

# COMMENTS & LETTERS

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## Expired? I can't possibly eat this

### MY AWESOME COLUMN

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I usually spend my days in the Brunswickan office, going over emails, answering the phone, and jotting down messages from our voicemail. Seems like an easy process, but it's at this time where I suffer the same bi-daily struggle to find a decent meal on campus.

Surely, there are a lot of choices in the Student Union Building (SUB), but you need to be willing to eat pastries, deep-fried or expired items. I can't say I'm a fan of any of these. The integration of Tim Horton's in the SUB has been a successful one, but other than stale coffee and pastries, it's not the best option for a meal - or breakfast. I'm not sure exactly why they cannot offer soups or sandwiches, but it could be beneficial to their sales.

Let's continue to the heart of the cafeteria, the Sub-Pizza-Deep-Fried combo with some 'healthy' alternatives and sushi shoved in a corner. Well, I'd rather pass up the F-grade chicken bits incorporated into the mould of a chicken breast with a few grill marks for good measure slapped on some airy bread with condiments. The pizza is not the healthiest alternative, and after sitting under the hot-box for a few



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hours, it's the least bit appetizing. As for Selona Grill, is there anything to say? Pre-made goodness shoved in a fryer, and it takes 20 minutes to prepare - not to mention the price hike.

Off to the corner, expired goods galore. I've never seen so many things that have expired in such a wide array - pudding, yogurt, salad, bread - tell me how in God's name bread expires. As for sushi and soup, it's poorly made

sushi and soup that's sitting in the middle of passing people - mmm.

So that usually leaves me to the Campus Shoppe, which offers a lesser array of expired Sodexo products, and disgusting dried out Chinese food (trust me, the deep fried rice turns out to be a shit brick as hard as rock.)

Which leaves me to the Cellar, which is pub food and not available for every student because you need to be of legal

drinking age. Personally, I prefer not to eat pub food because then I'll be going for a few double (or triple) long islands.

So really, where's the freaking decent food? I'd step up on some healthy alternatives that aren't expired, getting my Starbucks (rumored to be here, but I don't see it) and some real food - pronto.

## Liberal

### Liberal education promises a good start, but not enough

#### MUGWUMP

by Tony von Richter

On Monday, September 18, 2006, New Brunswickers went to the polls and elected Shawn Graham and the Liberal party as the next provincial government. Despite the Liberals' victory, all parties waged spirited campaigns that captured the minds of the public, particularly the student population.

Oh, wait, that didn't happen. In fact, the majority of the campaign went unnoticed, with very few people talking about it. Even though I don't follow politics closely, I knew that there was way too little information being presented about the various parties' campaigns. If we don't know what the parties stand for, how can there be any discussion about the candidates?

Perhaps the only thing that got students talking during the recent election was the Liberal party's promise to give every first-year university student a one-time grant of \$2,000.

It's no secret that tuition costs are way too high, not just at UNB, but everywhere, and tuition and fees have jumped a fair amount in just the three years I've been here, so every little bit helps. But how did they decide that only first-year students get this grant? Why not graduating students to help them payback some of their student loans right after graduation?

Obviously part of the reason is that providing \$2,000 to every student in the province would cost quite a bit of money, and even by limiting the grant to first-year students, the Liberals expect that it will cost the government \$12 million. Also, they intend to set up 1,000 scholarships worth \$2,500 for continuing students at an approximate cost of \$2.5 million, as well as pledging some assistance in the debt relief area,

as they promised a tax rebate to post-secondary graduates who remain or return to work in New Brunswick.

The biggest announcement made by the Liberal party was that they would eliminate the parental contribution from the student loans formula.

For years, people - myself included - have been denied student loans based on their parents' salaries and how much they were theoretically able to contribute to their child's education. However, the majority of the time these families cannot actually contribute the amounts required, leaving people to try and acquire credit from banks or forcing delayed entrance to university in order to come up with the appropriate funds.

So if the Liberals keep all of their promises to help students with tuition and debt, is that enough? It's a good place to start, but a few other changes could improve the situation a lot more.

One change that should be implemented is that tuition levels should be frozen in four-year periods so that the cost of a year of education is the same at the start of your degree as it is at the end.

Another change to help students could be allowing students to claim the money they spend on textbooks on their tax forms, and reimbursements up to a certain level (like \$300 per semester).

While these two concepts would definitely help ease the burden of paying for tuition, it wouldn't totally fix the problem, and the odds of those measures being implemented are pretty low.

So what are your thoughts on the incoming government's plans for post-secondary education? What do you think the government should be doing above and beyond those plans? Let us know at bruns.managing@unb.ca.

## Pro-life bias in UNB Residence Handbook

Dear Editor,

I am writing, as a concerned UNB student, to address what seems to be an anti-choice bias towards women on campus and their reproductive rights. In the "UNB Community Residence Handbook," there are several important resources listed along with contact numbers. However, under the section entitled 'Selected Off-Campus Resources,' there is no adequate listing for women seeking an abortion. I would like to bring to everyone's attention that the Fredericton Crisis Pregnancy Centre is a centre against abortion. I would also like to remind readers that abortion is legal and a

woman's right. The name 'Fredericton Crisis Pregnancy Centre' is misleading, as are other such 'centres' around Fredericton that don't openly specify their anti-choice intentions. I'm not sure who designed the 'selected' list for the Residence Handbook, but I am concerned that open, active resources for women seeking abortions, such as the Morgentaler Clinic, are not listed. Planned Parenthood is listed, but this organization isn't currently up and running, so women without a local physician who are seeking information on accessing abortion would have nowhere to turn. In light of the Student Union's current decision to ratify an anti-choice group on campus

as an official club & society, it is easy to suspect that UNB is willingly neglecting to protect the full rights of

its female population. Sincerely,  
WhiteFeather



## Part-time Operations Control Centre Representative Fredericton

### Job Description

#### Position Summary:

The Operations Control Centre is Brun-Way's centralized total services business model. The OCC consolidates several core processes including end-to-end service requests pertaining to operational matters, highway maintenance and emergencies, as well as account management. As the OCC operates 24/7, the incumbent must be available to work variable hours and shift work.

#### Responsibilities:

- Handle customer requests and issues (both routine and emergency) coming through a telephone call, the web, e-mail or fax; and, if necessary, dispatching the appropriate staff within each of the three highway maintenance service districts.
- Perform administrative functions such as generating purchase orders, call follow up, and maintaining/supporting the preventive maintenance work order system related to reported field reports on Operational Performance Measures (OPM's).
- Initiate highway incident response contacts with external agencies and coordinate implementation action with internal staff and suppliers as required for all traffic control activities, spills of hazardous materials, traffic accidents/incidents on the highway including those within facility lands in compliance with New Brunswick OMR standards and required Operational Performance Measures (OPM's).
- Input all highway incident related data into the Incident Management System, including actions taken and field reported details on accident and facility damages.
- Initiate communication contact and supply highway operational and maintenance information (e.g. weather and road conditions, planned and emergency road closures) to external sources in compliance with the Incident Control Manual.

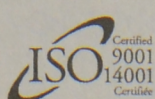
#### Qualifications:

- Bilingual (English/French)
- Exceptional telephone, customer service and communication skills
- Demonstrated analytical, troubleshooting and problem-solving skills
- Technical knowledge/aptitude on highway operations and maintenance operations
- Attention to detail with strong organizational skills
- Demonstrates strong initiative and follow-through coordination skills
- Able to multi-task and manage competing priorities
- Strong computer skills
- People Soft/JDEdwards experience a definite asset
- Adaptable and flexible to change
- Ability to work independently and as a team member

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