

# NEWS

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## Arts Undergraduate Society restructuring

by Erin Campbell

The Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) will be under going dramatic changes at the beginning of the new term.

With the resignation of the president Doug Saunders, the AUS was left with three executive officers. The new president, Tracy Wong, hopes to add three more positions in

January. She says that the AUS will be looking for Arts students to act as social events, public relations and club and society liaisons representatives.

Enlargement of the executive is not the only change that is planned for the AUS. In the restructured society, the executive officers will chair a committee. In addition to the new committees, students will be

invited to join those of the cabaret, and finances and constitution. Although Wong hopes to have at least six students in every committee, she stresses that all Arts Undergraduates are encouraged to participate.

While participation appears to be the main concern behind the restructuring, Peter Kent, Dean of Arts and faculty advisor, expects

that awareness of the AUS will increase as students become more involved. He adds that "the AUS should be seen as belonging to Arts students".

A general meeting will be held the first week of January to discuss the restructuring. The new executive members would then be elected by their respective committees. While Wong admits that this could

potentially create a "limited democracy" she reiterates that there will be no limit as to how many students can be involved. Wong expects that once the AUS is restructured, more will be accomplished for Arts students. She foresees no problems involving current programs.

All Arts students interested in the AUS are asked to contact Tracy Wong at 455-9537.

## UNB SU remembers Dec. 6 Massacre

by Kayleigh Freeman

The U.N.B. Student Union has been involved in a ribbon campaign to commemorate the December 6 Massacre of fourteen female engineering students at L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal.

The initiative involved the distribution of purple and white ribbons to students and staff on campus.

Tammy Yates, SU Vice President External, explains that the campaign is a Canadian Federation of Students suggestion on which the Student Union has chosen to act.

The purple ribbons are mainly for women, and the white ribbons for men. Yates comments that the division arises from the fact that a separate campaign, of distributing white ribbons instead

of purple—the traditional colour of feminism—was established by men. This campaign was meant to increase awareness among men of the need to fight against violence done to women.

Yates says that the SU executive, due to a prior commitment, will not be attending the UNB Engineering Faculty's memorial service on the 4th, but will attend the service being held at St. Thomas, which is scheduled later in the afternoon.

The UNB Student Women's Collective will also be participating in the St. Thomas Service, which will be held Friday December 4, at 4:00 in the St. Thomas Chapel.

The UNB Engineering faculty is holding its service on Friday at 2:30 pm in the Dineen Auditorium.



At a recent ceremony, the faculty of computer science honored Canada Award Scholars, students named to the dean's list, and prize winners. Present at the ceremony were (l-r) Dana Wasson, dean of computer science; dean's list and Canada Award Scholars Linda Taylor, Greg Meldrum and Philip White; Carol Barnsley, a dean's list student; and assistant dean of computer science, Uday Gujar. Joy Cummings-Dickinson photo.

## Computer Science Awards

Press Release

The second annual Computer Science Awards Ceremony was held on Monday, November 23 and certificates were presented to students who had made the Dean's List for 1991/92 with a GPA of 3.7 or greater, as well as certificates for recipients of Canada Scholarships, the Computer Science Prize I, the Digital Equipment of Canada Ltd. Prize, the Computer Science Prize II, the Levine's Ltd. Prize, the Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal Award, the Sasi Mohan Pal Memorial Prize for graduate studies and the Hewlett-Packard Calculator Awards (to 11 high achieving freshmen from 91/92). The awards for the five freshmen who received Canada Scholarships were presented by Richard Jones of Industry, Science and Technology Canada.

As a warm up to the ceremony, Dixieland music was provided by The Dixieland music was provide by The Dixieland Dandies. Professor Gujar acted as a master of ceremonies and a variety of entertainment was provided by Computer Science students and faculty. Skits were organized by Professor Fritz ('Jeopardy') and Jeff Fearn ('Joey Eats Anything'). As well, students Greg Meldrum and Jeff Kerr brought the house down with their original, 'The Low Down UNB Computer Science Blues'. Brian d'Auriol, a PhD student,

showed his juggling skills, Dean Wasson read a funny poem and Professor Gujar performed magic tricks. A large number of door prizes were given away, such as gift certificates for taxi

rides or pizza, mugs, dinners for two, hockey tickets, a software package from IBM and many other nice prizes. To complete the festivities a reception was held in the lobby of Head Hall.

## UNB history professor releases book

Book Release

Eta Fuchs grew up between the wars in the Hungarian village of Tasnad. For her orthodox Jewish community, anti-Semitism was an uncomfortable (though usually not a threatening) fact of life. Young Eta, happily sheltered in a loving, comfortable family, planned to work as a lingerie seamstress until she fulfilled her dream of becoming a wife and mother.

All that changed in 1944, when the Nazis overran Tasnad and set in motion their routine of "murder by bureaucracy." They singled out strong workers and killed everyone else in a system so efficient that individualized brutality was almost irrelevant. Eta Fuchs, a healthy twenty-one-year-old, remained among the workers at Auschwitz; the other members of her family, including her three-year-old niece, died in the gas ovens.

Four years later, Eta Fuchs and her husband, Myer Berkowitz, a survivor of the slaughter in

Poland, arrived in Canada. She had lived through Auschwitz, clung to life in a slave labor factory at Salzwedel, and endured the miseries of the Bergen-Belsen camp for stateless refugees. In Fredericton, she and Myer began their new life, which eventually included two children and a successful business.

Unlike other Holocaust memoirs, *Chosen* tells of violence more to the human spirit than to the body. Nevertheless, Mrs. Berk has lived through events that "far surpass the wildest imaginings of novelists."

Gilbert Allardyce, a professor of modern European history at the University of New Brunswick, has recorded Eta Fuchs Berk's story against its complex background. In a forceful yet simple style, he makes *Chosen* accessible to an audience that includes young people at the same age that Eta Berk was when she entered the boxcar heading for Auschwitz.

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O'Sullivan says it's far too early in the budget process to speculate on what decisions will be taken. The Maritime Province Higher Education Commission Report, which recommends university funding levels to government, should be released in January. "Then the provincial government will have to decide what level of funding we get when the provincial budget is delivered in the spring," O'Sullivan said.

"But we live in a real world where governments are forcing deficits. In Nova Scotia, operating grants to universities are frozen next year and it's the same in Ontario. In the state of Maine operating grants have been cut back," he says.

Meanwhile, UNB's Campus Budget Committee, in its 1992-93 report is warning that Budget cut backs over the last decade are having a cumulative effect that could spell future disaster. "It may soon become necessary to consider discontinuing whole departments or services as a means of focusing the available resources on providing more adequate support for those units which remain," the report says.

Cut backs to the university budget this year include the loss of twenty full time professors through normal retirements and attrition. Only three

replacements have been hired this year said Tom Traves, Vice-President Academic in a recent report to UNB's Board of Governors. "In addition we conducted a careful review to reduce the number of low enrollment courses presently offered," Traves said. "And we have reduced the number of courses currently taught by part-time faculty."

Other measures taken last year to balance the university budget included a 250 dollar increase in undergraduate tuition, one of the largest in years. Graduate student tuition fees were increased and are scheduled to increase again next year. Parking fees were hiked by twenty two dollars and application fees introduced.

Despite it all, the university recorded its fourth consecutive operating surplus in 1991-92. Figures released by the university in its annual accounting audit show a 130 thousand dollar surplus on a total operating budget of just over 131 million dollars. As a result the university has a total accumulated surplus of just over 416 thousand dollars as of April 30, 1992. But, with a planned projected deficit of 350 thousand dollars this year, most of the surplus could be gone by year end. O'Sullivan says this year's budget is "on target," so far.