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Whipple: Media fee only solution

by Murray Carew

Last Thursday at the Student Union meeting it was decided that the proposed motion, to cut CHSR's budget next term by $11,000 would be rejected.

Jeff Whipple, station Manager at CHSR was very happy and surprised to see the turnout at the meeting. He also was happy with the decision made.

About 40-45 people were there to voice their opinions on the proposed budget cut. Whipple claims that 10-15 of these people were listeners of CHSR.

Yet Whipple feels that the Student Union executive's defeated motion serves a purpose. That purpose is how funding at CHSR is going to be stabilized.

Whipple believes that the proposed budget cut is "just the start of a very long road" and it is probably going to be "a rough" road.

Though he feels that Wayne's action was one in which Wayne actually thought he was doing "the right thing", Whipple does not think "forcing STU to pay more is the answer."

From what Whipple gathered, neither the Student Union from UNB or STU has really seriously listened to the other on the matter and he thinks this should soon be done if a solution is ever to be found.

One possible solution is the idea of a media fee, but Carson is putting a lot of conditions on such a solution.

One condition is that funding from STU be on a per capita basis. Whipple does not foresee that to happen and is not convinced it should happen.

Thus Whipple does not see the possibility of a media fee, because he gets the impression that Carson is not prepared tc support the idea of a fee with just the UNB students.

When asked about the survey done by the Student Union, which stated that it was not justifiable for the Student Union to finance CHSR so heavily, Whipple answered that the funding issue was disputed long before the survey was created.

But he does feel that the survey questions were made in such a way to support what the Student Union already was planning to do.

Forum to focus on release of Nelson Mandela

By Senu Tevi

The UNB Third World Studies Programme in association with the International Students office will be hosting a public forum on South Africa on Monday, February 20 at 4:00 pm.

The forum which will be held in Tilley 102 will focus on the theme "The Release of Nelson Mandela: Implications for South Africa's Apartheid System."

The forum is aimed at raising public awareness on the issue of Apartheid. Speakers will be Sidima Kabanyani and Greg Robinson who are both South Africans studying here at UNB.

Kabanyani, a graduate student in Chemistry is a member of the African National Congress. He is also a member of the South African Democratic Student Association, a student organization based in the Maritimes that is committed to carrying out the mandate of Anti-Apartheid movement.

Greg Robinson is from Durban in South Africa. He is a graduate student in Survey Engineering.

Bill Buxton of the Third World Studies programme will act as moderator of the forum. It is hoped that the forum will raise more interest in the newly formed Anti-Apartheid Coalition in Fredericton. So far a loosely formed steering committee is involved in spearheading the initiative.

Demonstration held on Valentine's day

By Pierre St. Amand and Chris Jones

A demonstration was held on February 14 in front of the Administration building at UNB in an effort to stop the increase in student tutition fees.

Students chanted "freeze the fees" for around fifteen minutes. Afterwards Dr. Robert Burridge, Vice President (Academic) made an appearance on behalf of Dr. James Downey, President of UNB.

Burridge was then presented with a very large valentine card. The inscription on the card read "we love education".

Gary Clarke, chair of CFS-NB, added that the administration should "do their best to freeze the fees".

Jane Arnold, chair of CFS, who was at the demonstration stated that the "government puts no importance on education". She continued by saying "we need help, students can't afford it anymore".

Arnold also believes that bill C-33 will cut $28 million over a five year period from education funding.

The attempt made by the 70 to 80 students during the demonstration seemed very determined in seeing something done about tutition hikes.

However a low turn-out of students seemed to have stifled the rally against Bill C-33.

Sing-a-Gram a success

By D.S. Redfearn

This past week AIESEC had its annual Sing-A-Gram which was very successful.

Most of the member's singing voices were worn out, which could be an indication to the success of the event.

In addition to around campus, the event received a large degree of attention around Fredericton. CBC television and radio along with CIHI covered the event during the week.

AIESEC-UNB would like to thank all those who purchased Sing-A-Grams from the organization and helped to make the event a great success.

Special thanks also go out to Tim Ferguson who organized the event, along with Jill Nixon who worked in conjunction with Ferguson.

Wesner Disselkamp, president elect of AIESEC would also like to thank the old executives and David Kilfoil, Atlantic Regional Manager.

AIESEC members hard at work.

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But, Avery continued, it is still does not hide the fact that it will have a brutal effect on the station.

She asked how can the Student Union expect CHSR to improve their programming by cutting back on their budget?

Kim Doyle, VP Finance and Administration of the Student Union and past member of CHSR's Board of Governors, said it was important for CHSR to get other sources of funding besides the Student Union.

Staples noted, however, that CHSR is looking for funding elsewhere. One such way is through advertising.

But, he continued that if the budget is passed the sales manager would have to go which would result in the station requesting more funding from the Student Union.

Other councillors were being reluctant to pass the budget cut motion.

The reason for this was because it came up so suddenly, making such a quick decision for such an important proposition might have detrimental effects. Few understood where the $11,000 would go.

In the end, the motion was defeated. The idea of a budget cut gradually occurring over the next four years is being considered.