Student Union Council briefs

by Joe FitzPatrick
Co-News Editor

The Student Union Council held is regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, at 5:00 PM in Room 103 of the Student Union Building. Attendance was down from last week, with two councilors giving regrets, and three of five senators (Robert Apold, Eugene Davis and Robert Dornan) absent. Councilor Julie Parent has missed her fifth meeting, putting her at risk of dismissal. Should she miss one more during the year, she will be considered to have "resigned" and her seat could be declared vacant. Efforts to contact her have proven futile.

The highlight of the meeting was the presentation by Alex Usher, the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Association. Pat FitzPatrick, VP External and Atlantic Regional Representative for CASA, is finally back for a few days before continuing his tour of the Maritime provinces with Usher.

Trish Davidson, VP Student Services, reported that the Student Directory was on schedule, having received a list of names, on disk, from the registrar. The release date is set for the end of October, one week before the 1994 edition came out. Davidson also reported that the Health Plan cards would be available starting October 18. Health Plan reimbursment cheques for students who opted out, will be mailed to students starting October 18. The cheques will be mailed from Blue Cross, and the Student Union will have no hand in their distribution.

Nahie Bassett, VP Finance and Administration, tabled the Year-to-Date Operating Report, and highlighted three items which were "over budget" by a total of $16,415. (Story page 3.)

Chantale Walker, VP University Affairs reported that she had been meeting with the Neill House don, Jeff Wedge, about the Neill House SafeWalk program and would be bringing a new funding proposal to Council soon. Walker also plans to meet with Physical plant, and invited comments from Councilors so she could have a more effective meeting.

Walker also introduced the draft version of the Student Satisfaction Survey, a new initiative for the Student Union, which seeks to assess student satisfaction of not only the services and facilities of the Union, but those of the University.

President Kelly Lamrock has been juggling his academic work with his Union committments. In the coming weeks he and some of the executive are set to meet with the new Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, Roly MacIntyre, and later with UNB President Robin Armstrong. Lamrock has also been consulting with the New Brunswick Student Alliance on their opposition to the contribution limits contained in the new student aid package.

Two grants came before Council, one for Amnesty International ($735) and one for the Physical Education and Recreation Society ($185). Council had some concern about the grants, and referred them both to the Grants Committee.

F'ton X–mas match program created

by Charlene Deyarmond
Brunswickan News

The Fredericton Christmas Support Association announced last week a new effort to better co-ordinate Christmas assistance to families in need. The FCSA, a volunteer organisation, has been newly formed this year to organise the generosity of residents, businesses and churches who give food, money and gifts to needy families.

This association hopes to ensure that everyone who needs assistance will be helped equally and, through these efforts, intends it to be less confusing both for people needing the support and for those donating.

Doug Blaikie of the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church said there has already been great response from the community. Car dealerships have offered vans for delivery purposes and fire stations have offered to be depots for drop-offs. He also stated that "businesses are going beyond the request; if we ask for vans we also get them filled with gas."

Mayor Brad Woodside endorsed this project, emphasising "this project is a step in the right direction and once again demonstrates that this community does deliver for many great causes."

Recognising that residences, faculties, and other groups on campus often get involved in the Christmas spirit by helping needy families, organisers of the association proclaimed their hope that these UNB efforts could be co-ordinated through the FCSA.

In this way, the problems of unequal distribution between the families will be circumvented.

Anyone considering getting involved in aiding a needy family at Christmas may wish to get in touch with the FCSA office at the Wilmot United Church on 473 King St. or at 450-1342.



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