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Safe Spaces allows a stress free environment for GLBTQ individuals.

Just one sticker

"Issues being kept in the closet" - program coordinator

by Kora Stapelfeldt

A residence program is trying to expand its horizons and get the word out in order to make campus a 'Safe Space'.

In 1999, a Joy Kidd House Proctor named Cam McLeod started Safe Spaces as a round-table discussion. It has since snowballed into the program represented by one small sticker with a big meaning.

Cliff Arnold has been the coordinator for Safe Spaces for the second year in a row.

"McLeod realized there were no services at all for Gay and Lesbian individuals on campus," said Arnold.

Arnold recalls that McLeod based Safe Spaces on some US programs with the same initiative.

"We are mainly a residence program but we are trying to cover more," said Arnold.

Since it's conception, Safe Spaces has been active in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, Queer and Questioning (GLBTQ) community.

Safe Spaces is defined as a "sticker program that identifies spaces on campus as safe for GLBTQ students, staff and faculty at UNB."

'Safe' means that people can be comfortable being themselves and not have to deal with ignorance, bigotry, intolerance, and harassment because of their sexual orientation.

"We've had a lot of people comment that the program is helping the community," said Arnold. "In my opinion the community is thankful because we're helping by being a place for students to get information."

As coordinator, Arnold feels he is learning a lot about the community and

other issues.

"It has been a really good educational experience for me," said Arnold.

"There has been a lot of growth this year," commented Arnold. "We have an updated website www.unb.ca/safespaces as well as revamped contracts."

Arnold hopes Safe Spaces will become a "really strong voice for GLBTQ resources on campus."

Over 200 people signed up last year and Arnold believes the number has since escalated to around 300 individuals.

"Running the program is very good for me because it allows me to help people in a tangible way," said Arnold.

However, Arnold feels getting the word out continues to be an issue for the program.

"We're having a difficult time disseminating the issues to the university community," said Arnold. "These topics have been pretty much kept in the closet."

Ultimately the program has received a lot of positive feedback as some students have commented having a sticker on a door in their house makes them feel more comfortable whether they are straight or gay.

Arnold believes the stereotypes surrounding GLBTQ individuals are due to a lack of education. That is a problem he would like to solve.

There are many resources and references that Safe Spaces can provide.

"We also refer students to Spectrum which is a gay and lesbian group on campus," said Arnold.

The word has begun to spread, however, as some university clubs and societies have welcomed the small sticker to their door.

The UNB Arts Center, Student Affairs and Services, as well as the Women's Center have all signed contracts with the program issuing their respective areas as Safe Spaces.

Campus gets a security facelift

by David MacCoubrey

UNB Security added some powerful tools to its arsenal this week.

Reg Jerrett, Director of UNB Security, explained that there are new lights, security phones and payphones, in full working order, placed at strategic spots around campus.

By simply picking up the receiver, the security phones directly call the UNB Security office, and activates a blue security light located on top of the phone booth.

Joanne Barr of the Campus Ministry believes "[the changes are a] welcome addition to the campus."

"Anything that contributes to safety on campus is a very welcome thing," said Barr.

Kate Whitfield, President of the UNB Student Union, also believes that the changes are good, but states that, "the problem can not be fixed by lights and phones alone, but through awareness

and education."

Jerrett states that the phones are more visible due to the large yellow stickers placed on the phones. These stickers replace the smaller stamp sized stickers used previous years.

Al Caverhill, an electrical supervisor for the UNB Physical Plant, explained that there are six phones.

These are located in front of the Bank of Montreal, in the ITC parking lot, between Chapman Field and the Aitken Centre, in the Jones House parking lot, behind the South gym and on the path between UNB and STU.

He states that the phones are part of a new emergency monitoring system at UNB, which will be a network for security phones and fire alarms. This network will be the basis for new security phones in the future.

These changes may seem to have taken a long time to implement. Jerrett states that ninety percent of the new lights were installed by September 1st, 2002.

Caverhill said the system is



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Six new phones on campus.

complicated, and costly, taking time to make it work properly. The funding for the changes came from the university, as well as, other sources.

Jerrett said there have been some pranks, however, they have been minimal.

He believes that most of the calls stem from curiosity by students who are interested in the new phones. Hopefully, prank calls are all the UNB Security will ever have to deal with.

Day of Action in Fredericton



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Fredericton protestors gathered at the Legislature on Halloween to take part in the Hemispheric Day of Action against the FTAA.

Raising Awareness

November has been proclaimed Family Violence Prevention Month

by T.J. Essensa

Local groups have formed a network to raise the issues regarding family violence.

For ten years now, this has been an occasion for anyone to deliver their message trying to change attitudes through heightened awareness. This can include anyone from stakeholders and businesses to victims and individuals.

"We recognize family violence happens 365 days per year, November has been chosen in order to develop our message and to launch new initiatives," said Therese Murray, Executive Director for the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation.

Among activities happening this month to promote this issue none are as significant as yesterday's Silent Witness Rally at the Provincial Legislature in Fredericton. This rally exhibited life sized red silhouettes representing women who were murdered in acts of domestic violence and was the first of its kind in Canada. The Silent Witness Project was a collaborative partnership between the Charlotte County Family Violence Committee, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, and the Provincial Caring Partnerships Committee.

"Although we're the only organization in this province with a sole

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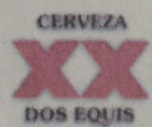


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Lunes
(Monday)



15% food discounts, Keith's or Moosehead Pale Ale Draught Pitchers for \$8.99, Dos Equis Premiums for \$3.99.

Martes
(Tuesday)

2 for 1 Beef Carne Asada or 15% food discounts.

Miercoles
(Wednesday)

MBA (Masters in Burrito Appreciation) Night - 25% off meat or vegetarian burritos, and Fredericton's best guacamole for only \$5.49.

Jueves
(Thursday)



Botanas (Appetizers) Bar - Get an appetizer platter for only \$8.99.

Viernes
(Friday)

Our famous Pico de Gallo and chips with a Corona for \$8.99.

Sabado
(Saturday)

Pitcher of Keith's Draught and veggie nachos for \$14.99.

These specials run from 5 p.m. until closing, and do not coincide with other discounts or specials. Must show Student ID to receive discount prices.

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