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expected to add Fredericton to that list.

Once in Wal-Mart, I reacted with excitement at the sight of a prominent Alexa display across from a shelf stocked with bargain shampoo, but my excitement quickly turned to disappointment when I realized that the red boxes containing the vibrating ring that I had been shown on the website were absent. Every other Alexa product – including the warming lubricant – was present, but they were less intriguing than the boon I was after: a mass-marketed, socially acceptable sex toy.

It was when I decided to steel myself and ask a sales representative for assistance that I obtained the answer to my second query; even in the customer-friendly environment of Wal-Mart, I couldn't bring myself to say "vibrating" and "ring" in the same sentence. About the Alexa line of products, I was told to contact the store chain's District Manager in Toronto, but she was unavailable for comment.

Only mildly discouraged, I then ventured downtown to X-Citement Video – the "largest adult store in the Maritimes" – where I spoke to store manager Pam Kendall about her experiences in sex toy retail. Her products might not be as discreetly packaged as the Alexa line, but at least if you run into an acquaintance while making a purchase at X-Citement, both of you are probably there for the exact same reason, unlike at Wal-Mart or Shopper's Drug Mart, which already makes the atmosphere of a store specifically geared towards sex shopping more conducive to asking open, honest questions.

Kendall loves her job, and isn't shy about saying so.

"I think it's really interesting," she told me. "I like the sociologi-

cal side of it, watching how people interact with each other and the questions they have when they come in."

Although anyone who's paid a visit to X-Citement knows they cater to a wide range of interests, I was surprised to learn that the store's best-selling items – and the ones that Kendall consistently restocks – are hardly more hardcore than what Alexa already markets mainstream. Soft vibrators for women and the even smaller and more discreet "bullet" or "egg" vibrators are especially popular, while Kendall cited the store's selection of bondage equipment as its slowest seller.

I wondered if there was any product out there too extreme even for X-Citement, but Kendall assured me that there was really nothing she would refuse to stock.

"If there are any new products, I always like to try to get them in to see if people take to them," she said. "We have one thing, but it comes from the company I [don't get to] pick from, and it's a speculum. That's the only thing I really don't like in the store."

And how does the average Frederictonian feel about having the largest adult store in the Maritimes on their main downtown stretch?

"Over the past few years, they've lightened up a lot," said Kendall, "but a lot of people do come in a little nervous because they don't know what to expect."

Okay, so maybe we're not quite ready to see dildos in contemporarily decorated boxes on drug-store shelves, but Kendall's experience at X-Citement has made her optimistic about the real nature of the sex lives of modern folk.

"I like when couples come in," she said, "especially couples that have been together for a really long time [and are] still trying to spice up their sex life. I think that's great."



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UNB campus. "What we did do this year was increase the repairs to the [current] lots," he said.

The Student Union however, is looking for a different approach to issues of parking and accessibility

on campus.

"The UNB Student Union is back in negotiations with the city of Fredericton to try and get a universal bus pass. So if that comes to fruition, that will hopefully take some of the strain off the parking issues," said

Student Union President Ciana Chiasson. She could not comment on the details, as negotiations are ongoing.

According to a report released in 2001 by ADI Ltd., 2,704 parking permits were sold that year. There are 3,252 designated parking

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Two approaches, one goal

CFS and CASA both lobby for students on capital hill, but beyond that, they have different approaches to making education a Canadian priority.

"CASA is first and foremost member driven, so the membership is...the driving force behind it," stated Chiasson. "They lobby on post-secondary issues specifically. I think we're doing a good job with it."

"They have an awfully large impact on the government members that they meet with because of their professionalism and because of the thoroughness of their work," added Ellen Creighton, VP External at the UNBSU. "We are one of the members of CASA and we essentially direct where the organization goes...we have significant input into the process and the outcome of what happens in the organization."

CFS members are similarly confident that their lobby group is effective.

"The Federation's mandate is two-fold. It is to advocate for an accessible, high quality system of publicly funded post-secondary education, and to provide cost-saving services to our members,"

notes Corrie Sakaluk, VP Finance at the York Federation of Students.

"Just as most campus student unions have a mandate to provide services, so does CFS," adds Rebecca Rose, President of Ryerson Students' Union. "The services that CFS provides are ones that are provided most cost-effectively on a provincial and national scale."

With its single focus on campaigning for Post-Secondary Education, CASA believes that it can put all of its efforts into lobbying. Meanwhile, CFS has chosen to diversify by adding services to its mandate. But what does this split mean for students?

One nation, two national lobby groups

CFS, the older and larger of the two groups, began as the only national lobby group in Canada. Designed as more than just an education lobby group, it also pushes for social change. Because of its added emphasis on providing services, CFS is also more expensive.

CASA, created as a result of student's dissatisfaction with CFS's social agenda, was actually conceived in Fredericton some 10 years ago. According to Conlon, the issue at the time was over protests by CFS against Date Rape

Drugs. Many member universities believed that CFS should focus solely on education, as social issues can divide student campuses.

Since that time, both groups have been competing for the ear of MPs and policy makers in Ottawa and elsewhere.

The division has caused a rivalry amongst the two groups. Both feel that the other's approach is ineffective, or at least not as effective as their own lobbying. For instance, last year CFS ran its 'Clock of Debt' campaign and went to Parliament for a national press release. At the time, CASA ran a similar 'Wall of Debt,' and was actually in the pressroom directly after CFS. Confusion became apparent when campaigns were mixed in the media.

These two national lobby organizations have been fighting the same battle, but from different fronts. Because of this rivalry, both organizations have a vague and, no doubt, misconceived image of the other organization.

Rose's remarks to this regard are a clear sign of the mistaken belief: "CASA's idea of an effective campaign tactic is to get students to ride tricycles, play juvenile games and to hold a wine and cheese party once a year with the governing party."

[Editors note: no tricycles were

spaces on campus, meaning there should be plenty of free parking, just not in areas convenient to students.

"All security asks is that people obey the rules and regulations and take heed of the signs on campus that tell you where you can and can't park. You may have to park your vehicle and walk 10 minutes to your class. Unfortunately, that is the reality of the situation," said Reg Jerrett, Director of Campus Security and Traffic.

The "Campus Master Plan," released in February, 2004, outlines future plans for the UNB campus. With respect to parking, the plan is to "reduce dependency on automobiles." All parking in the campus core is going to be moved to the margins of campus to create a "pedestrian culture" on campus. There will still be parking available for people with special needs.

For more information about UNBF's Campus Plan, visit <http://www.unbf.ca/campusplan/>

Watch for future coverage of the plan in future issues of The Brunswickan.

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Meanwhile, CASA members often speak of the high costs of leaving CFS, which has been rumored to have a six-digit legal fee budget line, so as to keep members from leaving. Its social issues mandate is also a cause for concern.

"CFS definitely has its strengths, but the costs concern me...and the fact that they get into social issues," states Chiasson, "and the issue of getting out of [CFS is also a problem]. If we were to join, it is very difficult, whereas CASA has an easy-in/easy-out system."

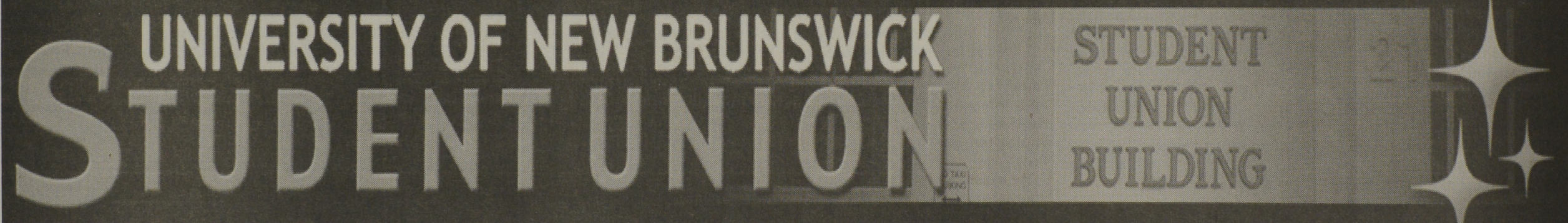
Besides these views, however, members of both groups agree that it is unfortunate that students are divided between the two groups.

"I don't think it is in students' best interest for there to be disunity within the student movement," remarked Rose.

"It's unfortunate that there have to be two student lobby groups," comments Creighton, "because I think...the message can get diluted, especially if tension between those two groups exists."

Combined, they would represent over 750,000 students from coast to coast, but divided, CASA and CFS stand on either side of parliament, alone, but united in the fight for the higher education of Canada.

The UNB Student Union passed the 2005-2006 budget last Wednesday. The final draft of the budget, including changes to last year's budget and amendments to previous drafts this year, can be viewed at http://su.unbf.ca/council2_index.php#budget. You are also invited to attend the State of the Student Union address on Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at 6 p.m. in Bailey Hall room 146.



State of the Student Union

Address: Wednesday October 19, 6pm, Bailey 146. A general overview of the Student Union will be provided, including finances, impact of the financial situation and plans for the year.

On-line Book Registry

Check out the on-line Book Registry. Post your books to sell or shop away. See: http://su.unbf.ca/academic_index.php

Peer Writing and Conversation Group

Come out to SUB 103, October 24th at 7PM for the Peer Writing and Conversation Group. The program is to provide undergraduate students from the international community with extra learning opportunities. Peer volunteers can also help you address any academic issues. Meet new people and friends. See you there! Questions? Contact academic@unb.ca, isao@unb.ca, f3hgr@unb.ca. Hosted by the International Student Advisor Office and the Student Union

Bring in old exams, tests, and assignments.

"Ever wish that your prof would give out old exams so you have something to practice with? Need some extra help?

Do your part and bring any old or relevant assignments, midterms, exams etc. to your Student Union. We want to provide ALL students access to practice materials. From a central on-line source, students will soon be able to click and download this data for a variety of courses.

Our source will only be as complete as your submissions though, so we invite students, faculty, staff and anyone interested to bring your information to us either in person (to SUB Rm 126) or electronically to academic@unb.ca. Questions? Call 458-7655.

CASA WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO WIN GREAT PRIZES AND MAKE A STATEMENT! "Make an Impression: A Picture is worth \$1000"

The contest open October 6th and students can enter until November 5th. The contest requires that you submit a digital photo that represents your everyday challenges as a student, whether these challenges are financial, social, political, physical, cultural or otherwise. Show us how factors such as accessibility, quality and affordability affect your life as a student. Whether it is a picture of your shabby apartment, meager transportation or empty refrigerator. CASA will award a grand prize of \$1000 and 5 iPod Nano's to the most original and creative submissions. The winning photographs will also become part of the CASA November media stunt in Ottawa. For complete contest details and instructions on how to enter, please attend the up coming CASA week events on Wednesday and Thursday October 19 & 20, or go to www.casa.ca.

LEGAL?

ISSUES!

**Landlord/Tenant
Small Claims Court
Problems with your employer?**

Every fulltime student at UNB has the right to one hour of legal advice.

Come see us at the Student Legal Information Centre, staffed by volunteers from the Law School. Open daily in room 128 of the SUB. email - SLIC@unb.ca

RESULTS OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY QUIZ

Quizzes were handed out around campus on Sept. 28th 05, Academia Nut Day!!

Multiple Choice	Results	Answer
1. What is the name of the academic appeals committee?	A 15	A
a. Students Standings and Promotions	B 13	
b. Appeals Committee	C 8	
c. Students Standing and Promoting!	D 4	
d. None of the above		
2. If I am found guilty of deliberately plagiarizing, the minimum penalty is:	A 1	B
a. Jail	B 20	
b. The offense being placed on my academic transcript and failure of the assignment.	C 18	
c. A grade of "F" in the course for which I plagiarized.	D 1	
d. A call to my legal guardian, the offense being placed on my academic transcript and failure of the course.		
3. If I get caught cheating, the instructor will:	A 0	C
a. Ignore it	B 1	
b. Tell the class	C 39	
c. Let me know that they think I am cheating and ask to speak to me after class	D 0	
d. Let me continue cheating since everyone is anyways		
4. Why do students cheat most often?	A 11	D
a. They lack confidence in their own work	B 6	
b. They don't have time to finish the work	C 0	
c. They feel like they are being cheated	D 23	
d. All of the above		
5. To ensure that I am not using someone else's words as my own, I can:	A 3	D
a. Make an appointment at the Writing and Study Skills Centre.	B 5	
b. Make an appointment and ask my professor	C 0	
c. Ask a librarian for help at the Information Centre in the HIL	D 32	
d. All of the above.		

YOU SHOULD KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

The UNB Student Legal Information Clinic (SLIC) is hosting a short seminar regarding renters rights at 4pm today (Wednesday, October 19) in Room 26. Speakers: Peter Kessels: Rentalsman, Allan Van Wart: Van Wart Property, Aaron Savage, Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales. Pizza will be served.

NBSA Day Volunteers needed

Want to see tuition increases come to a stop? Do you have an idea for Premier Bernard Lord? That's what NBSA does for you and University students across the province. Now the New Brunswick Student Alliance, our provincial student lobby organization, needs your help. There will be an awareness campaign October 26th to inform and excite students about the benefits they receive from this lobby organization run by students for students. We are looking for volunteers to help hand out some sweet merchandise across campus. It's a great way to learn more about the NBSA and get involved! If you are interested in getting involved please contact finance@unb.ca.



FAMILY FEUD

Academic Integrity Event October 25th, 7PM McConnell Hall Conference Room. The SU will be hosting the game show, "Family" Feud, submit your team (5-10 members) to SU offices Room 126. Learn about academic offenses such as plagiarism, cheating, copying, etc. and how to avoid them! Prizes will be given! For questions contact: academic@unb.ca or 458-7655.