student Disciplinary Code

The Student Disciplinary Code was enacted to provide students with a means of self-discipline. It states that "it is not meant as a replacement to the laws governing the community as a whole, but as an alternative whereby the University recognizes the special environment it creates and chooses to discipline students in that context". The Code outlines various offences and punishments for them. For the most part, the Code is administered by the Campus Police. If you are charged under the Student Disciplinary Code, your case will be heard by the Student Disciplinary Committee, which is composed entirely of students.

A student charged with an offence under the <u>Criminal Code</u> of <u>Canada</u> cannot be charged with the same offence under the <u>Student Disciplinary Code</u>. Furthermore, a student cannot be charged on the same set of facts under both the <u>Student Disciplinary Code</u> and internal residence regulations.

### Campus Police and UNB Security

Campus Police is usually the first Campus enforcement organization a student will encounter. They are responsible for enforcing the provisions of

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the Student Disciplinary Code, the various liquor regulations and generally for maintaining order and ensuring proper student conduct at Campus events. Campus Police members have the authority to report students who commit a breach of the Student Disciplinary Code. Students must adhere to any orders made by the Campus Police within the scope of their duties.

UNB Security is given authority to enforce the University rules for traffic control and fire prevention. Like the Campus Police, they are also responsible for the protection of people and property on the Campus.

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If Campus Police or UNB
Security catch you committing a criminal offence, they may arrest you. This type of arrest is known as a Citizen's Arrest in the Criminal Code. The Criminal Code allows an ordinary citizen to arrest another without a warrant if he or she finds that person actually committing an indictable offence or has reason to believe that the person has just committed an offence and is escaping.

Basically, the Campus Police and UNB Security handle most problems that arise on Campus. They may use whatever force is reasonable in the circumstances. Many offences are dealt with internally and the City Police are rarely called in unless the offence committed is a very serious one.

### Fredericton City Police and RCMP

Many students believe that the Fredericton City Police or RCMP are not allowed on the Campus as it is considered to be private property. This is false. If a crime has been committed, the police have every right to enter the Campus. The police will not usually interfere with the Campus Police and UNB Security in maintaining order on the Campus. They will, however, respond to a call from either one of these organizations to help administer the law, if necessary. It is therefore usually at the discretion of the University to decide whether or not to call in the police. However, the police may sometimes become involved through pressing charges or investigative work.

#### **Editorial**

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process only served to obscure the fact that it had failed in its duty.

The Brunswickan's vote at the first emergency meeting on Wednesday night was taken to highlight the fact that the decisions made by the Student Union directly impact upon the production of this newspaper. Both the Student Union President and Vice-President Finance and Administration saw fit to apologize to the Brunswickan for the events at the Student Union Council meeting, as well as for the incompetence of some of the Student Union Council members. They did feel, however, that this incompetence was simply due to inexperience. In view of this apology, the Editor-in-Chief convened a second emergency meeting on Thursday morning. After much discussion, the decision to run a paper consisting solely of advertising was overturned. As stated before, the Editorial column this week is running on the front page as a result of this second emergency meeting.

On the surface, the entire affair may rather trivial and the Brunswickan's protest rather petty. But an important point is to be made here. The process of decisionmaking serves a purpose. If the process is to be so strictly adhered to that the purpose of the process is lost, there is a prob even more of a problem if strict adherence to the process only happens when it is expedient to those pressing for such adherence. There was a distinct lack of consistency in procedure during the Student Union's Council meeting on Wednesday night. Unfortunately, this meant that the Student Union Council did not address the valid needs and concerns of those representing this student-run, volunteer organization. And that could have meant that the entire student population went without a Brunswickan on Friday morning for the first time in 126 years.

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