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Campus concerned about safety

UNBSRI hopes to help
adopt "zero-tolerance"
policy

by Kora Stapelfeldt

"The campus is a safe environment," said Reg Jerrett, Director of Security and Traffic at UNB.

Many students of the university community would disagree.

Over the past several months, Fredericton police have received a number of reports involving many incidences of sexual attacks.

One of the six attacks occurred on UNB campus and another at STU. Moreover, five of these attacks, which range from indecent exposure to assault, were upon university students.

The incident on UNB campus occurred on the pathway behind the Aitken Centre on December 14th, 2001. The perpetrator (reported to be the same man for each case) demanded money from the individual and threatened her with death if she screamed.

Although this is one reported incident on campus, the community is no less disturbed, opening the floodgates of suspicion and uncertainty about student security.

Project College Hill is a task force established by Fredericton Police which focuses on solving these crimes.

Although this is a good start to resolving such issues, it has apparently done little to appease the minds of the community here on campus, according to various sources.

Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, President and Vice Chancellor of UNB, wrote in her letter to the university community, "We pride ourselves on having two of the safest campuses in the country. We have worked hard to make them so and want to keep them that way."

Nonetheless, many students have expressed their concern regarding the security of the campus.

For instance, Anthony Decoste stated, "the security on campus is not visible enough." The UNB student went on to point out that "there are no safe phones, and although there are services available to students, they are not advertised enough."

This conviction seems to be a running theme for many students that given the situation, they feel Campus Police should be more noticeable in order to abate the nervous minds of the university community.

Nicole Burgeois is another concerned student who stated she "does not feel safe to walk alone at night." Beyond this, Burgeois also mentioned her feelings of confusion regarding the matter. "I have no idea what they [security] are doing," said Burgeois, "and they haven't told



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Programs such as Saferide offer sanctuary for students who worry about walking home alone after a late night of studying.

anyone what is going on."

Jamie Zsabo, a member of the student Campus Police, said "campus security is doing what they can to ensure safety, but not enough people know about it." Zsabo also mentioned "there has been an increased sense of awareness when patrolling now; you have the incidences in the back of your mind." However, she believes students are being left in the dark too often. The administration is "being too vague about what's been happening."

Strong views, coupled with this heightened awareness of vulnerability, have led students to begin standing up for themselves given the recent events.

One group, although not formed in response to the attacks, is definitely receiving a strong body of support from the community.

The UNB Students Against Rape and Intimidation are committed to making UNB a safe place for everyone. Among other objectives, they hope to help the campus adopt a "zero-tolerance policy for misogynistic, racist and homophobic aggression."

Residences are also doing their part

to show their concern. Joy Kidd Residence here on campus has begun a Kidd Walk campaign in which residents of the house label their dorm rooms inviting students who are unsure about their safety to ask for accompaniment walking around campus at anytime. Bill Hachey, the President of Joy Kidd, has described the program as a "Safe-walk within the house."

Campus Security is operating in conjunction with the Fredericton Police, and anyone with concerns, information, or has been indecently approached, is encouraged to contact either Campus Security at 453-4830, Fredericton City Police tips line at 460-2368, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Also offered by Campus Security are programs to UNB students such as UNBF Safe Ride, which operates between 6:30 and 11:30 p.m. everyday, as well as the Safe Walk program, which offers escorts for pedestrians Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. The hours are extended on Friday and Saturday to 2:00 a.m.

UNBSRI makes demands

by Cindy Brown

Over the past two weeks, the UNB campus has been inundated with pamphlets and posters promoting the cause of the UNB Students Against Rape and Intimidation.

The group's efforts are not, however, made in response to the sexual assaults and attacks which occurred on and around the UNB and STU campuses over the past three months.

The group, which is comprised of male and female students, both straight and gay, has a list of demands they presented to the UNB administration for consideration at a meeting on January 30th.

If the university has not taken the necessary steps to make effective changes by February 14th, the members of UNBSRI plan to call a nation-wide boycott of the Fall 2002 academic term.

Student Union VP External and coordinator of the upcoming V-day activities, Kate Whitfield, has been speaking to members of the group and will attend the meeting between the UNBSRI and the UNB administration.

"A lot of the demands are straightforward, not straightforward in implementation but not impossible to accomplish," Whitfield commented.

Whitfield and the UNBSRI will be coordinating plans for a rally. The V-Day rally was scheduled to be held Thursday, February 14th, and the UNBSRI was planning a rally for the 11th. The two have combined efforts, and will now hold one rally, scheduled for the evening of February 11th.

In their pamphlets, the UNBSRI make six demands of the UNB administration. They are asking for proper lighting in all areas of campus; safety mirrors in hallway corners and throughout all libraries; no more misogynistic, homophobic and racist porn to be sold on campus; a well publicized zero-tolerance policy for misogynistic, racist and homophobic aggression; indoor and outdoor distress phones; and a women's centre with full-time staff members and an office space for the organization, Spectrum.

The UNBSRI is currently circulating a petition on campus, expressing their six demands. They already have over 1,000 signatures. The group will continue circulating the petition and will take it to the administration in the near future.

Whitfield commented on the lighting situation: "I agree with the lighting, obviously. I think that if they want us to park at Aitken [Centre] then they have got to do something about it."

UNBSRI acted on their third demand at the Campus Shoppe, in the SUB (that no more misogynistic, homophobic and racist porn to be sold on campus). Group members placed stickers, brandishing their symbol and name, on copies of *Playboy* and *Maxim* magazines, and Chippendale calendars, among others. Store owner, Greg Belding was unavailable for comment.

Director of UNB Security and Traffic Reg Jerrett said they would be working with UNBSRI in an attempt to address the problems they have raised.

"It's too early to say at this point whether there is any charges because we're not looking at charges right now. What we're looking at is finding out what their concerns are and how we can work together in overcoming the problems that they perceive and working with them for solutions."

Amy Sakalauskas, a representative from UNBSRI commented on the situation: "I think it was very effective and it really got the issue out there. I think it did a lot of good."

Sakalauskas stated the goals of UNBSRI. "We are not looking to punish the university or dwell on any mistakes or oversights they have had in the past. We really want to work with them and move forward on this. These things should have been done a long time ago, and on many other campuses [they] have been."

The group hopes to make life better for all students on the UNB campus, especially women and others who feel intimidated.

"A zero-tolerance policy is something that would make a lot of people more comfortable in their

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Contract negotiations remain unresolved

by K Brookland

The threat of a strike at UNB still looms.

"The two main problems now are remuneration and the splitting of benefits," said UNBEA legal representative Michael Keating. "The value in their real income has decreased significantly over the past ten years," he continued.

Keating, a labour lawyer, was referring to the concerns of the members of the University of New Brunswick Employees Association, who could have a strike vote before the end of February.

In both 1995 and 1998, Employee Association employees agreed not to have an increase in their wages. "The UNBEA has on two separate occasions agreed to take a zero per cent increase in pay," confirmed Keating.

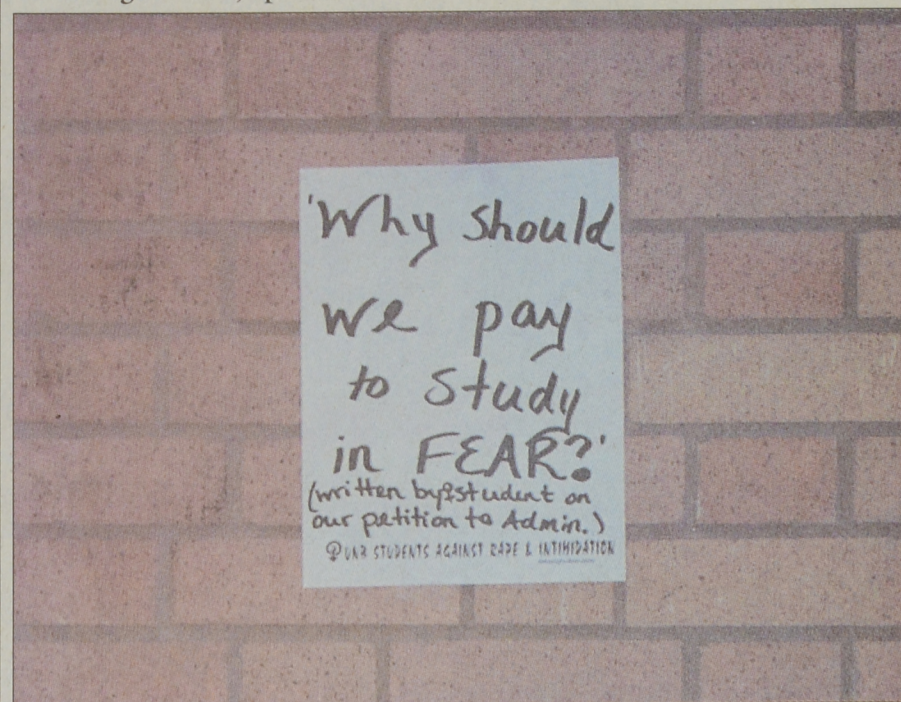
Another bone of contention for the employees is health benefits splitting. As it stands now, those who retire will have to go to an outside company for health benefits and bear 100% of the cost. What the UNBEA is asking for is that their current health coverage continue (a 50/50 split between the university and the employee) after retirement up to the age

of 65. According to Keating, this is not an uncommon provision in early retirement packages.

The UNBEA has been without a contract since June 30th, 2001. Since that time there have been two conciliation sessions, one in December and another in early January, neither of which were successful.

A conciliation officer, Paul Lepage, Acting Director, Industrial Relations, Training and Employment Development, was appointed and was to send his report

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