

UNB participates in annual Law Games

Press Release

Law Games is an annual event open to all Canadian universities that offer either a common law or civil law program. They consist of athletic activities during the day and social events in the evening.

The 1992 Law Games were hosted by Dalhousie University in Halifax. This marked the first occasion that they have been held east of Montreal.

The largest contingent of UNB law students to ever attend law games, 55, made

the five hour journey along with 1100 students from across Canada. Home to many of the participants was the Halifax Hilton. After getting settled, people went out to the welcoming festivities headlined by the Crash Test Dummies.

The sporting events began early Thursday morning and lasted well into the afternoon. It became apparent that the calibre of competition was high. After a brief rest in the Hotel's sauna and hot tub, which became a "ritual" for many, the participants decked out in their sou'westers went

on a pub crawl.

Friday morning came quickly and conscious UNB students were hard to find. As a result we did not fair too well in the day's competitions. However, thanks to a small number of dedicated individuals we were able to field a team for many of the events. After the "ritual", it was off to the "Screech-In" where people kissed the cod and became an honorary Newfoundlander.

Saturday offered a slight reprieve since many events were finished. People took advantage and had an

extended "ritual". The closing banquet included the awards ceremony and a video dance show. The overall champion was Osgoode (Toronto), while the spirit award went to Sherbrooke.

room in preparation. Also, Peter Fitzgerald (1st yr) beat all opponents in darts. Honorable mentions go to the co-ed broomball and curling teams.

The Law Games committee would like to thank the College Hill Social Club for all its support in making Law Games an exciting occasion for so many UNB law students.

Ray Mitchell (2nd yr) and Dwight Rudderham (3rd yr) captured first place in the Doubles Billiards tournament. The two had spent many hours at the Social Club's pool



International congress held in Budapest

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The past few weeks at AIESEC UNB have been very busy. People are getting into gear for the summer months and of course the study crush is on.

The 19th of February marked the beginning of AIESEC's International congress in Budapest Hungary. Two Freddy Beach AIESECers, Nick Rodrigue and Andrea Hunter were in attendance. International Congress is a meeting of delegates from each of the 74 representative AIESEC countries. It enables students from around the world to see AIESEC in an international perspective, therefore furthering the goals of

AIESEC national committee members, such as Nick, Canada's Exchange Controller, met with their counterparts from other countries. Other delegates took part in sessions to further develop AIESEC programs.

Turnover occurred March 12 and 13. The new 1992-93 executive has officially commenced its term. If you would like to talk to any of the new exec, drop by (rm. 30 SUB) or phone (453-4959). Julie Ferguson - President, Scott Beaman - VP Corporate Relations, Jeff Czopor - VP Exchange, Jon Dickinson - VP Special Projects, Richard DiGiacinto - VP Human Resources, Elise Craft -VP Public Relations.



UNB Law students participating in the event were (front row, l-r) Dave Maxwell, Elizabeth Scott, Jamie Eddy, (back row l-r) Sue Leslie and Seanna Dumbrell. Contributed photo

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Robert de Cotret, M.P., P.C.
Secretary of State
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. de Cotret:

I am writing to congratulate you and your government on the recent announcement of the elimination of the 3% tax on student loans. For the 40-50% of UNB students who rely annually on student loans to help finance our education this is indeed wonderful news. As students, we are all pleased to see that the government is listening to our concerns.

Unfortunately, the proposed elimination of the six-month interest free period on student loans will counteract the benefits gained from abolition of the 3% tax. This will have a severe impact on new university graduates in New Brunswick. Last summer, our provincial student unemployment rate peaked at 16.7% and job prospects for this summer look even more dismal. Finding a full-time job after graduation is an even more daunting task. It is important that your government is aware of these realities when making decisions which affect students.

On a more positive note, I am aware that a National Advisory Group on Student Assistance has recently been established. I understand that as students, we will be represented on this body by the National Chair of the Canadian Federation of Students. However, your government's latest announcements on student loan appear to have been made unilaterally, which leaves me wondering what the role of the Advisory Group will be. Perhaps you can clarify this for me.

Finally, I am curious about a few of the details regarding the 3% tax and the interest subsidy on student loans. First, when will the 3% tax be removed? Will students who paid the tax be reimbursed? Second, why were further changes made to the student loan program (i.e. the elimination of the six-month interest subsidy) without consulting the students affected? I feel these are key questions for students who wish to know your government's plans for the future of post-secondary education in Canada.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

UNB

Mailing Address:

Please fill out this form letter, clip it out, and submit it to the Student Union office in the SUB.



AIESEC members in attendance at the congress were Andrea Hunter and Nick Rodrigue. Michael David Smith photo.