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so I usually went to bed at six p.m. I didn't want to see what would happen.

“But when the first bombs started to fall, as soon as the first one explodes, you wake up. I couldn't ever sleep.”

“It's the most horrible sound you will ever hear. Even when it's miles and miles from where you are, it feels like it's happening right next door. Everything shakes. The windows shake. My window shook three times and then it broke.”

From a broken Baghdad window, Naif saw firsthand the stories CNN cannot tell.

“You look out the broken window and all you see is lights everywhere. All you hear are sirens. Buildings are falling and everything's on fire. One night, I saw a woman, naked, running down the street, screaming that her house has been bombed and three of her children are dead. It was the hardest thing I've ever had to see in my life.”

“It's not the same when you see it on TV. It's just not. When you're there, no matter what, you see what's really happening. It's ugly. It's awful.”

Although Naif and her parents left the city when the war was over, much of her family stayed behind.

“All my family is still there. My uncles, my aunts. Everybody. It was just me, my mom and my dad who got out. I think

about them all the time. We called them two days ago and everyone was fine, but you never know because every day they are dropping more bombs.

“They say they are only hitting military targets, but they are hitting a lot of buildings. Everything will be ruined.”

The fire and ruin the latest U.S.-led military campaign has brought to her former city is the reason that Naif is working hard within Canada's antiwar movement. She's been protesting almost non-stop since the war began.

“I have to,” she said. “I have to go to these rallies.”



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But the devastation caused by the heaviest bomb and missile bombardment since World War II is also the reason she can hardly speak of the horrors she knows are occurring in Baghdad without crying.

Through eyes clouded with tears, Naif spoke out at a candlelight vigil held less than 24 hours after the first bombs began to fall.

“Bush, please,” she pleaded to a stunned audience, her voice breaking, “let people live in Iraq. That's all they want.”

Her brief, heartfelt speech was greeted with loud applause from the nearly 70 students in attendance. It's the response she has seen from the antiwar movement, she said, that gives her some hope.

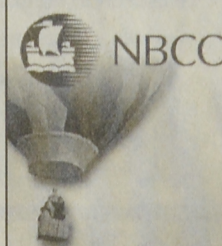
“I'm so happy to see [the huge antiwar movement]. I went to the protests on Thursday, on Saturday and on Sunday. When I see all those people who have no connection [to Iraq] coming out and speaking out against [the war], I feel that we might have a hope, that maybe things can change.”

“I want them to change. We need to have hope. I really, really hope that someone is listening to all of us right now.”

Her heart, she said, is still in her homeland.

“I still feel everyday, for all the kids who are there, who are the same age as I was, who are seeing this happen in their country, to their families.

“I wish more than anything I could go back now. I want to help them and be there for them now. I would tell them that my heart is always there for you. I feel everything you feel.”



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production of the Red and Black Revue in comparison to the last years.

Snow Odyssey coordinator and council member Janice Linton said that if she had the full year, rather than half, to work on the program, it would have been better.

Clark believes the money should stay within the funds for the revenue generating operations where it could be of more use.

Campbell's motion was therefore defeated save three council members.

The new executive was present at the council, although not seated until next week. Peter MacDonald, VP executive-elect, brought up the issue of funding dollars for the clubs and societies at UNB. He asked why some of that funding is not placed into the revenue generation operations fund.

UNB has \$100,000 allotted to the clubs and societies. This is 17 to 20 percent of the SU funds, rather than the approximate national average of 1

percent. Campbell believes the funding should remain at the level it is due to the need of these clubs and societies here on campus.

“Events [the Student Union] put on don't always work,” said Campbell. “It's hard to get student's out.”

He added, however, that events put forth by clubs and societies are extremely active. Moreover, UNB should not be comparing itself to other universities in this aspect.

“Taking money away from the clubs and societies to put it in the UNBSU is ridiculous.”

Council member Greg LeBlanc, who is also president of the Classics Society at UNB, feels the funds are necessary for the clubs and societies. He feels the funding from the UNBSU is mandatory to keep these clubs and societies going. “If it wasn't for the funding, [Classics] wouldn't have a society.”

Kate Whitfield, President of the UNBSU, said she sees the value of having more than \$1 200 in the emergency fund, but believes there are other ways to go

about it than cutting the money. “It's a big task,” said Whitfield.

Milan Chotai, UNBSU President-elect, feels the money could be used in a way that is more incentive based. He feels there could be a way to use that money better.

Another item on the agenda was the cut of \$2 000 from the Grad Class budget for next year. Therefore, Brewer moved to cut the decrease down to \$1 500 so the grad class wouldn't feel the pinch so badly this coming year.

As written in the proposed budget, “Grad Class is at a very high amount compared to what they use. Currently they have spent approximately \$750 of their \$6 000. This extra money will be reallocated to lines that desperately need extra money.”

Brewer feels cutting this much in one year will have a “bad effect.”

The council majority defeated the motion. The third and final reading of the budget will take place on Tuesday, April 8th, at 5:30 pm in the SUB, room 103.

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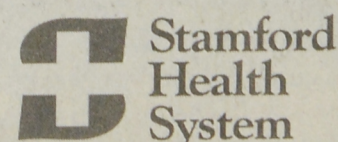
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