

Writer-in-residence protests low CanCon

A group calling itself 50/50, Canadians for Culture and Entertainment, occupied a Coles' Bookstore outlet in the Regent Mall in Fredericton last Saturday night to protest the low percentage of Canadian books stocked in Canadian bookstores.

One of the founding members of the Association is Canadian author and UNB writer-in-residence Kenneth Harvey.

He is discouraged about the low percentage of Canadian content in bookstores, cinemas and record stores.

He cites figures to back up his argument, noting that ninety-eight percent of films projected on screens in Canadian cinemas are American made. Similarly, eighty percent of books,

seventy percent of cassettes and compact discs and ninety percent of magazines displayed in Canadian retail outlets are produced outside Canada.

"Is it any wonder we have an identity crisis?", Harvey asked.

"It's about time we realized that we are prisoners of American culture in our own country."

"It's time that we declared war on American culture," he emphasized.

Harvey thinks young filmmakers and authors should occupy projection booths and bookstores to protest.

50/50 promotes the implementation of 50 percent Canadian content quotas across the board.

Harvey notes that only the record industry is a cultural boom in this

country, mainly because of Canadian content regulations imposed on radio stations by the CRTC.

Harvey said members of 50/50 will continue to occupy the Coles' Bookstore in the Regent Mall until a guarantee is secured from Chapter's boss Larry Stevenson that the retail chain will commit to increasing the percentage of Canadian titles stocked in house.

The group also wants Federal Heritage Minister Sheila Copps to explore the future possibilities of implementing CANCON regulations on cultural and entertainment industries.

"It's preposterous that we have to fight for 50 percent of our own culture in our own country," Harvey said.

Did you know?

The Province of New Brunswick makes \$200,000 in revenue from goods and services sold to inmates of correctional facilities. These funds are used to subsidize the \$10,500,000 cost of providing institutional services and programs to adult offenders.

The snapping shrimp *Synalpheus regalis* which lives in Caribbean coral reefs is the only known marine animal who are eusocial (living in groups dominated by a lone "queen" like ants or bees).

1 American in 6 lives in a community which has exceeded EPA safe water standards at least once in the past year.

In Canada, forests cover 417.6 million hectares. That's 45% of Canada's land base.

UNB nets only \$9,000 for all of its athletics camps. It costs \$167,000 to run the camps, and UNB raises \$176,000 in revenue from the participants, a return of just over 5%.

Between 1979 and 1993, fire, insects and disease affected 33% more area in the commercial forest than harvesting. On average, 163 million cubic meters were harvested annually, compared with the 137 million cubic meters consumed by fire, insects and disease.

In 1996, the US bagel industry reported \$2.6 billion in sales. Points of sale: supermarket \$779 million, specialty shops \$675 million, and \$495 million at bakeries.

A London cab driver must train for 3 years before they can obtain a license.

The average grocery order is 33% impulse buys.

The US postal service is the largest recycler on the continent, with over 100 million tons. This allows for a savings

of \$5 million in waste disposal and earned the service \$5 million in revenue from the sales of recyclable fiber.

In 1994, Canada exported 9,026,833 chicks, poultry (young turkeys), domestic fowl, turkeys, ducks, geese and guinea fowl worth more than \$25 million to more than 45 countries.

The Canadian dairy industry produces enough milk every year to fill 29 billion glasses.

A yactogram is one millionth of a billionth of a billionth (10⁻²⁴) of a gram and is used in the measurement of molecules.

Scientists believe that dolphins have individual "names" consisting of a distinct pattern of high-pitched whistles. Dolphins are also able to imitate the "names" of other dolphins, which scientists believe is evidence of self-awareness.

A recent poll showed 26% of American male voters would not vote for a presidential candidate who happened to be a woman.

Each year, Canadian Citizenship and Immigration officers process more than 100,000 immigration applications.

Recent figures put the total value of snack sales in Canada at \$817.6 million. The market is divided into potato chips (\$507.0 million, 62.10%); taco/tortilla chips (\$138.4 million, 16.88%); Extrusion products (such as "Cheesies" and "Bugles") (\$76.9 million, 9.41%); Pretzels (\$20.5 million, 2.51%); corn chips (\$15.4 million, 1.88%); popcorn (\$13.1 million, 1.60%); other \$46.3 (5.66%).

The Atlantic fishery accounted for 73% of total Canadian commercial fishing industry. The Pacific fishery accounts for 24% and the remaining 4% is comprised of inland fishery.

The two main types of grapes grown in Canada are the *Vitis vinifera* and *Vitis labrusca*. With the wine industry planting more vinifera varieties it allows wineries to compete successfully with European wines in terms of quality.

The most celebrated Canadian wine is Ice Wine, a sweet dessert wine produced from grapes which have been frozen on the vine and pressed while still frozen. This type of wine has been winning the highest and most prestigious awards at international competitions.

UNB owns 7,700 acres, that's over 30 square kilometers, of property in several provincial sites, including an extensive wood lot adjacent to the Maritime Forestry Complex, used for forestry education and research.

CANDU nuclear reactors supply one-fifth of Canada's electricity and 60 per cent of the electricity generation for the province of Ontario.

The total budget for New Brunswick Legal Aid, which provides criminal legal aid to "that segment of the population who could not otherwise afford legal counsel" is \$2.2 million. The expense account of members of the Legislature is \$4 million.

Canada sells more than 50% of its agricultural exports to the United States, 12% to Japan, a 10% share to the European Union, 6% to China, 2% to Mexico and about 20% to nearly 200 other trading partners.

Every year, close to 39 million visitors come to Canada.

More than 97% of the beer consumed in Canada is produced by Canadian brewers in 55 plants operating in every province and territory except Prince Edward Island and the Yukon.

85% of magazines sold on Canadian newsstands are American.

Council Watch

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The Council meeting started a half-hour late because of the Search Committee for Vice-President (Research and International Cooperation) was using the room. It seems that although Council had decided to have its meetings at 5:00 pm this term, the room reservation had not been changed from the 5:30 pm.

Vice-President (Student Services) Trish Davidson outlined the usage of the various components of the Student Union Health Plan. The top three claims were: Drugs excepting oral contraceptives (35.2% of claims), oral contraceptives (28.8% of claims), and vision (23.6% of claims). Davidson's figures showed that the remaining 14 components accounted for just 12.4% of usage. She provided further evidence that the cost of travel insurance (\$20,973 in total premiums) was not matched by a number of claims (\$648 in total claims).

The budget for the Health Plan has been finalized, and the fee will remain at \$95.

Davidson noted that the impact of the External Services review will not be felt for some time. At present, only

the name change for the Dean of Students has been implemented. A committee will have to revise the job descriptions of the Dean of Student Affairs and Services.

Monique Scholten, Vice-President (Finance & Administration) will present the 1997-98 Student Union Budget at the next Council meeting, Tuesday, February 25.

Scholten also told Council that following a meeting with the auditor and the Editor-in-chief and Managing Editor of *The Brunswickan*, there would not be an internal audit of *The Brunswickan*. According to Scholten, the auditor did not feel that it was worth the expense of the audit.

Vice-President (University Affairs) Anoushka Courage has been revising the Bylaws of the UNB Student Union. She announced that her Constitution and Policy Committee has whittled down the 30 pages to a mere 24.

Anthony Knight, Vice-President (External) offered his congratulations to the students of UNB for organizing the rally in front of the Board of Governors meeting last Thursday.

Knight also announced that New Brunswick Student Alliance president Sean Rouse and NBSA vice-president (policy) Kelly Lamrock were in Halifax

presenting to the Senate Inquiry on Post-Secondary Education.

The NBSA will launch its "Education is our Future" campaign next week.

Business Representative Matt Hanarahan announced that the UNB Undergraduate Scholarship committee has recommended that Sports Merit awards be processed immediately, rather than at the end of the year, in order to get the money to the students.

The UNB Student Union recognized the undergraduate anthropology society, which will represent students in Anthropology. It also accepted the constitution for SPARC (Student Pride and Alumni Relations Committee) which has been operating on the UNB campus for several years. It has a close relationship with the UNB Associated Alumni.

Richard Williams, Arts Representative and Chair of SMART-PACC, announced he is one of 11 Peer Alcohol Educators who were certified over the weekend by BACCHUS Canada. He also pointed out that SMART-PACC's Smart Break campaign is next week, with events planned throughout the week.

Cathy Clark, Law, announced that Canadian Supreme Justice LaForest will be appearing during Law Week, which takes place next week.

Correction

In the January 31 issue of *The Brunswickan*, a headline on page 5 that read, "Parole for sexual assault," was incorrect. The headline should have read, "Probation for sexual assault."
We apologise for any misunderstanding.

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