

UNB student runs for City Council

Goldlist hopes to reach voters of all ages with his platform

by Nick Moase

Jason Goldlist is a man with a mission: get elected to the city council.

The 18-year-old Renaissance College student is running for the Ward 11 seat at city council in the upcoming May 10th election. This seat would cover the university, the housing next to the campus over to Regent Street, and the downtown area from the soccer field to York Street.

Originally from Toronto, Goldlist now resides in Fredericton and has always had an interest in politics and community issues. He sat in on city council meetings and eventually decided to run in the election after the representative of Ward 11 stepped down.

Goldlist has also been an active member in the Harvest Jazz & Blues Festival, helping to organize the event and sitting on the committee. So far he has put six months of work into his campaign along with his regular school studies.

His campaign revolves around many issues, since the Ward he is running in contains a diverse amount of residents.

"Each community has different issues, and I want to bring all of them to council," said Goldlist.

Part of his platform deals with keeping communities whole by cutting down on traffic, increasing a sense of security by decreasing petty crime, and cutting down on the number of old homes being converted into multi-unit landlord owned homes.

So far he has been going door to door to talk with people, meeting with the police to try and find a solution to the crime, and going to the businesses to see what they are looking for in a councillor.

Goldlist doesn't think his age will play a factor in the election.

"I'm not campaigning on my age or the fact I'm a student, but on the issues," he said. "Previous candidates failed because they tried to run as a student for the students."

He also realizes that because of the timing, some students will not have the opportunity to vote. For those that are still here though, he encourages them to register and vote.

On March 25th, Goldlist will be holding a community forum at the Renaissance College starting at 7:00pm. People interested in finding out more about Goldlist can visit his platform at www.jasongoldlist.tk.

Tuberculosis testing continues on campus

Twenty people test positive for TB virus on campus

by Eric Paradowski

Since mid January when tuberculosis [TB] first started poking its head around UNB, 20 people have tested positive for the bacteria but still only one person has been diagnosed with having the disease.

This is because those who have tested positive have only been diagnosed with the TB bacteria, which people with strong immune systems are able to defeat.

These people have been pulled out of a much larger group through an investigation that involved testing for the disease.

Now into the second round of testing, New Brunswick Public Health have notified all those who would have had exposure to what they call the index case, the first person to have been diagnosed with TB.

"What we've done is that we've tested the first circle of people and now we're going into the second circle of people," said Denise Tardif, a nurse involved with the TB investigation.

"Those students have been identified because they have either

been in the same classroom, or maybe during exams, or maybe in a co-op program where the index case would have been at that particular time," she explained.

Leading the investigation is Dr. Scott Giffin, who was unavailable to comment on the topic. He will be hosting an information session for faculty and staff to discuss the situation.

Tardif, speaking on behalf of Giffin, said that clinics for those notified have already taken place this week and the results will be available either today or Thursday.

Here on campus the public health investigation that has since been quiet has now had the volume turned up to let people know that there is no reason to be afraid.

Dr. Jo Ann Majerovich, Director of the UNB Health Centre which has been in cooperation with the investigation, feels that students need to know the facts about TB on campus, and not be startled by it.

"I think it can be scary, especially if you don't know what [TB] means," said Majerovich. "Nobody wants to have this; we want to deal with it in a manner that makes the student feel they're in good care and all of their concerns are being addressed."

One aspect of tuberculosis that Majerovich stresses is the difference between active and infected cases of

tuberculosis.

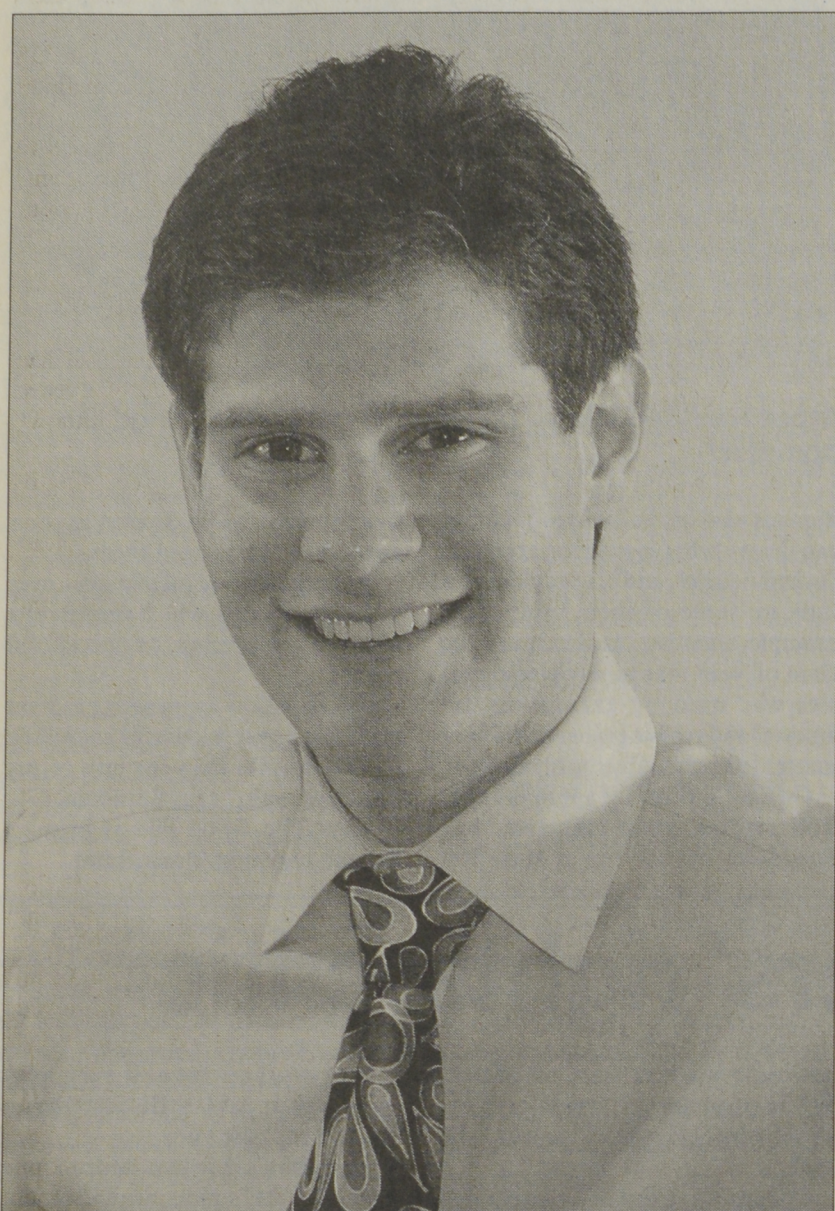
What was discovered at the beginning of this semester was active TB, which is the disease itself. Infected cases are what are being seen now in the 20 cases that have shown up recently. Twenty infected cases do not have the disease and can be treated with antibiotics, strengthening someone's immune system to the bacteria and helping them fight it off.

Majerovich said this situation has a less gloomy side, indicating that this case serves good for policy making and as a precedent for other universities around Canada that might stumble on the same sort of problem.

While the information session is technically for faculty and staff Tardif said students may also attend. The session will be held at Dineen auditorium (C-13) in Head Hall on Thursday the 18th from 12:00 to 1:00pm.

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Proposed GLBTQ centre on campus finds resistance

Grandy suggests centre needs name to incorporate everyone

by Kaela Stradiotto

"Would someone who is questioning [their sexuality] really go in there?"

This was one of the things that Residence Representative Jeff Grandy wondered when he voted against February 4th's proposal for the creation of a GLBTQ centre.

Spectrum Executive Director val colden went forward with the proposal.

Grandy suggested that the centre would only further isolate the GLBTQ community. He thinks that the centre would generate a lot of conversation, "a good thing" he quickly added, but that the negative comments would outweigh the positive.

According to Grandy, the centre is a good idea, especially as a social outlet, but the GLBTQ label would draw unwanted attention. The name might deter some people who aren't

necessarily ready to identify as GLBTQ.

"Equal rights are great, and the core idea is good, it's a good initiative. However, Student Council wants to advocate groups which welcome everyone, and from my understanding of the proposal, not everyone on campus would be able to access the resources [such a centre] would provide," said Grandy.

According to colden, Grandy is misinformed.

"Of course straight people would be welcome, providing they're respectful," explained colden. "Also, we are looking into it being a broader sexuality centre, which is what Lana [MacGillivray of Counseling Services] is working on with her new proposal."

Grandy suggested such names as a "sexual education centre" or "lifestyle centre" that could incorporate all groups, including Safe Spaces, MASA, Spectrum, but would not be as specific.

"Lifestyle sounds like a euphemism, like there's something bad to cover up," said colden.

She said that there needs to be some indication that the centre would provide queer resources, so that people who want to access them know they've come to the right place.

"We need resources geared specifically to the queer community, and they need to know it's there," said colden.

"I'm not dead-set against it," explained Grandy. "The proposal was just too vague. They didn't mention what space they would use, or a solid name, or if everyone could access the resources."

"I can't empathize if I'm not in that situation. I would like to see more of the need for it, and something for everybody," he added.

However, colden disagreed, saying that even if all the little things had been cleared up, Grandy's vote would still have been "no."

"I'm not a person of colour, but I could see the need for resources for them. If you need help understanding, why not talk to those involved?" colden asked. "Silence is not the answer."

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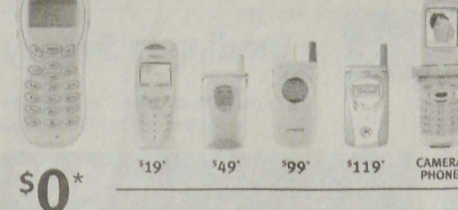
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