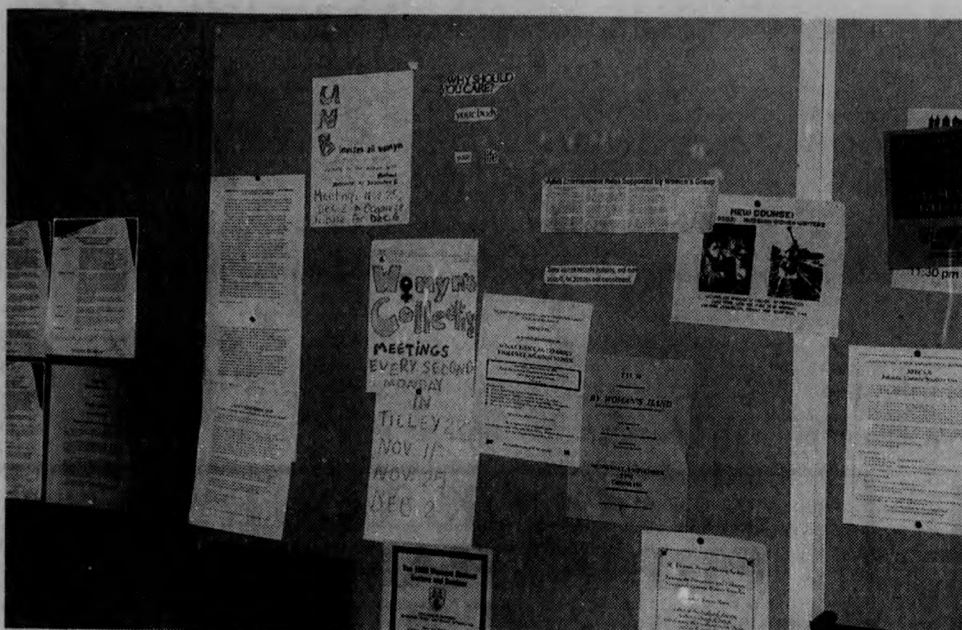


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Women's Studies' board vandalized Aquinian Editor on probation



The Women's Studies bulletin board in Tilley Hall has been vandalized a number of times in past weeks. JUD DELONG PHOTO

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The Women's Studies board on the first floor in Tilley is vandalized weekly. For at least two years, posters and general notices about meetings and upcoming events have been ripped up or simply pulled down from the board.

The UNB Student Womyn's Collective maintains the board, putting up mostly hand-drawn posters and notices regarding feminist issues. "A few Saturdays ago, we put up a poster on Date Rape. On Monday it was gone," said Jina Rodas, a member of the Collective.

Collective members said that sometimes posters have been shredded and left on the bulletin board. Last year the women in the Collective put up a collage encouraging healthy body sizes that

many hours of work had gone into, and it was left in shreds within days of being put up.

While it would seem likely that the offences are politically motivated, the vandals don't say who they are or what they object to. "People find it offensive. They're uncomfortable with the idea of women expressing themselves publicly," Rodas speculated. "I'd like to believe that it's because people want to decorate their walls and they like the artwork."

Another member of the Collective, Julian Fraser added, "I've overheard people discussing the board, saying that they thought what was on it was stupid."

While the cost of such vandalism is not great in monetary terms, it is still a significant loss since the majority of posters is artwork done by members of the Collective. "The cost is our own

time wasted. It's also limiting since we would not want to put anything very valuable on the board for fear of vandalism," said Rodas when questioned about the cost to the department.

Although Wendy Robbins, Director of Women Studies, was not aware of the vandalism, she did say her pamphlets disappear with suspicious rapidity. "I hope it's an indication of the amount of interest in my course, but I have a feeling that's not the case," Robbins said that a glass case would eventually be put up, but the Womyn's Collective don't feel that a case is the ideal solution.

"A case would be censoring because sometimes women anonymously put up information, and they would no longer be able to do that. It would stop being a forum for the community."

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The Aquinian's Editor-in-Chief is on probation, and its Editorial Board is unhappy. They wanted her impeached.

At a three hour meeting on Wednesday, November 6, Aquinian Managing Editor Adam Jarvis presented the Aquinian Board of Directors (BOD) with a letter signed by all of the voting members of the Editorial Board calling for the impeachment of Editor-in-Chief Tracy Carr.

"As it stands, Miss Carr has repeatedly shown incompetence in all areas of importance as Editor-In-Chief," the letter said. "We have essentially been using our collective talents up till this point to do a clear majority of the Editor-In-Chief's duties. We plan to continue to do our jobs as long as our request is met."

The letter detailed eight specific duties of the Editor-in-Chief that they felt Carr had not done, and listed several other general complaints about her conduct.

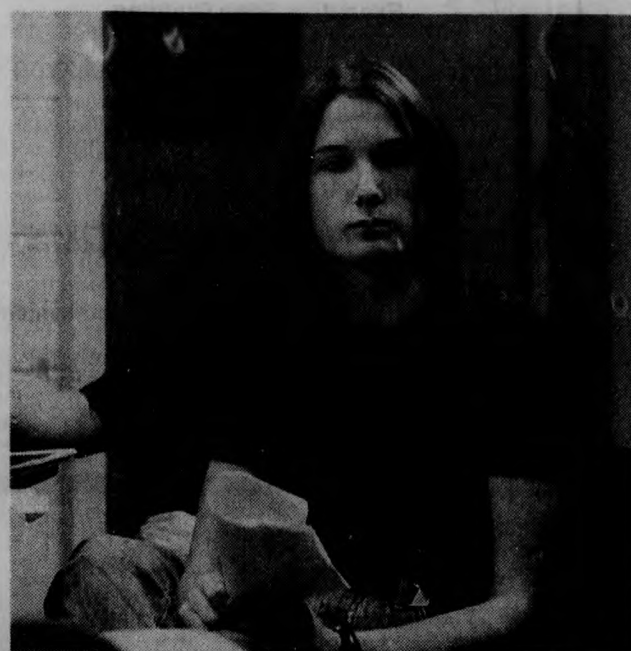
"If the Board of Directors does not approve and ratify this impeachment," the letter concluded in capital letters, "the result will be the resignation of most or all of the editorial board as well as other general staff members vital to the survival of the Aquinian Inc."

Carr said she was completely taken aback by the impeachment attempt. "Impeachment is a last resort. Due process was not followed."

"I did not deserve to be blindsided by people who claim to be my friends and my professional colleagues."

She provided those present at the meeting with a point by point rebuttal to the Editorial Board's allegations of incompetence. She also suggested that the conclusion of the letter was unnecessary, and included only to pressure the BOD into impeaching her.

"The threat at the end of the letter is undue influence on your decision, it is coercive, it is trying to force your hand, it is generally not necessary."



Aquinian Editor-In-Chief Tracy Carr is on probation until January, although the Editorial Board sought to have her impeached. DREW GILBERT PHOTO

Aquinian staff Brian Capson drew applause and laughter when he commented that it would take teamwork to keep the paper working. "You've got the Carr team over here and the Jarvis team over here," he said. "What you don't seem to realize is that we need the Aquinian team."

The BOD agreed: after nearly an hour of deliberation, they returned to give their decision. "Be it resolved that," read Chair Sally Cogswell, "the Aquinian Board of Directors place Tracy Carr, Editor-In-Chief of the Aquinian on a probationary period to last until the first meeting of the Aquinian Board of Directors in January of 1997 at which time her job performance will be reviewed."

The motion was passed with objections from Jarvis and Board member Thomas Havey. Spectators suggested that the

decision was made in an attempt to appease and retain all members of the Editorial Board.

Carr was disappointed with the decision. "It's frustrating. It's not a decision. I'm either incompetent or I'm not. They shouldn't have to wait to find out."

She added that she can't do anything until next Wednesday's meeting of the BOD, when she hopes the meaning of the resolution will be explained. "I haven't slept in two days, and now I have to wait for a week until I hear more about what it means, so I know if I should throw myself into the paper or into my school work."

"I don't want to go through another two months of having my every move watched," she said. "No one can do their job with that constant pressure."

Council Watch

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Tuesday night's Student Council meeting was opened with a welcome to new faculty representatives as they got in.

In this week's report on Student Services, VP (Student Services) Tricia Davidson addressed the issue of UNB's campus parking. Davidson has received numerous complaints from students who claim to have been ticketed or double ticketed unfairly. In an effort to combat this problem, Davidson hopes to contact off-campus students, residence students and faculty to identify the precise parking grievances.

Davidson also reported that she is still kept busy by issues related to the Health Plan. Students who withdrew from university or those who are severely ill are eligible for prorated refunds.

Davidson has also been busy improving the Paper Trail. In a meeting with Student Union General Administrator Barb Kirk, Davidson attempted to draft a plan for Paper Trail movie rentals. She cautioned that the movie rental service will be made available according to student response.

VP (External) Anthony Knight announced this week that Université de Moncton voted to join the New Brunswick Student Alliance. Knight hopes to attend an upcoming Student Alliance meeting along with one other Student Union councillor. Knight feels councillors would benefit from seeing how larger student unions function.

Knight reported that some students with children are not receiving day care subsidies. Knight hopes to bring the issue of the government's reduction of grants to the Minister of Advanced Education.

The New Brunswick Student Alliance is also mounting a campaign entitled, "Mr. Premier why don't you want me to work?" Knight explained that government legislation requires students to contribute 80% of their pay to student loan payments as soon as they have accumulated \$600 in wages.

This week, VP (Finance & Administration) Monique Scholten, informed council that deadlines for Honoraria are coming up in November. Scholten encouraged councillors to fill out their honoraria sheets, reporting on all they had done to merit the honoraria.

Scholten also expressed a bit of concern over CHSR's ability to generate revenue. Scholten is optimistic however, as this is only November. In closing, Scholten announced that The Cellar had its highest grossing month in October.

VP (University Affairs) Anoushka Courage began her weekly report with an update on SUB expansion. The SUB expansion committee is exploring options such as involving other groups in the project, and renovation or detachment of a separate building. The present proposal is for a building valued at \$2.5 million.

Courage also met with the Nominating Committee this week and the idea of a part-time student senator is being considered. Courage remains occupied with the Constitution Committee that meets every Friday. Also, Courage recommended that Winter Carnival be held February 20 - 26.

After returning from a weekend trip to Ottawa in preparation for awareness week, President Joie Hellmeister presented VP (Finance & Administration) with a cheque for \$3000 from CASA. Hellmeister reported that her trip to Ottawa was a success, and plans for Financial Awareness Week have solidified. Topics to be addressed during the campaign include student loans, credit loans, starting a business and workshops such as "How to make your first million." Hellmeister is enthusiastic about the project, emphasizing the value of this opportunity for students.

Council accepted a motion by VP (University Affairs) Anoushka Courage to accept the constitution of Amnesty International. Some controversy surrounded the motion as it was unclear whether it is permissible for the Student Union to support a political or religious group. After much debate and clarification, it was ruled that Amnesty International is a human rights group, and not a political affiliation. The controversial theme continued as the Grant Committee requested the council's approval for Student Union funding of other student societies.

As a follow up to the Forester's Woods Bash (or whatever it's really called), Forestry rep Blair Saulnier briefed council on a letter received from Trius, the bus service that transported the many foresters. The letter specifically outlines certain federal offences which were violated that evening. Among them—open liquor while in a Trius bus (or any vehicle for that matter), smoking... whatever, while on a bus, and the transportation of stolen property (i.e. street signs). Saulnier informed council that these are federal offences.

Preston Manning speaks to UNB about jobs

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Job creation must start with the premise that the key to more and better jobs is lower taxes through smaller government, the leader of the Reform Party of Canada says.

In an address at UNB this week, Preston Manning outlined seven major tax relief measures contained in the Reform Party platform for a federal election expected some time next year.

The measures include increasing the personal exemption on income taxes by about \$1,500 a year and eliminating the three percent surtax on federal income tax imposed by the Mulroney Conservatives a number of years ago.

Family oriented tax relief measures proposed by Manning would increase the spousal exemption on income tax by about \$2,500 to \$7,900 a year and extend the child care deduction of some \$3,000 to \$5,000 per child to the parents of children 12 years of age and under, including those who choose to raise their children at home.

"These two measures will deliver by about the year 2000 some \$2,000 a year in income tax relief to an average family of four at an average income," said Manning.

The Reform Party also proposes to cut the capital gains tax in half, remove the five percent surtax on higher incomes imposed by the Conservatives and reduce the employers' Unemployment Insurance premium or payroll taxes by twenty-eight percent.

"The net result of all these tax relief measures, which can be delivered if you balance the federal budget and run surpluses, is to give about \$1 billion dollars a year in tax relief to people in Atlantic Canada," said Manning.

The Reform Party has also developed a fiscal plan that would reduce the size of the federal government by about \$15 billion per year by the year 2000 - 2001.

If elected, Manning also plans to balance the federal budget by 1998 - 99 and run surpluses after that.

The surpluses would then be used to grant tax relief, reduce the debt and increase what Manning calls social investment by about \$4 billion a year in health and education.

Manning pointed out that Liberal government policies have cut some \$3 billion a year in transfer payments to the provinces for health and education.

"The effects are being felt all over the country in terms of waiting lists, hospital closures and general decline in the availability of health care," he said.

Manning said local and municipal governments should be protected from

current Liberal policies whereby cuts in transfer payments are off-loaded from the federal to provincial to local municipalities.

"Local government is the best equipped to deliver some of the social services that are most important to people since it is closest to them," he said.

The federal government should commit itself to federal-provincial-municipal revenue sharing, according to Manning.

"If local government is to be handed more responsibility, it should get the revenue to go along with it."

Manning also addressed what he termed measures of public safety and called for criminal justice reform including a victims' bill of rights.

"Violent crime in Canada has increased by 350 percent over the last 35 years."

Manning drew applause from the audience when he said "part of the problem is that we have focus'd almost exclusively on the rights of persons charged, accused or convicted of crime but not enough attention either in law or in policy has been paid to the rights of law abiding citizens or the victims of crime."

Other provisions in the Reform Party platform call for reform of the parole system so that violent offenders serve their full sentence.

The Young Offenders Act would be replaced with laws making juvenile offenders accountable for their actions.

Manning also promised to eliminate federal funding for regional development agencies like the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

He also supports privatizing certain services of the CBC.

Manning said two huge overriding issues tend to dominate the public mind in Canada today.

"Canadians are rightly concerned about economic security and social security. Both the trends of increasing economic and social insecurity have occurred for better or for worse under Liberal and Conservative administrations federally," he said.

"Both are guided by an old vision that saw big central government and high taxes that go along with it and active intervention by the federal government in economic and social affairs as the key to job creation and social security."

Manning said the evidence now is that this vision has not worked.

He said a vote for the Reform Party would provide a fresh start, some fresh thinking and more importantly some fresh policies or actions to address these huge concerns about economic and social security.



Preston Manning, Leader of the Official Opposition (Reform Party of Canada) spoke at the Wu Conference Center this Wednesday past. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

EUS Penny Drive raises 84589 pennies for Fredericton Boys and Girls Club

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During the week of October 21-25 several student faculty groups at UNB took part in the fifth annual Penny Drive. Students from the faculties of Engineering, Computer Science, Business Administration and Nursing participated in a challenge to raise the most amount of money. The overall winner of the challenge was the faculty of Engineering with \$613.02. Computer Science raised the second largest amount at \$170.00. Students from the faculty of Business Administration brought in \$32.87 and Nursing gathered together enough pennies to raise \$30.00.

This year, the Engineering

Undergraduate Society organizes the Penny Drive to raise money for a local charity. The group decided that, this year, the Fredericton Boys and Girls Club would be the recipient. The money will be used for equipment purchasing purposes. The Boys and Girls Club has been raising money on its own to purchase a computer system. It will be a full multi-media system with Internet access. The computer will be used for cultural interest via the Internet, the peer tutoring program and leadership training. According to Miles Pensen, executive director of the club, the money raised by UNB students, through the Penny Drive, should give them the rest of the funds needed to purchase the computer.