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March Break - play safe!

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Campus Watch:

Thefts, mischief are problems for officials

by Reg Jerrett
Director, UNB Security and Traffic

Last weekend was a busy one for Campus Security and Student Campus Police working the residence community.

Cases of Theft

Campus Security and City Police are investigating an incident which occurred during a residence house party, where two male non-residence students entered rooms uninvited. Many students had left their rooms unattended and unlocked. Items stolen from one room were later recovered and turned over to City Police who know the identity of those students responsible for the theft.

During the evening hours of February 19th, someone took \$20 from a wallet hidden in an article of clothing in an unlocked locker at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. The victim was using the gym facilities at the time. There are no

suspects.

Sometime between February 4th and 14th, a STU desk clock was taken from an unlocked desk drawer in Singer Hall. If anyone has any information on the missing clock, contact Campus Security.

Recovered Property

City Police have recovered wallets and personal papers from the wooded area behind Chapman Field. These wallets belong to the victims of the thefts which occurred at the Aitken Centre early in February. The majority of the property has been returned but the person responsible for these thefts is still unknown. City Police are investigating.

On the lighter side, Campus Security recovered a wallet that may have been missing since 1972. The wallet, containing personal documents and photo identification, was discovered in the Harriet Irving Library above a ceiling tile. The owner of the property is no longer a resident of Fredericton,

however, the individual's sister is living here and will claim the found property.

Mischief Reported

In the early morning hours of February 17th, a house party in one of the St. Thomas University residences resulted in minor damage to the exit signs in the building. The matter is being investigated by Student Affairs at St. Thomas.

In the evening hours of February 22nd, the Fredericton Fire Department was called to the Aitken Centre to respond to a fire alarm. There was no fire but occupants of the building did not exit upon hearing the alarm. For the safety of everyone, when a fire alarm sounds, exit the building quickly and in an orderly manner through the nearest exit. The source of the problem was a broken sprinkler pipe. The identity of the person responsible is known and the matter is being handled by Aitken Centre staff.

Alcohol Abuse

If you indulge in an alcoholic beverage,

please do so responsibly. Last weekend, Campus Security transported a student to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital for treatment of alcohol poisoning. This is a very dangerous practice with serious consequences for the victim.

Dog Bite

On February 20th, a person walking on the sidewalk near the Services Building was bitten by a dog. Fortunately there were no serious injuries. Those walking dogs on campus are required to have control over the animals' behaviour.

Enjoy your March break.

In the meantime, if you see anything that seems suspicious or if you are a victim of any criminal act, we urge you to contact Campus Security immediately at 453-4830, or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

UNB Security and Traffic has a Web site, www.unb.ca/security. We also encourage you to visit the Fredericton City Police site: www.frederictonpolice.com.

Wabanaki Perspective

by Dan Ennis

The Wulustuk Grand Council at the January 19th, 2002, meeting reached a consensus to reject the Governance Act which is about to be imposed on Aboriginal people across Canada.

We maintain that this proposed Act is designed to reduce or eliminate Aboriginal and Treaty Rights. From our vantage point, it appears the Federal Government's main objective is to extinguish aboriginal title and rights to traditional tribal territories, to eliminate Indian Reserves, and to convert them into being 'fee simple' lands, ultimately subjecting Indians to taxation on property, income, sales, and user fees. This would result in Indians being forced to fall under provincial jurisdiction and laws as was proposed in the 1969 White Paper.

The First Nation Governance Act is the first step to completely sever, exonerate, and free, the Federal Government of its fiduciary responsibilities for Native people. In the event of the implementation of the Governance Act, native people will be set adrift with no tribal land; no resources and our communities would essentially be converted to municipality status, which would then allow the provincial powers to step in and implement taxation on our lands and properties.

The Wulustuk Grand Council is the traditional Government that signed Peace and Friendship Treaties as a sovereign Nation centuries ago. Even to this day, it is our sacred trust and responsibility to ensure that the conditions spelled out in those treaties will always be there for the Seventh Generation. We have never surrendered, ceded or agreed, or signed away our land. Until such time that the foreign Canadian government produces treaties to show where our people signed away our land... it remains Wulustuk Land. In the meantime, the Federal Government is constantly scheming to take our lands, rights and treaties away, piece by piece, with legal manoeuvres and short-term financial agreements; agreements like the AFS, First Nations Governance Act, Fisheries Act, etc. They are no more than tainted, contrived shady government instruments which will slowly but surely erode our rights. Yet, the Indian Act-elected chiefs persist in signing such agreements to the detriment of our people and the Seventh Generation.

We are duty-bound to speak up for future generations because we will be tested when they will have to live under agreements signed today. It is our obligation to remind the Federal Government that as signatories to the United Nations Charter and Constitution they are ignoring their own conventions and agreements wherein they contracted to respect Native rights. In that regard, it would seem the Federal Government has no respect for its own institutions when it ignores the U.N. convention which, therefore, could imply they have overlooked their own Constitution Act and their own rule of law. If the Federal

Government can ignore laws it created for Aboriginal Nations and only show respect whenever it is clearly for their own benefit, how can we possibly trust them when they come to us with new 'agreements' to sign?

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Wulustuk Grand Council Resolution
Re: First Nations Governance Act
May 19, 2001

Whereas the Wulustuk Grand Council has met in Wulustuk Territory (Canterbury N.B.) on May 19, 2001, and discussed the federal legislation package consisting of the First Nations Governance Act and the First Nations Financial Institutions Act and;

Whereas the Wulustuk Grand Council members have never ceded or surrendered our birthright to be and to live as Aboriginal people nor have we ever ceded or surrendered our Aboriginal Title or Rights and;

Whereas the Wulustuk Grand Council members as Indigenous Peoples have the right of Self-Determination and;

Whereas the Wulustuk Grand Council has been the traditional form of government for thousands of generations prior to European contact and;

Whereas this federal legislative package will:

1. Transfer Canada's fiduciary duties towards Indigenous Peoples in the areas of reserve lands, money and membership into the hands and onto the shoulders of Band Councils;

2. Undermine the Nation to Nation relationship between Canada and Indigenous Peoples;

3. Transfer more control, and therefore, legal liability for small parcels of reserve land to Band governments;

4. Increase our elected leaders' accountability to the federal government while reducing the federal government's own liabilities, fiduciary obligations and responsibilities to our Peoples;

5. Put Band Councils in the position of administering our own poverty;

6. Alter the present voting regimes for Band governments, perhaps to the point of incorporating a say for non-members who live on-reserve and;

7. Convert Bands into "corporations" with powers similar to local municipalities.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Wulustuk Grand Council rejects outright the federal government's First Nations Governance Act.

IT IS FINALLY RESOLVED that the Wulustuk Grand Council call upon all Indigenous Peoples and Nations to join with us and compel Canada to recognize our inherent Right of Self-Determination, and Aboriginal Title as recognized by the Supreme Court of Canada in Delgamuukw, rather than tinkering with the Indian Act. (Reintroduced at January 19, 2002 WGC meeting for the purpose of issuing a press release)

Moved by: Grand Chief, Dan Ennis
Seconded by: Patrick Paul, Sub-Chief, Tobique

Status: Carried Unanimously

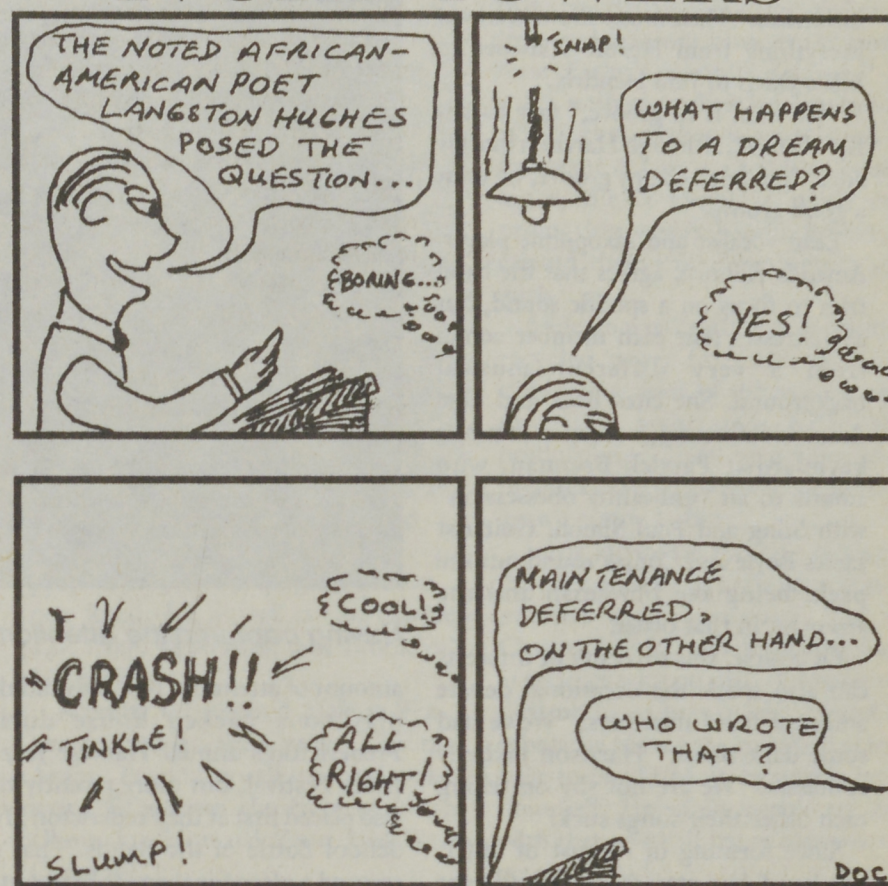
International Students Income Tax Session

Presented by
Student Union "Student Information Centre"
and
UNB Student Affairs

Attention All International Students
Need your taxes done?

Date: March 14th
Time: 6-9:30 p.m.
Where: Student Union Building, Room 203
To register, email Dale Morris dmorris@unb.ca
Or
Jason Burns
resource@unb.ca

IVORY TOWERS



STUDENT UNION ROUNDUP

by Sarah Caines
VP Finance, UNBSU

Kate gave me the chance to write the SU Roundup this week, and I wanted to use the opportunity to talk about the Student Union's new funding formula recommendations. Once implemented, the funding formula will dictate how the Union's money is given out to the over 90 clubs and societies that exist under our umbrella.

I've been asked a few times by students why on earth the Union is creating a funding formula. The answer lies in the fact that 21% (approximately \$115,000) of the Student Union budget goes towards funding clubs and societies. Prior to this year, budgets were allocated in a rather subjective manner, whereby organizations would submit budget request proposals to the Union's finance committee, who would then make recommendations about how much money each group should receive. Last year's council made the decision to re-evaluate this process to make sure that money was distributed in a fair and objective manner, and that's how the concept of a funding formula was born.

So, what's going on now with the funding formula? The Union's finance committee has been working hard since the beginning of the school year, and last week we presented our recommendations to the student council.

We have five categories of clubs/societies, which means five formulas. Each

formula is a little different, modified to represent the organizations in each category, but some of the aspects it accounts for are membership (and in the case of Faculty groups, the potential membership of a club), infrastructure costs, impact on campus, and years active.

In addition to the presentation to the student council, the finance committee also held a forum with all the clubs and societies, to present our ideas and recommendations to them, and to hear suggestions and concerns from the people who are directly impacted by the formula. I am so pleased with the feedback we've been receiving. Students have really taken the time to let us know not only what they don't like about the formulas, but what they do like, and ideas for how we can make it better. This is exactly the kind of feedback the Union needs, because we know we don't have all the answers.

Next up in the process... after March Break we will be going through the second and third readings of the recommendations, after which the formulas will be approved, and put into effect next November when new club budgets begin. As always, our council meetings are open to all students, and we invite you to share your ideas with us. The scheduled dates for the 2nd and 3rd (final) readings are March 12th and March 19th, respectively. Council meetings are each Tuesday, at 7pm in Room 103. If you have any concerns, questions, or ideas about the funding formula, feel free to contact me at finance@unb.ca.

Thanks

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out. This person is Andrew Kolbeck, who was a visiting Katimavik volunteer for The Brunswickan. He loaned me the money - no questions asked. Unfortunately the bank played their bureaucratic game. I was unable to repay Andy in the time specified, however, I was able to repay him before his departure from The Brunswickan.

I would like to take the time to thank Andy. He had faith in a person and helped a human being in need. The world needs more people like that. The most beautiful part is that this young man was extremely modest about the whole ordeal.

Andy, thank you for giving me my education back, but more importantly, for giving me hope again that there is beauty in this world; you've restored my faith in humankind.

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