

# Environmental Society active at UNB

## Press Release

The Student Environmental Society is a spirited group of concerned students actively working with members of faculty to tackle tough environmental issues. The organization has branches at both UNB and STU.

"SES has made some positive gains in environmental awareness on campus," says Raia van Ingen, President of the UNB SES. From a lecture series on the environment to a weekly public awareness booth, the organization has created a presence for itself that fits in nicely with the new age of social activism in the 1990s.

## LECTURE SERIES

A unique idea that has received favourable response from the university community is the SES public lecture series. The meetings take place every second Thursday in room 103 of the Student Union building at 6:30 pm. The next meeting is February 15.

This informal lecture series provides an excellent opportunity for students, faculty and members of the community to meet and discuss a wide array of issues related to the environment.

At this point in the series, two lectures have taken place. The first consisted of an informative slide show and talk on the subject of reforestation in Canada. Given by Dr. E.K. Morgenstern of the Forestry Department, the lecture sparked much interest from the audience and led to wide ranging discussion on the first industry, silviculture, and herbicide spraying.

The second lecture in the series was hosted by Andy Secord of the Economics Department, St. Thomas University. Mr. Secord spoke on the subject "Energy options, Economics and the Environment." This lecture provoked a controversial response from the audience, which included Elizabeth Weir, leader of the

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unwilling to agree with Richards' assertion that the proposal is too late. She wrote, "the affirmative action solution appears to be the solution which will most effectively respond to our needs."

She further added, "It is the only strategy which has been found to be effective in dealing with serious representational imbalance." Crocker's and Richards' letters, amongst others, have been posted for public perusal in the law school.

The faculty council is expected to finish addressing the proposal in the coming weeks. "Whether the proposal succeeds or fails in Law Faculty Council, the debate has been instructive," Crocker said.

## NB New Democratic Party

Upcoming lectures in the series include "Business and Ecology" by Dr. Norm Shaeffer, Faculty of Business Administration, UNB on February 15, "Media and the Environment", by Terry Seguin, CBC Broadcaster, March 1, and "Earth-keeping: The Religious Dimensions," by John Valk, UNB-STU Campus Ministry. Each lecture is held in Room 103 of the SUB at 6:30 pm.

## FUNDRAISER

The SES firmly believes in mixing business with pleasure, so mark your calendar for a rocking-reggae good time at the Second Annual "Party for the Planet." This benefit concert will take place at the college Hill Social Club, Thursday March 22.

The Second Annual Party for the Planet is an evening of environmental consciousness-raising with the help of student musicians who will reggae and rock your socks off! Proceeds will go to the Conservation Council of New Brunswick.

## RECYCLING

"The lecture series and fundraiser are only two of the SES efforts to raise public awareness about the environment," says van Ingen. "We are also getting a tremendous response from students and staff who are more than willing to participate in any recycling program given the opportunity and encouragement."

"People want to know how, where and, most importantly "why" to recycle," says van Ingen. In response to this demand for information, the SES has launched a public relations campaign consisting of posters and educational materials that will encourage people to recycle.

Van Ingen advises students to be on the lookout for SES posters which should soon be a common sight on campus. The posters will consist of educational themes on the subject of the three R's of

conservation, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

## RESIDENCE RECYCLING

Van Ingen applauds the efforts of seven of UNB's thirteen residences to participate in a pilot recycling project. She believes the project has the potential to be a positive example of what can be done if students are made aware of the benefits of recycling.

However, van Ingen sees some flaws in the current residence recycling program. "Each student should make it his or her own responsibility to recycle their own garbage. Although much work had been done in this direction, there remain critical flaws in the system which must be corrected before we can claim

## 100% success."

Van Ingen cites a breakdown in communication between house committees and house members on the subject of recycling as a factor in the problem. But she points out that the main obstacle in the program's success is a lack of "personal will and dedication to the ideas of recycling."

She believes that motivating people to recycle will take a lot more than "harping about the joys of recycling like a hippy from the 60s. Recycling is a matter of life and death and it will take personal and physical motivation to do the job everyday."

After only six months of activity, the SES has made a positive name for itself on campus. "We've received some funding from the UNB Student

Union and the campus media has been very cooperative in publicizing our events and activities," she says.

However, there is much more work to be done in the area of environmental awareness, van Ingen notes. "We have some very good ideas worth developing, none the least of which is an innovative proposal to compost autumn leaves from the campus." Likening this unique proposal to all for the groups efforts, van Ingen says it is "a simple and attainable goal given the commitment and cooperation of everyone."

The SES was established in 1989 for students and staff of UNB and STU. It has a bulletin board in the main office of CHSR-FM.

For further information on the SES, please contact Raia van Ingen, President SES, at 453-4926.

# Grad Class receives donation

## Press Release

The Class of 1990 Gates Project received another boost this week with the donation of \$500 by UNB's Graduate Student's Association.

Presenting the cheque to Marc Braithwaite, President of

the Class of 1990, were Kent Claxton, President of the Graduate Student's Association, and Chris Pilgrim, GSA Treasurer. (Below)

Grad Class 1990 is currently contacting all members of the Class of 1990 to ask for their support in constructing the

Gates.

The Class of 1990 Gates, which will feature the names of all class members who make a donation, will be built at the Montgomery Street entrance to UNB and are expected to be opened during Graduation Week festivities.



Photo by Joy Cummings-Dickinson

# CFS-NB demonstration

by Allan Carter

Based on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission and the trend of tuition at UNB in the past years, CFS-NB is organizing a demonstration in front of the Old Arts Building next Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

Next Wednesday is CFS's "If you love Education Day." Students, according to Gary Clarke, chair of CFS-NB, will be able to voice their concerns about fee increases at the demonstration.

At the demonstration,

President James Downey will be presented with a Valentine Card from CFS-NB.

CFS-NB feels that the demonstration will be a worthwhile venture, since the Board of Governors does not make their decision on the cost of tuition until May when students are not at the University.

CFS-NB predicts next term's tuition to exceed \$2,000 and as it is now UNB has the fourth highest tuition in Canada at \$1,875.

# Malaysian Cultural Night held

By Fazilah Mohamed Ismail

Last Saturday night, those who went to the Malaysian Cultural Night 1990 at the SUB ballroom definitely had an enjoyable time watching the cultural show and tasting Malaysian food.

It was a colorful show and the stage had more elaborate props than previous years' show. The exhibition drew much attention, and brochures and pamphlets on interesting places to visit in Malaysia were given free to everyone.

According to the Public Relations Officer of the Malaysian Students' Society, the response to the Malaysian

Cultural Night was so good that there were not enough tickets to be sold to everyone who wanted to come for the show.

Many were impressed by the show and the Malaysian Students' Society received favourable comments. Many people showed interest in visiting Malaysia after attending the Malaysian Cultural Night.

There was a social after which ended at 12:45 am. The organizing committee would like to extend its appreciation to all Malaysian Student's Society and those who made the cultural night a success.