

AIESEC membership drive a success

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Would you like to work abroad? The International Education Association, formerly known as AIESEC, provides students with opportunities to experience other cultures, with both practical business and personal skills.

"It's basically about self-development, yourself and others, both culturally, socially, and in a business sense," said president Patrick Langlais, a BBA student.

The organization has had a membership drive for the last two weeks with posters and presentations at Singer Hall and Head Hall.

"We've pretty much doubled our membership this week. We now have roughly 60 members," said Langlais.

"Students get to participate in events, such as organising a miniature corporation, members get involved in marketing, public relations, project management, or coordinating our exchange program," Langlais said.

"The only requirement for people who go on an exchange is that they put some time into AIESEC," said next year's President-elect, Michelle Hicks.

"We have a number of exchange programs. One of them is a work exchange. Last year we sent four people away. Dave Gallant went to Finland, and Andrew Keenan went to Indonesia. We have another guy, Lee Connel, in Australia and Julie Ferguson is in Belgium," Langlais said.

The organization returned to offices in the SUB in January after being temporarily located in the Neville Homestead.



Dave Gallant with Finnish reception coordinator, Elina, in Finland.

"It had good and bad points being out of the SUB. It forced us to be more member driven. The members have much more control over what the organization's going to do."

1995 named the Year for Tolerance

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The Chairman of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission has announced that the commission's education efforts throughout 1995 will adopt the theme, The Year for Tolerance.

"We intend to focus our formal education and community awareness efforts in promoting our shared human rights values of respect, tolerance, and acceptance of diversity," said Constantine Passaris.

In conjunction with its 50th anniversary, the United Nations has proclaimed 1995 as the U.N. Year of Tolerance. The year was proclaimed because of an increase in discrimination, intolerance and racial and ethnic conflict around the world.

A racial slur disguised as a joke, a refusal to rent an apartment to a member of a visible minority, a lack of respect for individual differences — all of these contribute to an intolerant society.

Commission Director Charles Ferris noted that although New Brunswick is not ravaged by war, it has experienced economic hardship, which can lead to selfishness and intolerance. Examples of intolerance

include name calling, vandalism, racial slurs and opposition to religious headgear.

"We are pleased to promote the Year for Tolerance in New Brunswick," Ferris said. "Tolerance can be promoted in the

province in a number of ways. We have to educate in the schools, we have to educate the public through the media and we have to support the important work of non-governmental organizations sharing our goals."

FSAC celebrates long career

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The Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre will be holding a luncheon to commemorate twenty years of service to the greater Fredericton and Oromocto area.

The Honourable Lieutenant Governor Margaret Norrie McCain will be speaking on "The Importance of Grassroots Organizations and Getting Involved."

"It is through people in our communities getting involved that the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre was established and has evolved over the last twenty years," says Lorraine Whalley, director of the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre.

The luncheon will be held at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel on February 23

from Noon until 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and are on sale until February 21.

"This luncheon will definitely be enjoyable and informative and we hope that all will come and join us and our guest speaker, The Honourable Margaret Norrie McCain, to learn more about grassroots organizations and getting involved, and, to commemorate 20 years of service", says Whalley.

The primary goal of the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre is reflected in a commitment to work towards the eradication of sexual violence against women and children.

Some of the services offered by the Centre are; a 24-hour crisis line, information and education, a Sexual Assault Counselling program, a Dating Violence Awareness program, and support groups.

Lecturer to discuss court system for family violence

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The University of New Brunswick will hold its annual W.C. Desmond Pacey Memorial Lecture on Feb. 21 in Fredericton and Feb. 22 in Saint John.

This year's lecture will be given by E. Jane Ursel, a professor of sociology at the University of Manitoba and co-director of the Manitoba Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women.

Dr. Ursel's talk is titled Changing Laws, Changing Lives: An Analysis of a Specialized Criminal Court for Family Violence Cases. It will take place on Tuesday, February 21, at 8 pm in room 102 of Tilley Hall.

The Winnipeg Family violence Court, which began operation in September of 1990, will be the focus of the lecture. The author of numerous articles on issues related to family violence and violence

against women, Dr. Ursel has engaged in years of research into the judicial handling of family violence cases.

In a recently published document for Statistics Canada, Dr. Ursel outlines the goals of the specialized court, designed to expedite processing of family violence cases and to ensure rigorous prosecution and appropriate sentencing.

Using data from 4,080 cases processed through the court, Dr. Ursel concludes that the Winnipeg Family Violence Court has been successful in its attempt to move family violence cases more quickly through the judicial system and that sentencing practice has also changed.

Dr. Ursel maintains that the specialized court is able to achieve a level of consistency not possible in the regular court system.

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