



UNB AND YOU . . .

Few students realize when first arriving at the University of New Brunswick that the relationship they are embarking upon with UNB is not merely a four of five year commitment but rather one which will last a lifetime. When graduation day finally rolls around the relationship the individual has with the institution does not end, it evolves. Graduation simply marks the metamorphosis which is taking place as one exchanges the title of student for that of alumnus/a.

So what does being an alumnus/a mean?

To help you get things straight let's first look at the terminology associated with being a graduate of a University. There are four terms commonly referred to: Alumnus; Alumna; Alumni; And Alumnae. In layperson's terms, alumnus refers to a male graduate, alumna to a female grad, alumni to all grads and alumnae to all female graduates. If you've got this straight you are ahead of the game. We'll leave the pronunciation for another lesson.

Now that you know what you are, or at least what you are going to be once you graduate, let's explore how you can take advantage of your soon-to-be alumni status.

Staying involved!

There are many ways for you to be involved with your alma mater once you leave its campus. The extent of your involvement will be entirely up to you. Maintaining an association with UNB can be as simple as keeping an up-to-date address on file with the Alumni Office. Graduates move on average seven times in the first ten years after graduation. By continually updating your mailing address the Alumni Office will be able to keep you informed about the full range of programs and services now open to you as an alumnus/a of UNB. Of course your relationship with the University can be much more than keeping your mailing address updated. Given a chance, it can prove to be a beneficial and personally rewarding experience. All you have to do is become involved.

How can I become involved?

Your status as UNB graduate alone guarantees your involvement, that is if you keep your address updated. You will hear from the Alumni Office at least once every four months through the Alumni tabloid, *Perspectives*. This quarterly publication will allow you to keep in touch with your classmates; to learn about the latest alumni programs and services, and to read about UNB's most recent achievements. You will also receive direct mail pieces bringing you more specific information on alumni happenings. If you move away from Fredericton you will receive invitations to attend UNB events in your newly adopted hometown. The options for your involvement, as you will find out, are limitless. Here are just a few examples: take advantage of the various alumni services offered to you by your alumni association; attend a reunion; help to form a local chapter; or join the Alumni Council. Once you become active your energies might turn to serving the University.



The 1989 reunion of the Ottawa chapter.

Who do I contact?

The Alumni Office is a good place to start. Director of Alumni Affairs, Bob Skillen is waiting to answer any questions you might have as are Michelle Clark, program assistant and Diana Goodine, office manager. Drop in to see us in Room 119 of the Alumni Memorial Building, Monday through Friday, 8:15 - 5:00 pm.



YOUR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WORKING FOR YOU

The University of New Brunswick alumni association is known as the Associated Alumni. Established in 1863, it is an organization with nearly 30,000 members. Its membership consists of those individuals who have graduated from either of UNB's two campuses and/or have completed at least one academic session. The organization has as its mission to "support the advancement of the University of New Brunswick by fostering long-term reciprocal relationships between alumni and their alma mater." Its board of directors is known as the Alumni Council. Council meets at least four times a year with its Annual General Meeting

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Alumni Perspectives

This quarterly publication will allow you to get caught up on what your classmates and other alumni are doing; to learn about the latest alumni programs and services; and, to read about UNB's most recent achievements. It's all here, written with you the alumnus/a in mind.

Group Insurance Program

The Alumni Insurance Program offers alumni an opportunity to purchase term life, income protection and personal accident insurance at a very reasonable group rate through the Association's carrier North American Life.

Travel Program

If travelling is your interest, the Alumni Travel Program will take you to destinations not often travelled by the traditional travel companies. Accompanied by fellow alumni from UNB and other Canadian universities, you will travel first class to many of the world's more interesting locations. The trips are put together by professionals dedicated to the travelling alumnus/a.

Affinity Card

Keep UNB foremost in your mind by carrying the Alumni Affinity Card in your wallet. Besides the warm feelings that the card will evoke, you will receive a number of benefits through its use. As well, a percentage of what you spend will come back to the Association and the University for the enhancement of alumni programming. The Affinity Card will be available as of June 1991.

Reunions

The annual Alumni Reunion, a long standing tradition on the Fredericton campus, will soon become a familiar occurrence on its sister campus in Saint John. Providing alumni with an opportunity to reacquire themselves with each other and with their alma mater, the alumni reunion continues to be one of the most enjoyed alumni programs. The Fredericton campus reunion is traditionally held in late spring.