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Weekend Weather

On Friday, expect sunny conditions with a temperature between 2 and 6. Saturday will be cloudy with a 50% chance of rain and temperatures ranging from 4 to 10. For Sunday there is a 20% chance of rain, with temperatures around 5.

Brunsbites

Date Rape Stats:

• 28.6% of UNB/STU students reported having at least one unwanted sexual experience during the past year.

• 17.1% of women students reported experiencing rape or attempted rape in the previous year.

• 92.8% of survivors knew the aggressor.

• 40.4% of incidents took place in the victim's room/apartment while another 31.5% of incidents took place in the aggressor's room/apartment.

-UNB/STU survey on unwanted sexual experiences, 1992

Committee member sues the student, last year's Memorial organizer, for Spectrum article.

Student dismissed from committee

Ed.'s note: Since this article was originally written, The Brunswickan has been informed that Dr. Esam Hussein and his lawyers intend to commence proceedings against The Brunswickan and Ms. Kilfoil for damages incurred by Dr. Hussein by the publication of a Spectrum article written by Ms. Kilfoil.

Dr. Hussein's counsel maintains that the use of the terms "convicted," and "conviction" in the article is erroneous because, although Dr. Hussein was found guilty of the charge of assault, a conditional discharge was entered against him.

by Karen Burgess

UNB student Valerie Kilfoil has been informed that she would not be participating in the organization of this year's Montreal Massacre Memorial Service, despite the fact that she had been invited to join the committee only last week.

Kilfoil was one of the main organizers of last year's service, and is the author of several research papers on the topic of violence against women, including one specifically dealing with the Montreal Massacre.

Kilfoil was asked to join the committee, which was established by the UNB Engineering faculty, and later was contacted by a committee member and told she would not be helping to organize the event. She says she was told she was off the committee because she "might offend" one of the committee members.

The day after Kilfoil was invited to join the committee, The Brunswickan published an article she had written which spoke out against violence against women and named two professors on the UNB/STU campus who have been found guilty of spousal assault. One of these professors was Dr. Esam Hussein who was found guilty of assault in NB Provincial Court on March 25, 1992.

Hussein is serving on the committee, which is planning events to commemorate the slaying of fourteen female engineering students at Ecole Polytechnique on December 9, 1989.

Kilfoil says she received a phone call after the article's appearance, and was told that as a result of comments made in The Brunswickan, she was no longer on the committee.

She says "It kind of boggles the mind to try and imagine the logic behind choosing (an individual who has been found guilty of assaulting his wife) over someone who has had a long record of activities in fighting violence against women."

As well as her work involving the Montreal Massacre, Kilfoil was also a key organizer in UNB's first ever Date Rape Awareness Campaign, and volunteers with the Saint John Rape Crisis Line.

"I was told that after the 'accusations' in my article, that I was no longer wanted on the committee because the committee had to be sensitive to his (Hussein's) feelings. Well, excuse me but those so called 'accusations' were court records."

Dr. Monique Frize, Chair of Women in Engineering, could not be contacted by phone to

respond, but instead sent a memo to The Brunswickan, containing the following statement.

"Thank you for your concern. We invited someone from the Women's Collective to be on our December 6 committee, we discovered that she is involved in current litigation, therefore, I asked her to provide names of other persons from the collective who could serve on our committee. I also asked her to provide comments and ideas about the planned event."

Kilfoil says she "has no idea what (Frize) means by litigation," and comments further that the caller who told her she

was off the committee "mentioned nothing about the litigation."

She comments: "Personally, I think the committee's attitude is symptomatic of the problem here...protect the perpetrator at all costs and the hell with the victims."

The Women's Collective has declined Frize's invitation to have another representative on the committee. Kilfoil says "obviously, this committee is not serious about addressing the real issue of violence against women, and the real problem is attitudes like the one they are displaying."

Red Sticks second in Canada



The UNB Red Sticks captured silver medals at the national championships photo by Marc Landry

by Bruce Denis

The Red Sticks field hockey team returned from the CIAU national championships in Vancouver this week with a handful of silver medals. The Sticks battled their way to the finals, but came up short to the University of Victoria and settled for an unexpected second place.

All-Canadian Josette Babineau said the team was happy with its placing. "It felt really good to get that far at the Nationals. It was an improvement from last year because we won a medal. The last couple of years we were always so close to winning."

"Going into the tournament we didn't expect to win a medal. We knew the competition would be tough," said Babineau. Coach Donna Hornibrook made sure her team was not over confident from their 8-0 AUAA season record.

Thanks to a 5th place national ranking before the championships, the Red Sticks faced the number 1 University of Victoria in its first game on Friday which ended in a scoreless tie. Also scheduled for that evening was another preliminary game against the York

Yeowomen.

"When we tied Victoria, it really boosted our confidence. We knew that York wouldn't be as strong as they were," said Babineau. It looked like the Red Sticks would lose to York as they entered the final minute of the game trailing 1-0. However, with only 5 seconds left on the clock, Tanya Whalen scored the tying goal to send the team into the semifinals.

Despite playing two games the day before, the Sticks played their best field hockey of the weekend against the University of Alberta Golden Bears winning 2-1. "It was a really good feeling to win. If their was any team we could have played in the semifinals it would have been Alberta. They have some good players, but we have a better balanced team," said Babineau.

The victory put UNB in the finals for a rematch against their first opponents, Victoria. "We were really pleased to be in a championship game and we knew it was going to be tougher than our first game against Victoria."

The UNB game plan was to play tight defense against the offensive power of Victoria. This

strategy worked for the first half of the game as Red Sticks goalie Krista Thompson made some outstanding saves. But Victoria's offensive pressure finally caught up to the Sticks as they managed two goals in the second half.

"They had alot of good players up front so it forced our backs and our midfield to mark them. We had to shut them down as much as possible and look for opportunities. We had a couple of breaks but we couldn't finish them," said Babineau of the game.

UNB placed three players on the first All Canadian team including Babineau, Whalen and Wendi Gallant. Natasha Connell was named to the second team. Of goalie Thompson's performance Babineau said "She played amazing in nets. Victoria had lots of chances to score and our goalie somehow came up big."

The future looks bright for the Sticks according to Babineau. "Next year will be tremendous for our program. I don't think we will be losing anyone and our rookies will have one year of experience under their belt, so it looks really good."