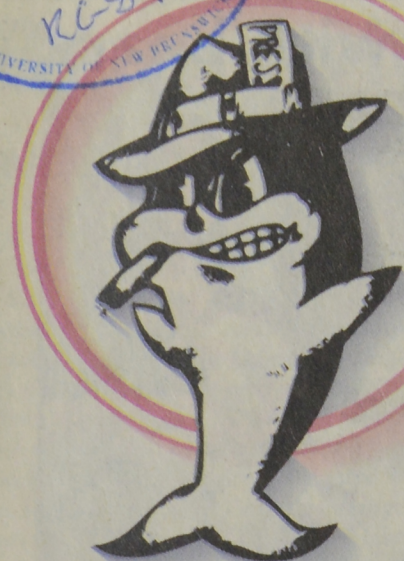




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City Council forced to reconsider College Brook

Largest petition in Fredericton history

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On September 24th, Mayor Les Hull was presented with the largest petition in the history of Fredericton. The petition, which was created with the hope of saving the Y Junction Park and College Brook, included the names of 4500 concerned citizens.

The petition was started in mid-July, around the same time that some citizens created a "tent-city" in order to protest the demolition of the natural brook. The city plans to replace the brook with a concrete pipe, which will attach to a storm drain, leading to the St. John River.

"The city will be compelled to continue piping down to the Saint John River. This will run parallel to College Brook and allow this fish habitat to remain intact," says Mark D'arcy, a major proponent for saving College Brook. According to D'arcy, a common misnomer associated with the protesters has been "anti-construction". He would like the general public to understand that this is not true, they just want to see it done in the proper fashion.

"A conservative estimate of what a piping project would cost all the way to the Saint John River is at least \$1,000,000. Taxpayers will not tolerate the expenditure of these monies," D'arcy

continued.

The evening of the presentation began at 6:45pm, with a march from Lord Beaverbrook Rink to City Hall. All Fredericton residents who signed the petition where encouraged to join the march, and the presentation.

The petitioner selected to make the presentation, thirteen-year-old Tom Cheney, was introduced to the mayor at 7:30pm, by Ward 11 Councillor Andrew Wood. Cheney, a student at George Street Middle School, was one of the youngest protesters involved in petitioning.

Cheney, described as one of the most diligent of the petitioners, said he took some time to research the issue before getting involved.

Lloyd Salomone, a resident of the Queens Square area, commented on the presentation:

"The collection of this many signatures from people all over the city shows that the community wants it's natural environments preserved and enhanced, not destroyed.

The protest this summer has put a focus on how City Staff and council manage our municipal watersheds and forested green spaces," continued Salomone.

Meanwhile, the engineering aspect of construction has already been successfully completed, according to Mayor Les Hull.

"In order to handle the 300-

acre drain at the top of the hill, the pipe must be large enough to avoid flooding," said Hull.

"I feel no animosity towards the people involved [in the petition]. They have their views, and I have

mine," said the Mayor.

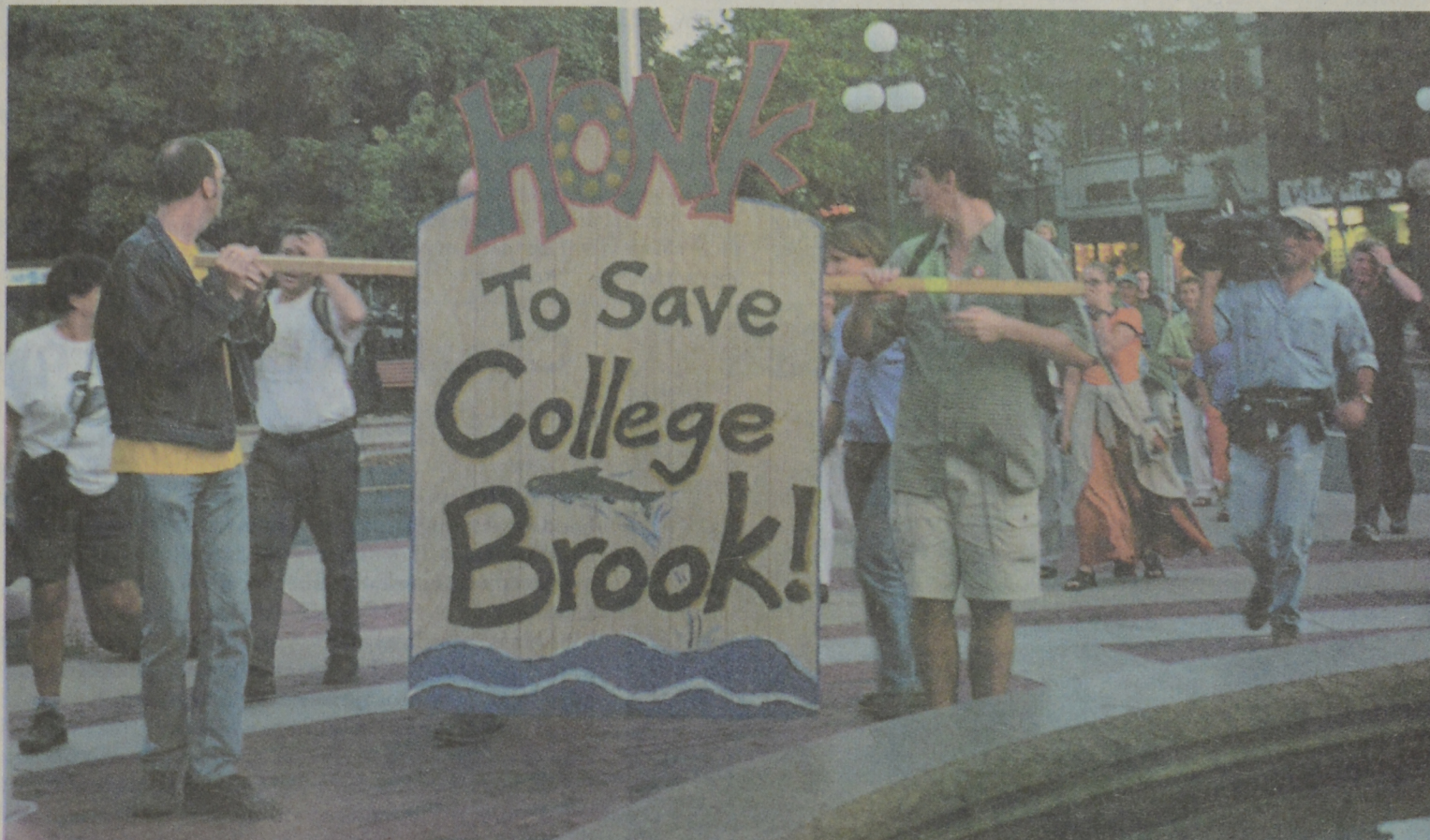
However, Hull believes that the issue is no longer existent, as the decision has already been made by the city to replace the brook with a pipe. The mayor believes that the

petition is just a way for a certain group of citizens to voice their opinion on the matter.

"Council has made their decision, and I respect that," the Mayor continued.

As for future decisions made by the council with respect to the brook, the Mayor would make no comment.

"I will stand by the decisions made by the council," said Hull.



Stephanie Brunet/The Brunswickian

Many protesters gathered at City Hall on September 24, for the petition to save College Brook. The petition is the largest in the history of Fredericton, and includes over 4,500 names.

Rallying for a cure

UNB students join city in march against HIV/AIDS



Kevin Fomeris/The Brunswickian

A large group of UNB students joined other Frederictonians this past Saturday to help raise money for HIV/AIDS research. The city was one of many communities across Canada that marched for the cause.

University Secretary releases memo to faculty and staff

Authorities seeking information on students?

Chris Wilson-Smith

The Brunswickian

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on the US on September 11th, the RCMP has been in contact with various individuals around UNB and STU campuses, according to a memo released by University Secretary Steve Strole.

The memo, which The Brunswickian was able to obtain from an anonymous source, states that RCMP officials have been requesting personal information on students.

It was issued to all faculty and staff on September 20th, to explain UNB's policy on Confidentiality, Security, and Release of Student Academic Records.

Further attempts to obtain information should be directed to the UNB Registrar's Office, according to the directive.

According to Strole, the memo was written to inform faculty and staff of how they should deal with requests should the RCMP or any other group contact them.

"I am not aware of any specific attempt to gain

information on students from the RCMP," says Strole. "The people who have been in contact with me thought it was the RCMP, but it could have been another government agency."

St. Thomas University has a similar policy in dealing with student information requests. Peter Cullen, Communications Officer for STU, said that his office has had no word of the RCMP contacting their campus.

When reached for comment, the RCMP was unable to locate the source of the investigation.

Ben Conoley

The Brunswickian

In the last 19 years, over 16,913 men and women across Canada have contracted AIDS, and at least another 45,534 have become infected with HIV, the virus known to cause AIDS. These are people who are gay and straight, rich and poor, young and old. HIV/AIDS refuses to show discrimination.

On September 23, hundreds of communities across Canada rallied in an effort to raise money in support of AIDS victims and research. UNB and the City of Fredericton were no exception as hundreds of community members and students gathered at the UNB Student Union Building before marching across town in the ninth annual AIDS Walk 2001. All proceeds from the day went to local prevention and education.

Haley Faro, Executive Director of AIDS New Brunswick was extremely pleased with the turnout.

"I think we've really had a great community response. We have over 25 community groups registered and that's not including the university teams ... the business community is not only sending walkers, but sending prizes, we're really pleased."

Haley also pointed out the amount of work that goes into an event such as this. "The planning starts in June of every year. There's one coordinator, two volunteer coordinators and a volunteer committee. There's been an organizing committee of seven or eight people that is made up of university professors, students, and someone from a local business. It's just a phenomenal number of volunteers."

By 2:00 pm, the cafeteria in the SUB was full of people ready to

walk. Some spoke passionately of why they were taking part. Amanda, a student at UNB, said, "AIDS affects everyone; nobody is safe. I think that it's really important to come out and do something like this." It was clear that everyone was ready and anxious to get the day started, but there were some great guest speakers to get the crowd a little more informed about HIV/AIDS all over the world, Canada, and New Brunswick.

Andy Wood, the honorary chair of AIDS Walk 2001, reminded the crowd that AIDS is almost 25 years old and is now everywhere.

"It knows no national boundaries; it knows no cultural/social boundaries. It is everywhere." He also mentioned that although AIDS is not spreading as much across Canada, New Brunswick has seen its number of AIDS-infected people triple between 1999 and 2000.

The Honorable Marilyn Trenholme Counsell, the Lieutenant Governor of NB, was also on hand to share a few words. She is known to give considerable time and support to the fight against AIDS here in New Brunswick and across Canada. Speaking in both French and English, she showed her pride in seeing so many young people gathering together for the cause, as well as the importance that young people play in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, Fredericton MP Andy Scott spoke to the crowd, "I look forward to the day we don't have to do this." A statement that surely holds true for many people. Fredericton Mayor Les Hull pointed out that there were five New Brunswick communities taking part on Sunday, in hopes of surpassing the \$5,700 raised in Fredericton

last year and the \$14,000 raised province-wide. President of AIDS NB, Margaret Dykeman, urged everyone to keep supporting the fight against HIV/AIDS even after they went home, stating the utter importance of education in this battle. Members of the student unions for UNB and STU also shared a few words before introducing keynote speaker, Ted Gaudet, a person living with HIV/AIDS. Gaudet was diagnosed with HIV 13 years ago and has been active in the HIV/AIDS community for quite some time. He praised the organizing committee for being able to bring together so many people. He mentioned that 10-12 New Brunswickers have passed away due to AIDS in the last year, "and that is what this walk is all about isn't it? You are all here to show your support, your compassion, your understanding, and that in itself makes you my heroes. I don't live in isolation; I need you, and I need to feel that there are people who care. You certainly bring that warm feeling into my heart today; God bless you all." Those last words touched the entire room as Ted received a standing ovation before the walkers headed out the door.

The march down the hill was fun, loud, and sure to have raised a great deal of awareness throughout the community and UNB. Even though the day was a success, the struggle against HIV/AIDS is still far from over. If you or anyone you know is concerned about possibly contracting HIV, it is important to know that support is widely available to everyone. Call AIDS New Brunswick at 1-800-561-4009 to receive information on how to get anonymously tested, or for support groups in your area.



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