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with Chris Wilson Smith

Mother overcome with laughter, disbelief

My real name is Stupidhead Mcface. Now that we have that out of the way, we can talk about this week's undercover topic: the UNB gym.

I don't work out. For that matter, I put my pants on in stages. That's how lazy I am. When someone first suggested that I do a story on going to the gym, I thought it was a good idea. When I sobered up, I realized that I don't even own running shoes, let alone weightlifting gloves. This was going to be the hardest thing I've had to

face since my investigation of The Cellar.

For almost a week, I tried my hardest to get people to go for me, resulting even to offering "s'mores" at my house. How could people resist the orgasmic taste-sensation of graham crackers, marshmallows, and chocolate?

As it turns out, people think I'm crazy. The idea of me going to the gym was a funny prospect for many people I don't even know.

Having spent most of my life playing Twister by myself, I had no idea what to expect at a gym. Did I have to change with other people? Would the regular weightlifters be afraid of my enormous girth? Does it matter that I sweat profusely when

confronted with mathematical equations? These important questions were among many that I wanted to have answered. I looked at this personal sacrifice as a way to improve the world, one undercover investigation at a time.

One of my fears of going to the gym revolved around the issue of changing while other people watched. Normally, such a prospect would sound like fun. Somehow, this was different. To solve this conundrum, I changed at home. Sort of like in my hockey-playing days, when I was embarrassed to have my dad tie my skates in front of everybody. Not every 18-year-old can tie their skates, can they? But I digress.

Upon entering the Lord

Lazy editor goes undercover at the UNB gym

Beaverbrook gym, I asked the receptionist where I might find the weightlifting facilities (and no, she wouldn't go out with me either), to which she looked at me and responded: "Are you lost?"

I realize that I don't look like Arnold, but that was kind of insulting. Regardless, I reluctantly made my way to the gym.

Before I even set foot through the gates of my personal hell, I could hear the clank of weights hitting other weights. I took a deep breath, took off my asthma puffer, and opened the door. The visions that filled my eyes did more to confuse me than anything else. Everybody in the room looked as though they

were experiencing enormous pain. And here's the funny bit—they were doing it on purpose. I don't mean to insult anyone, especially if they're bigger than me, but I would rather eat my Superman underwear than hurt myself like these people where. And I really like my Superman underwear.

Although the thought of hurting myself in front of a lot of people was extremely discouraging, I decided I should give it a chance. I kept reminding myself of the impact that this story would make on an international level. I had visions of the UN calling me at home...

As it turns out, people at the gym are very friendly. One

person even saved my life. While lying down on a comfortable bench, I dropped the barbell on my neck. Just before my face exploded, an extremely nice 12-year-old girl came along and lifted the bar away from me.

At this point, I needed a drink. Perhaps another investigation of The Cellar was in order?

I was just about to leave, when an employee at the gym yelled at me:

"Hey, Buddy! Are these yours?"

He was holding my Superman underwear. I had no idea how they would have fallen off, but I figured I had to respond quickly: "Eleven," I said.

I won't be going back to the gym any time soon.

Resource Centre changes location

Coordinator excited by upcoming programs

by Bruns staff

The Student Information Centre has met with enormous success since classes began in September. According to Coordinator of the Centre, Jason J. Burns, the high amount of traffic flow is due to its new location.

Last term the Paper Trail suggested the Student Information Centre be moved from the basement of the SUB to maximize its usefulness. The Student Union agreed and the Centre now shares space in the Paper Trail location on the main floor of the SUB.

The Centre's current focus is the employability of UNB students. In its quest to enhance the employability of students, the centre is ensuring UNB students acquire new skills while they are here, Burns has chosen several

workshops to be presented this year that he feels will be useful. The first workshop, "Find off-campus volunteer opportunities," will be held on Wednesday, October 17th, at 8:00 p.m. in Room 103 of the SUB. "Often students want to volunteer, but don't know exactly what they want to do, or how exactly to go about contacting the organization. I have a long list of organizations located throughout Fredericton...and I have all the information pertaining to responsibilities and time commitments, so come to the workshop," says Burns.

The Centre not only presents workshops on a monthly basis but also deals with any inquiries a student may have; such as how to contact the Rentalsman or how to get involved with this year's Red N' Black Revue. Burns encourages students to come in to the Centre with their questions.

Later this term, look for a Stress Management workshop, presented by a massage therapist, and a Quit Smoking workshop presented by the NB Lung

Association.

Another workshop, which Burns predicts will be very popular, will be held later in the year, titled "Girls Can Fix Cars Too!" Springtime means tax time so the Centre will be presenting the popular "Lend a Hand" Income Tax Program again to assist students with their tax returns. Look for the Centre's advertisements for all their information-worthy workshops. Another program Burns plans to run year-round is called "Odd Jobs." If you can paint fences, rake leaves, baby-sit, among other things, Odd Jobs forms are available at the Student Information Centre, so drop in and fill out one of the forms — you may make some extra cash. The Centre has a large array of pamphlets which includes information on a variety of topics, from safer sex, to stress management, to how to get a government job. Burns encourages you to drop in and check out the Centre and if you're really pressed for time, you can direct any questions you may have by e-mail to resource@unb.ca.

Lord shuffles cabinet

Premier puts focus on economic development

by Chris Wilson-Smith

Half-way through his mandate, New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord has shuffled his cabinet.

Some of the key changes, implemented on Tuesday, include the re-introduction of a Tourism bureau, changing Finance Minister Norm Betts' portfolio, and dropping one cabinet member.

Betts, one of Lords' stronger cabinet members, will take on the Business New Brunswick portfolio, while Peter Mesheau, who served as Investment and Exports Minister the last two years, will take on the Finance ministry.

Signaling changes to New Brunswick's health-care system, Lord switched the portfolios of Education minister Elvy Robichaud and Health and Wellness minister Dr. Dennis Furlong.

Paul Robichaud, minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Aquaculture, will be taking over the new Tourism ministry, and handing his old portfolio off to conservative backbencher Rodney Weston.

Lost in the shuffle was minister of Public Safety Milton Sherwood, who was often criticized for his inability to answer questions in the legislature.

The swearing-in ceremony, which took place on Wednesday, will mark the beginning of a new task for nine cabinet members.

The shuffle, which indicates Lords' interest in moving New Brunswick's economic issues to

centre stage, effectively consolidates the departments of Investments and Exports Business New Brunswick.

Although Lord says the changes do not reflect a new government philosophy concerning business development, he does say that the changes will create a common entry-point for New Brunswick's business sector into the international economic foray level.

Betts, who shared most of the media's spotlight with the Premier throughout the last two years, faces the challenging task of bringing business in New Brunswick up to an internationally competitive level.

In an interview with The Brunswickan, Betts spoke about a program the government will be introducing this fall.

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Premier Bernard Lord will start the third year of his mandate with a number of changes to his cabinet. The new session is scheduled to start in the Legislature (pictured above) late November.

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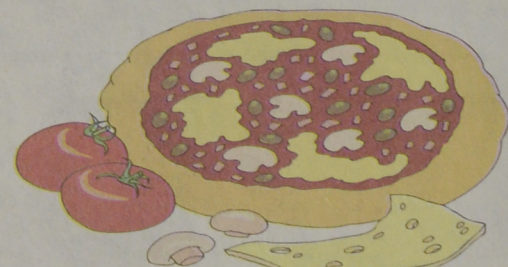
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