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Smoking concerns to be addressed

Plebiscite to be held on Monday

by Gail Anthony

A plebiscite to be held on Monday will determine if students feel there is a need for a designated smoking area and whether the student disciplinary code should be amended. This would mean those violating the non smoking policy would be subject to a payable fine up to six per cent of full time tuition.

According to Kim Norris, Director of the Student Union Building, the non smoking policy is often ignored and there are problems with enforcement.

"Unfortunately no peer pressure is being exerted by UNB students, and all the air in the SUB is being continuously recirculated because of the current central ventilation system. Most people do not realize the danger of second hand smoke. It is killing over 35,000 a year in the United States. Second hand smoke is killing people. Most people hate it, but do nothing about it," he states.

According to Norris there has not been a problem dealing with outside people smoking in non smoking areas in the SUB, but says anyone who is not a student at UNB caught violating this policy will be taken before the Student Disciplinary Committee.

"People should be mature enough to understand. Smoking in your own home is one thing, but smoking in a public place is an entirely different matter. Second hand smoke is a deadly substance, end of story," he notes.

Norris explains there isn't any room in the SUB for a designated smoking area. There are only three conference rooms in the SUB, and there is a great demand for all three. He does not feel turning one of these conference rooms into a designated smoking area is an option, and says the only alternative is to build one.

"I'm anxious to see who will vote. If it's six to eight per cent of the student population, it doesn't really give us a good idea of what the students want. I'm hoping we will get a good cross section of the students,"

he concludes.

Jim MacGee, V.P. of University Affairs, says the plebiscite is a way of determining what the students want.

"Even if there is a small turnout to vote at the plebiscite,

the Student Union will still look at what it says, and then act upon the results," he says.

MacGee says if the plebiscite determines students want a designated smoking area, it will empower the Student Union to

look into the matter.

"The cost of the designated smoking room is likely to be considerable, but we will deal with where the money is to come from later. The important

thing is to find out what the students want," MacGee says.

"This plebiscite will help us determine what avenues we should be pursuing," he concludes.



Towed away- The UNB Biology Department's van was recently towed away when a member of

the orientation committee illegally parked it. See story page 3

Photo by Randy Goodleaf

Students Union by-elections underway

by Aime Phillips

The Student Union By-Elections are underway at UNB.

Nominations for Education Rep, Nursing Rep, Student-at-Large and Grad Class Secretary/Treasurer remained open five extra days because they were uncontested as of October 1.

The nominees for those positions are: Mark Fletcher - Education Rep; Dawn-Marie MacKenzie - Nursing Rep; James T. Chappelle, Margie Gregg, Russell Prime, Patty

Smith, Robert Trifts - Student-at-Large; Bernard Landers - Grad Class Secretary/Treasurer.

Of the 11 open positions, 7 will be decided by a yes/no ballot, because there is only one nominee.

At the 'meet the candidates' lunch held on Tuesday, only eight nominees were present: Jason Burns, Craig Bradley, Andrew Knight, James Chappelle, Margie Gregg, Burton Empey, Tara Scott and

Pam Schlosser.

Vish Nandlall, Chief Returning Officer, was disappointed at the lack of participation from the nominees and students, and hopes a large voter turnout will dispel the apathy.

Ironically enough, the candidates who spoke on Tuesday based their platforms on increasing student participation and the importance of student unity.

SU President Kevin Bourque also expresses the importance of student unity and is optimistic about improving student spirit.

By-elections are Monday
For more information on the nominees' platforms, see center pullout

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