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Accessibility at UNB requires second look

Staff and faculty members call for investigation

by Carole Morris

Chris Lorey believes UNB has an obligation to ensure everybody has access to the university's buildings and facilities, regardless of the cost.

According to Lorey, a professor in UNB's Culture and Languages Studies Department, most people associate disability with having a physical impairment.

Lorey says this association is misleading.

Since being diagnosed approximately two years ago with a neurological condition that makes it impossible to walk without assistance, Lorey has become increasingly aware of the number of people on campus with disabilities.

"A disability does not mean that you are sitting in a wheelchair," said Lorey. "There are many disabilities that are not visible, such as people with one lung... [and] people who are near-sighted."

Lorey's office is on the third floor of Carleton Hall, a building without an elevator, automatic doors, or multiple parking spaces for disabled people. He is one of several people in the building who require access to the one parking spot.

"This building is a virtual nightmare for anyone, obviously, who has a disability related to walking," said Lorey, who must rely on someone else to assist him to and from work.

Lee Ellen Pottie thinks the university needs a PR campaign about the different kinds of physical and learning disabilities.

Pottie is a tutor and mentor at UNB's The Learning Centre in Marshall D'Avray Hall, an organization which aids students with disabilities through

tutoring, technical assistance, job information, and the latest visual aid and learning disability software.

"We help students who have learning disabilities, such as dyslexia and dyscalculia, attention deficit disorder, and students who are hearing impaired, who have impaired vision and who have mobility impairments."

There is no similar committee or centre for faculty and staff.

A few years ago, Pottie underwent two surgeries in order to replace her hips. She claims the centre helped her get through the tough transition in her life.

"If [the centre] wasn't there, I don't think I would have been able to make it through my first couple of years of my doctorate program because there would have been no one there... to support me."

Despite having a Learning Centre available for disabled students, Lorey worries that people with disabilities are afraid to come to university.

"I fear that most people living with disabilities are staying at home... making our world more accessible will integrate more people to participate," said Lorey.

Pottie believes the centre, with over 350 registered students, is essential for the university.

"[I think] if the centre wasn't there, then a university education would not be open to [students with disabilities]," said Pottie.

"I think that the university, as a public institution, has the obligation to make sure that [everyone has] access to the facilities and to all the buildings," said Lorey.

Pottie agrees.

In a letter to *The Brunswickan* earlier this year, Pottie noted that students with mobility disabilities were turned away

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Shinerama kicks off its campaign with a bang



Brendan Doyle / The Brunswickan

Megan Woodworth and Tanya Daley scrub a fire truck at Shinerama's launch on Tuesday.

Making UNB campus 'safe'

A small sticker with a really big meaning

by Sean Patrick Sullivan

Safe Spaces is working to make campus 'safe' for everyone, one door at a time.

Erin Hancock is this year's Project Co-ordinator. The second-year Renaissance College student started working on social justice issues in high school, and is looking to use this year to build on the project's momentum.

Safe Spaces is a sticker program that identifies spaces on campus as 'safe' for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, two-spirited, queer, and questioning (GLBTQ) students, staff, and faculty at UNB.

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

"I hate the idea that some people have bigger challenges than they need when they're already facing so much more," said Hancock.

Though it originated as a residence



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This sticker identifies a space as 'safe' for students, staff & faculty.

sticker program, Safe Spaces has since expanded into an awareness organization.

"Instead of coming to the residences and saying 'OK, put this sticker on your door and this is what it means,' we also do presentations where we get to talk about GLBTQ issues and watch video clips and discuss it," said Hancock.

That way, she says, even if people choose not to use the sticker, they can still be involved in a discussion.

"I don't care if nobody has a sticker on their door, as long as they're thinking about the issues and they're

aware of what's going on and what they are responsible for," she said.

The Safe Spaces website cites the high number of suicide attempts by GLBTQ youths, often-unreported hate crimes, and a desire to educate and change societal attitudes as the motivation for the project.

The Rainbow Triangle on the sticker combines two gay/lesbian images: the rainbow flag that has become a symbol of pride for sexual minorities across the world, and an inverted pink triangle

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September 6th is a day to shine

At least, Shinerama thinks so

by Carole Morris

Shining shoes, washing cars and hosting barbecues are some of the ways Shinerama raises funds for Cystic Fibrosis research and this Saturday they are heading into downtown Fredericton to do just that.

Volunteers will be canvassing door-to-door, selling raffle tickets and t-shirts and will be shining shoes on various street corners.

Shinerama is the largest Canadian university and college student fundraiser, with first-year UNB students raising more than \$11,000 last year and in previous years, upwards of \$20,000.

This year's goal is \$13,000 but Shinerama Director Tanya Daley believes with the support of the community, that goal can be surpassed.

"Personally, I don't think there is any reason why we can't raise \$20,000. That's what I'm expecting. If we don't get \$20,000, I think I will be pretty

disappointed," said Daley.

The most money UNB has raised was in 1991, with a total of more than \$27,000.

First-year UNB students also fundraise during the summer months and a \$500 scholarship is awarded to the student who has raised the largest amount of money for the organization.

Many local businesses and corporate sponsors have signed on, including Jack's Pizza, Pepsi, Sedexho, Sunbury

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