

Random Acts of Kindness Day NBSA fee increase?



Simple acts like pushing in a chair can make someone's day Photo: Mike Dean

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UNB Students will soon be asked to approve an increase in membership fees for the New Brunswick Student Alliance, the provincial lobby group on educational issues.

The annual fee will be doubled from two to four dollars a student if the move is approved in a referendum being conducted in conjunction with the Student Union General Elections March 19 and 20.

UNB Student Union President Kelly Lamrock told a meeting of Student Council this week that the NBSA wants to hire a full time researcher and lobbyist.

"We need to move our policy agenda forward and further solidify the provincial organization," Lamrock said.

The Student Alliance, made up of colleges and universities throughout the province, functions with an all volunteer executive Board.

Lamrock said the NBSA has not had an increase in its membership fee in several years and has been gradually using up its previous years' surplus trying to meet day to day costs.

"We need a strong provincial lobby group more than ever given the uncertainty that surrounds CASA (the Canadian Alliance of Students' Association)," Lamrock said.

UNB now has access to World's Largest Social Science Archive

UNB Press Release

Students, faculty and researchers in the social sciences and humanities at UNB now have access to tens of thousands of data files through a federated membership in the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR).

UNB Libraries and the Killam Library at Dalhousie University joined the federation formed by the Council of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries to provide access for their users to the largest archive of social science data in the world.

The scope of the ICPSR holdings extends across economic, sociological,

historical, organizational, social, psychological and political fields. Specific studies include 19th-century French census materials, data files relating to research on election patterns, characteristics of Knights of Labor Assemblies, the United States census and general social surveys, and polls held on social issues. Co-operative agreements with the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute on Aging, and similar agencies ensure a thorough coverage of data files relating to criminology, gerontology, and legal and health related issues.

A guide to ICPSR data files is available for searching at <http://www.lib.unb.ca/library/data>.

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Random Acts of Kindness Day has passed, but education student Joanne Genge hopes it hasn't ended.

"February 21 was one day to heighten your awareness, and then you continue to do [Random Acts of Kindness] for the rest of your life, if you want," she said.

Genge and three other education

students promoted the day as a project for her wellness and nutrition class. She admitted that this year's campaign was "low-level," because, unlike last year, there was no funding from the university. "Nonetheless, it's an important campaign. It's important to get it across to people."

To advertise the day, posters and banners were posted in many of the

buildings on campus. "The purpose was to make people aware of the expression 'Practice random acts of kindness and acts of senseless beauty,' so they could start incorporating that into their daily lives. It's just a way on campus to bring students' awareness of the benefits of altruism."

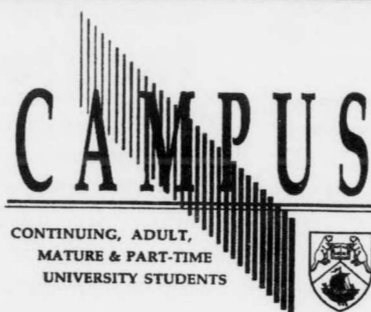
Genge hopes that in the future, "the university will promote it, not just a bunch of education students."

Have a wonderful and safe March Break, and then join The Bruns! You can reach us at 453-4983, or in Room 35 of the SUB, or at bruns@unb.ca.

TENTATIVE Exam Schedule

"The Tentative Timetable for the April exams will be in the March 15 issue of *The Brunswickan*. In the meantime, it is very important for students to access a copy for their review, and contact the Registrar's Office with any problems by March 11th. To that end, copies will be posted on departmental and campus-wide bulletin boards. The exam timetable can also be viewed via any UNB computer from the UNB Web Home Page (www.unb.ca), under 'Programs and Courses'.

The final exam schedule will be published in the March 22 issue of *The Brunswickan*."



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