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Confusion over available seats By-Election Delayed

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UNB Student Union officials have extended the deadline for receipt of nominations by one week and postponed the SU Fall by-election by eight days to October 18th to the 20th after a confusing set of circumstances developed over the last two weeks.

The confusion first began with the appearance of the Classified Ad section of *The Brunswickan* on September 22, 2000.

In a submission from the UNB SU, students were notified that seven council seats were up for grabs in by-elections originally set for October 10th to 12th.

Seats available, according to the Classified Ad, included two in Arts, one in education, three in Science and one for student-at-Large.

Openings on the Grad Class 2000 Executive were also mentioned.

A week later, however, in a second submission from the UNB SU, which appeared in the Classified Ad section of *The Brunswickan* last Friday, the number of seats up for grabs was reduced to six, eliminating the seat in Education.

Positions were again advertised for the Grad Class and, for the first time, a seat on SUBs Inc., the

company which owns the UNB SU-owned Cellar Pub and Grill, was open for nominations.

The information submitted in the Classified section differed from information that was related to a Brunswickan reporter and Councillors at the UNB SU Council meeting held Thursday,

SU Vice-President University Affairs Joe Allen, decided to postpone the by-election and extend the call for nominations deadline until next Wednesday, October 11th at 4:30 p.m. in Room 126 of the SUB.

An advertisement which appears in today's issue of *The Brunswickan* extends the call for nominations for eight seats on SU Council for the first time. The positions available on Council now include three in Science, two in Arts, one for Student-at-Large, and two in Education.

In addition, three seats on the Grad Class 2000 Executive are advertised, including President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

A call for student nominations for the SUBs Inc. Board also appears.

With the confusion apparently now cleared up, students will now go to the polls on October 18th, 19th and 20th. An advance poll on Wednesday, October 18th, will be open in the SUB from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Regular election polls will be open on October 19th and October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the SUB and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at other polls located throughout the UNB Fredericton campus.

7, 6, 4, or 8...
How many do we nominate?

September 21st, where the by-election was officially called.

At the Council meeting, four seats on Council were declared open in the upcoming by-election; two in Science, one in Arts and one for Student-at-Large.

Three positions on the Grad Class 2000 Executive and one on the SUBs Inc. Board were also declared open for nominations.

In addition, a large advertisement which normally appears in *The Brunswickan* calling for nominations for the upcoming by-election failed to appear.

This week, after consultations with the Chief Returning Officer for the by-election, Paul Csazar, and other SU Executive members,



Kevin Forneris Photo / *The Brunswickan*

Shelley Clayton, UNB's Director of Financial Aid.

Work/Study flourishing

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UNB's Work/Study Program has grown dramatically since its inception just three years ago.

Designed to help undergraduate and graduate students with demonstrated financial need find a part-time job on campus, the program's \$150,000 budget will support about 90 jobs of varying duration this academic year, compared to 30 three years ago.

The program is jointly administered by UNB's Financial Aid Office and the on-campus Student Employment Service (SES).

Students must first undergo a financial needs assessment to determine program eligibility and meet certain basic criteria.

All student applicants must be enrolled full-time at UNB during the traditional September to April academic year and maintain good academic standing (minimum GPA 2.0).

"We look first at a student's income from Summer jobs, student loans, bank loans or lines of credit, parental assistance, anticipated part-time income and scholarships and bursaries," said Shelley Clayton, UNB's Director of Financial Aid.

"On the expenses side, we look at things like tuition fees, books, groceries, utilities, day care expenses (if applicable), some allowance for credit card payments and reasonable entertainment items," she said. "After that, students who prove need become eligible," she said.

From an initial pool of 140 student applicants this Fall, 124 were approved to advance to the second step, which involved submitting a resume for job openings on campus at the SES by the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 25th.

"Eligible students can apply for up to eight job postings," explained Lois Clowater, Manager of the SES.

Of the 90 part-time positions available this year, some are for a short duration of six to eight weeks, and others stretch throughout the academic year to about 20 weeks.

"We have jobs available under the Work/Study Program in all departments and faculties of the university this year," Clowater continued. "There are jobs in the Library, Nursing, Research, Engineering, robotics, office positions, marketing, statistics, data bases, wildlife research, and the Varsity Reds, just to name a few," she said.

Once job interviews are conducted and applicants selected, most of the part-time jobs available on campus should begin almost immediately, Clowater indicated.

During both the 1999-2000 and current academic

years, the Work/Study Program has received a \$30,000 boost each year from Pepsi, the sole provider of soft drink products on the UNB Fredericton campus. "That has had a tremendous impact in allowing us to expand the program," Clowater acknowledged.

Meanwhile, the Financial Aid Office is preparing for a second round of applications from students who may be eligible for the Work/Study Program beginning in January.

"New students or transfer students or current students who did not show up in September but who suddenly feel they may need part-time work to get through the academic year can apply in January for a financial needs assessment," Clayton said. "We have held some of the positions of shorter duration for the January to April term," she said.

Clayton said statistics compiled over the last three years indicate that most students applying for the Work/Study Program usually have grade point averages of 2.91 and have a demonstrated average financial need of \$950 per academic year.

"Some students have higher than average needs with some needing \$1,500; others who are married needing \$5,000 and in a few cases, international students whose funding has fallen through needing \$10,000," she said.

Evaluations of the Program from faculty, departments, and students have also been very positive, Clayton noted. "It is being seen as a quality program," she said.

UNB Centre gets Literacy funding

UNB's Early Childhood Centre in the Faculty of Education is getting \$160,000 in federal money for a project aimed at addressing literacy issues among young families.

The money is being distributed through Human Resources Development Canada's National Literacy Secretariat.

Under the project, the Early Childhood Centre will co-ordinate a three day national train-the-trainer pilot to facilitate the learning of its Parenting for Literacy Community Program that was developed in 1998-99.

In addition, UNB also proposes to develop family literacy booklets for parents and children that will help parents discover the importance of their role in their own children's literacy development.

Trial begins Wednesday

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A Fredericton man, charged in connection with an alleged gay-bashing incident last November, is scheduled to appear for trial in Provincial Court next week.

Dana Milbury, 23, is charged by Fredericton City Police with assault causing bodily harm after former UNB law student, Robbie Peterson, was allegedly assaulted in downtown Fredericton shortly after leaving a bar that's popular with the gay community.

Peterson suffered two black eyes, bruises and cuts that required stitches on each eyelid.

Three weeks after the incident, Peterson relocated to Montreal to attend law school at

McGill University.

In an earlier court appearance on May 29th, Milbury elected to be tried before a Provincial Court judge rather than being tried in the Court of Queen's Bench before a judge and jury. At that time, Provincial Court Judge, Patricia Cumming, set aside three days for the trial, which is scheduled to begin next Wednesday, October 11th, at 9:30 a.m.

While awaiting trial, Milbury has twice been found guilty of breaching a court order for failing to report to police each Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

In March of this year, Milbury was sentenced to serve 20 days in jail and in the second breach of the court order in June, he was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail and was taxed \$50.



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UNB students Amy Weaton and Ryan Hatfield talk with troops from CFB Gagetown about a mine-deflating remote controlled vehicle which flails heavy chains in an effort to clear landmines.

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