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Racism

Have you ever wondered what it must be like to live and study in a community that speaks a different language, has different religious beliefs, and in many cases, a culture very different from your own. This is exactly the situation that many international students live with everyday.

There exists here at UNB a large international student body, which is also remarkably diverse; a fact that many students may not be aware of. In November of last year (1994) *MacLean's* magazine published its annual university rankings edition, which deals with everything from tuition to library holdings. When ranking universities across Canada on out of province and international drawing power, UNB ranked second (14.4%) and first (31.9%) respectively. Considering the size of the city of Fredericton and the population these numbers suggest a large international community (over 30 different countries).

What does this mean to local students at UNB? Be aware that white Canadian middle class students are just one of the cultures that exists on campus! The end of this week and all of next is antiracism week on campus (Jan. 20-27); this is a time to reflect on how we feel and act throughout the year towards our fellow students from out of province and other countries. Anti-racism week serves to bring to our attention that because you or someone you know has never experienced racism, doesn't mean that it does not exist here at UNB. Each and every one of us may at sometime feel discriminated against – Think about it.

Cultural diversity is the basis of Canadian Society; it is what makes our country a richer and better nation. If, at the very least you can't appreciate this then realize this – everyone deserves our respect as an individual, without being judged on their national background. It takes a great deal of courage to leave your home and study as an international student.

During Anti-racism week the Festival of Cultural Diversity will be taking place on campus from January 23-28, this is a great opportunity to understand more about cultures other that your own. Remember, discrimination is based on ignorance and ethnocentrism – Get out and discover what makes other cultures as wonderful as your own.

Social Issues Commissioner Tricia Davidson

## Self-Defense Seminar

attend one of our sessions



#### OFFICIAL LAUNCH

#### GRAD CLASS PROJECT 1995

All Grads are welcome to attend the Official Project launch in the President's Room at the Alumni Memorial Building Tuesday, January 24 at 4:00p.m.

#### "Opening Doors"



University of New Brunswick Class of 1995

# Hey Grads of 1995

Deadline for submission of yearbook photos is January 31, 1995. This includes graduate students and those who graduated at christmas. Please check with your photographer for arrangements.



### MONDAY, JAN. 23

IN THE SUB BALL-ROOM

### starts at 7pm

Come join us and learn how to keep yourself safe open to men and women Please support the UNB Student Union Food Drive On January 25<sup>th</sup> the UNB Student Union will be holding a food drive in support of the Fredericton Food Bank. Boxes for donations will be placed in various buildings on campus and will be appropriately marked.