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BUSY SESSION FOR SU

Daycare, Winter Carnival, and Taxis Discussed

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A lot was discussed at the meeting of the Student Council Wednesday, November 30. Most notably a correction was made to the minutes. It is important to know that the Graduate Student Association is not trying to become a full member of the U.N.B. SU. What is hoped for is that they will contribute to the Student Union for services received, and, therefore, last weeks quote in Council Briefs was a misinterpretation.

A motion was also brought up concerning the need for daycare services. U.N.B. in conjunction with St. Thomas will look into the daycare issue.

Also at this meeting, two committees were struck to examine two areas of great concern to students: the manage-

ment of the SUB and bar services. It is hoped that these two committees will seek out all students' concerns in these areas.

Winter Carnival was also a topic of discussion. This year is being handled through campus entertainment. Not all the details have been worked out, but a definite booking has been made with a band which promises to "Rock this campus's socks off", says Jackie Veinott, Campus Entertainment Coordinator.

A proposal was made by varsity mania for funds to the tune of \$2550.58 for the purchase of paraphernalia to be sold back to students.

The final business of the evening revolved around a proposal from Trius Taxi to the Student Union. The basis of this proposal comes from the fact that Trius has been involved with U.N.B. for years and is interested in continuing its in-

volvement in the future. One way they hope to do this is by providing the Student Union President with a ride to and

from the SUB from his or her place of residence, thus ensuring he or she may be in the office during the day. Council

had a bit of trouble with this proposal as they feel any executive who is on official S U Business should be included.

No More Veal, Say Vegetarians

LONDON, Ont. (ISIS)--An anti-veal campaign has been launched by Canadian Vegans for Animal Rights in order to stop the cruelty to calves and animal suffering.

"I am not here to demand you all become vegetarians, but to offer you an alternative to buying products from free-range farms," C-Var Director Michael Schwab told a Western audience November 15.

Factory farming involves dairy cattle, pigs, and chickens that are in many instances raised in overcrowded conditions where the animals are denied their fundamental rights, he said. It does not only concern the trendy milk-fed veal.

"We believe that animals should be allowed to move about and exercise, socialize, have bedding, breathe fresh air, and see daylight. In factory farms, this is not the case," said Schwab.

One factory farm in Cambridge, Ontario, Schwab said, housed 2,000 head of veal calves in one barn. It is one of the numerous operations aiming to get a bite of the \$100-million-a-year industry.

In the veal farms, the animals are taken from their



Photo by Blair Sawler

mothers at birth and immediately put into two-foot wide crates in which the calves cannot turn around. Movement is restricted this way so calves will not have much muscle. They are fed a completely anemic diet which eventually causes high stress and illness, he said.

The calves are administered antibiotics and drugs to promote growth and control infection, which is due to overcrowding in the first place, Schwab added.

At other farms, pigs are often tethered in indoor stalls

and denied sunlight in order to curb violent behavior.

Chickens are often kept in dimly lit barns, four to a cage, all on antibiotics to fight the disease and constantly being sprayed with insecticide.

Originally, drugs and antibiotics were administered to control disease, but farmers found these substances also promoted growth. Now they are used all the time in some farming operations. Schwab said that half of the drugs produced in Canada are used at factory farms.

Free-range farming--where the animals are given their fundamental rights to exercise, socialize and breathe fresh air--is a growing trend, he said.

"People are deciding they do not want to eat all those chemicals. Loblaw's is now selling free-range beef, and they can't keep up with the demand," said Schwab. Many farmers prefer to farm in this method because it is costly to build the indoor facilities and provide the drugs.

The goals of C-Var is to pressure the federal government to prohibit factory farming and grant all animals their basic rights, as has recently been done in Sweden.



Chris Long and "Gent" Harris are the Social Club's entries this year for the Most Wanted Man in Fredericton, a fund raising event for Big Brothers/Big Sisters. These contestants will be featured this week-end at the Social Club to see if our Campus Club can raise the most money.

All money raised will be used locally. Come support this fantastic event!

N.B. Advisory Council on the Status of Women Calls for Legal Aid Service

The Chairperson of the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women has called on the provincial government to establish full civil legal aid service for all serious matters of civil law.

"N.B. has been without civil legal aid for six months", said Jeanne d'Arc Gaudet. "In that time, several hundred persons who needed the protection of the courts have not had access to justice. Under the Canadian Charter of Rights, all Cana-

dians are supposed to have equal protection of the law. The Advisory Council feels strongly that this cutback affects women disproportionately."

The civil legal aid service in N.B. was abolished in April 1988. It had been underfunded for several years and the Advisory Council had advocated increased funding ever since the inception of legal aid in 1981. N.B. is the only province without civil legal aid.

The N.B. Law Foundation recently donated \$250,000 towards legal aid for cases involving family violence. About 50 such cases have received legal aid for custody and property related matters. Ms. Gaudet pointed out that this private funding is limited. Where family violence is not a factor, as in most cases of family law disputes, no legal aid is available to address important questions affecting children and marital property rights.