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The Brunswickian. n. 1. A student newspaper at UNB that is quoted extensively by such publications as Maclean's. We're not sure why their name and content are close to our own but subtly different.

AUNBT and administration come to terms Yaqzan's suspension lifted

by Jonathan Stone

Mathematics professor Martin Yaqzan is now permitted back on campus, but he will not be able to teach for the rest of the term.

The UNB administration lifted his suspension last Friday, claiming in a press release that it had intended it "not as a disciplinary action" but to "provide a cooling off period so that public safety and an orderly academic environment on campus could be maintained." They cited that such a suspension is an appropriate measure under the collective agreement between UNB and the Association of UNB Teachers.

But the Student Union is still concerned.

VP External Hugh MacNeil believes that the university succumbed to the pressures of the AUNBT, who had taken steps to file a grievance with the university.

"The problem is solved for this term. I think they're trying to make the best of a sticky situation," he said.

"The announcement made by the university raises more questions than it does answers. They have

made no commitment to provide a safe learning environment."

While another instructor has taken over Yaqzan's courses, what will happen to him after Christmas is yet unknown. Obviously, offering an alternate instructor for next term is not cost effective.

The Student Union also wants to know what duties Yaqzan will be performing outside of the classroom.

Another loose end is the outcome of the review of Yaqzan's employment history or even if the review was completed.

"I don't even know if they're still doing it, we're not getting any more word than anyone else," said MacNeil.

Both the university administration and the AUNBT have stated that no further details will be made public at present.

Both parties state that they have been assured that Yaqzan does not advocate, nor does he condone violence of any form against women.

So whether or not a new assistant professor of Mathematics and Statistics will assume responsibility next term remains to be seen.

"I wish we'd have that assur-

ance," MacNeil said. "If they don't provide the assurance of an environment free of intimidation, it's our responsibility to kick up a fuss."

UNB students wanted for Phil Donahue Show

by Jonathan Stone

Four lucky UNB students will be receiving an all-expenses paid trip to New York City to appear on a future episode of the Phil Donahue Show.

The show's topic will be date rape, and the producers chose UNB because of the recent controversy which emerged from the publication of an Opinion piece by professor Martin Yaqzan.

But just who gets to go remains to be seen, as the Student Union has formed a special Ad Hoc Donahue Selection Committee to interview interested students.

The call from the show's producers last Wednesday came after the Student Union had already been contacted numerous times by various media. In fact, some Student Union members had been calling and pretending to be well-known media.

At the time, VP University Affairs Pat Fitzpatrick, who happened to answer the call, thought it was a hoax because of the previous prank calls.

"We had been receiving a bunch of crank calls, but after talking to him, he sounded genuine. It was the real thing," explained Fitzpatrick.

"It threw me for a loop," he added.

Fitzpatrick said that Donahue's production manager requested that the students who come to New York should have strong views against what was written by Yaqzan.

He said that Yaqzan was also invited by the show, but refused.

To appear as well are sisters from Phoenix Arizona who have also been the focal point of similar controversy from the publication of a comic book called *The Meaning of the Word* which addresses the issue of date rape for use in American high school sex-education classes.

Taping is expected to happen before December 10 or after the Christmas break while the issue is still current.

Police recommend charges in sexual assault case

Brunswickan staff

Fredericton City Police have recommended that charges be laid in connection to a sexual assault which occurred in a UNB residence on October 15.

The case file has been forwarded to the crown for final decision. Additional information will be made public when available.

Student Union shortfall not a problem, VP says

by Gordon Loane

Lower enrollment at UNB this fall is not expected to cause any immediate problems for student groups despite a consequent \$20,000 shortfall in revenue at the Student Union.

While final enrollment figures will not be officially confirmed until the end of December, undergraduate enrollment is expected to be around 6800 students compared to projections of 7036 from the Registrar's office last spring.

"We're not planning any cuts in budgets and have no plans to do so," said Paul Estabrooks, Student Union Vice-President Finance and Administration.

"But that doesn't mean there's no overall effect. It just means we'll have to cut into our accumulated budget surplus from last year which stands at over \$60,000," he said.

Estabrooks does say there have

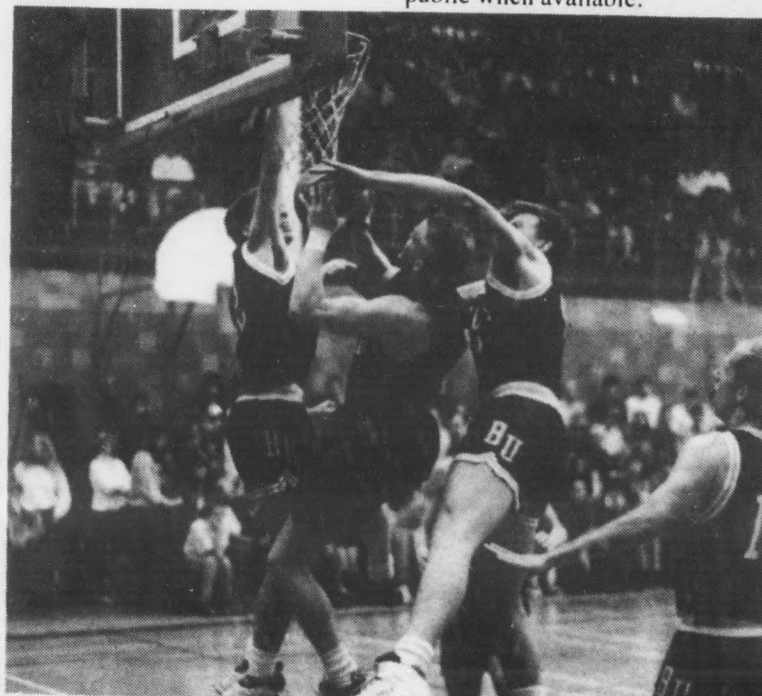
been few budget over expenditures to date but they should be balanced with under expenditures in other areas.

"For example, we spent extra money during the federal (election) campaign that had not been budgeted for or foreseen when we set the Student Union budget last spring," he said.

Overall though, Estabrooks expects the Student Union to enjoy a stable financial year.

"That doesn't mean that we won't be watching our finances, nor do we expect to end the current year with as large an operating surplus as last year."

As for the future, it is way too early to speculate on a student fee next year. "That all depends on enrollment projections for next year and the number of requests we get for funding. Overall, I don't see a big change in the offing for next year," Estabrooks concluded.



Varsity Reds fight their way to a 3 and 0 record. See page 22.