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Union exec voted to fund AQ: document

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The St. Thomas University Students' Union executive passed by a majority vote to fund the Aquinian's newsroom renovations this past summer, the Brunswickan has learned.

In a copy of the in-camera minutes from the STU SU council meeting on Oct. 30 obtained by the Brunswickan, STU SU President Duncan Gallant also stated that it was never said that the Aquinian would need to appear before the students' representative council (SRC).

During periods when the SRC are unable to convene, such as the summertime, the executive is the governing body of the STU SU.

The SRC voted 9-3 against funding \$1919.24 for the Aquinian's newsroom at that council meeting, despite that Gallant made a written guarantee in April that the STU SU would provide funding if they followed a list of agreements.

In the minutes, VP Education Melissa Wah stated that she believed the Aquinian met the agreements.

It is also noted that an evaluation by SRC of the Aquinian was not needed to obtain the funding.

Councillor Raul Dominguez said he wanted to know if the agreement made in the summer was valid because it was made before the executive took office. Gallant responded saying the agreement was legally invalid, and that there were no legal ramifications to council's actions. He stated that it was within the authority of the SRC to accept or reject the motion.

The President had spoken to a lawyer regarding the issue. The document notes, however, that during the conversation he did not bring up the fact he was not in office as president at the time of the agreement.

Gallant also said in the document that the lawyer gave the SU a 70 per cent chance of winning a court case. VP Administration Corben McLean noted that the amount of money spent at small claims court "would not be a lot."

Dominguez challenged the reasoning for the extensive debate.

"During the summer you could have made the decision, and so you have brought this up at council because you all were not fully in power. If the [executive council] has already decided why is this issue here and up for debate?" Dominguez asked at the meeting.

Colin Banks, the 2007-08 STU SU President and current Board of Governors representative stated that he believes Gallant should "offer council an apology for the decision made before he took office." Gallant said he would do so if necessary.

The minutes also stated that Banks, who sits on the Board of Directors of the Aquinian, said that the paper could not request money without permission from the board. Prior to the council meeting the board of directors had not been fully elected and no meetings had been recently held.

ODE TO THE FALLEN



A sentry stands at the Fredericton Cenotaph on Nov. 11. Hundreds of people showed up at the downtown monument Tuesday morning to pay respect for those who lost their lives serving our country.

McKendy probe continues

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Additional details surrounding the events of STU professor John McKendy's death have been uncovered.

It has been found that there were threatening emails received from the man who murdered McKendy: McKendy's son in law, 27-year-old Nicholas Baker.

McKendy's body was found in his Douglas home on the morning of October 31. Baker was charged with first-degree murder. He was then found dead in a Moncton hotel parking lot the next morning. Police do not suspect foul play to have played a part in Baker's death.

A press release has been issued by the RCMP admitting that an error was made in commenting on the actions of Baker prior to McKendy's death. Baker was under investigation for credit card theft, a stolen vehicle, and fraud. No allegations were made, however, of threatening emails. A family member of McKendy's spoke with the RCMP about Baker's threats on October 27, a mere three days before McKendy's death. However, this information was not immediately placed on the file.

In the earlier part of last week, a RCMP spokesperson said that police were aware of e-mails, but nothing insinuating threats, said a report issued by the CBC.

"For this, the RCMP apologizes to the McKendy family for any perception the family did not bring forward concerns to the police," Lafosse told reporters.

Sylvia Hale was a colleague of McKendy's in the sociology department at STU. She was the first person to discuss the passing along of the e-mails by the family to the police.

Hale preferred not to make a comment to the Brunswickan, but stated to the CBC that the RCMP told the family that the e-mails were not death threats.

"Yes they owe a big apology and it's more than, 'Gee, we had gap between our communication,'" Hale told the CBC. "They were not handling this case appropriately."

In order to deal with the error, A/commr. LaFosse is ordering an independent review. The files surrounding McKendy's death will be examined. The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether or not police took appropriate action in dealing with this case, and the investigation will be made public.

Rather than being governed by an outside committee, this investigation will be overseen by the P.E.I. RCMP.

The review is scheduled to begin shortly.

Putting a stop to dating abuse

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Simone Leibovitch of Fredericton is a very proud woman.

She is co-founder of New Brunswick's highly successful Making Waves program; an initiative that rounds up 60 high school students each year and takes them on a journey through the hardships and predicaments of the dating world. With the support of the Status of Women Canada and the Canadian

Women's Foundation, the program is now officially bilingual (as Vague par Vague) and held its first bilingual conference this past weekend, Nov. 7 - 9, at the Riverside (formerly Holiday) Inn in Mactaquac.

Making Waves is facilitated by teachers and shelter workers across the province along with a team of students - branded as SAC, the Student Advisory Committee - to coordinate an actively engaging weekend of events for all those involved. Students take part in a number of different activities to develop a better understanding of the types of abuse that can develop in relationships and how to deal

with it.

The primary mission of the conference is to raise awareness about the pressing issues that exist in the everyday lives of young adults abroad. This message is broadcasted in a number of ways through workshops, talking groups, and other energy-infused events put on by the program's enthusiastic coordinators.

Some of the workshops that students took part in were relatively light-hearted; others were much more serious, but all were very hands-on and encour-

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Live on the Red Stage

Power Bomb Special All Night

Thurs 13th Tympanic

\$1.25 Draft
9pm - 12am

\$1.50 Liquor
9pm - 11pm

\$1.75 Beer
9pm - 10pm

Social Club

Your Bar - Your Campus

9pm-10pm - \$1.75

10pm-11pm-\$2.25

11pm-12am-\$2.75

12am-1am - \$3.25

1am- 2am - \$3.75

Beer and Liquor

WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

COUTURE VS LESNAR

Sat. 15th

\$3.00 Members

\$6.00 Students

\$9.00 Non Student

\$9.75 Super Nachos all Night