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Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Hear ye! Hear ye! The friendly call of the local town crier proclaiming the latest news was a familiar sound in the 1700's. In the 20th century, town criers are making a comeback. This year, the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has become the first university in Canada to have an official town crier. What's more, she's a woman.

Rosanna Stafford, a third-year sociology student at UNB, will represent the university at the World Town Crying Championships to be held in Ghent, Belgium, from June 5 to 12.

Besides being the only female town crier in New Brunswick and the only town crier ever to officially represent a Canadian university, Ms Stafford, at age 23, is the youngest town crier in the province and perhaps the youngest in Canada.

At the world championships in Belgium this summer, she will proudly wear the UNB colors of red and black. Her costume is being made by a home economics class taught by Kathy Winslow, education.

"It started as a joke," says Ms Stafford, who worked under a government Challenge '88 grant last summer with UNB sociology professor Will van den Hoonard. Part of her job involved interviewing Dutch people living in Fredericton. Through these interviews she met Thom Joordens, Fredericton's official town crier, who enticed her to enter the Canada Day town crying competition. After obtaining permission to represent UNB, she rented a costume from King's Landing and entered the contest.

"The Canada Day competition was so much fun! All the criers knew I was new at this and they

really took me under their wings." Ms Stafford was one of only two women in that competition; the other was Theresa Dorey of Nova Scotia.

"When I was done, all the others applauded and hugged me - they really made me feel like I was one of them." In fact, they liked her so much that they urged her to seek official representation from UNB and become the first woman to join the New Brunswick Town Criers Guild. In January, the UNB Board of Governors voted unanimously to make her UNB's official town crier.

Right now, she is concentrating on preparing for the world championships. "If I come home finishing 89th out of 90, I'll be happy," she says, adding that her favorite part of town crying is the people. Her secret? "To deliver that message and enjoy it."

Drama Society Presents Plays

By ALLAN CARTER

The UNB Drama Society has made a quick and admirable recovery. At the present time Jane Martin's *Talking With...* is being presented at Lady Dunn Hall. The play is in celebration of International Women's Day (March 8) and the Centenary of Mary Tippet's graduation. The last performance will be this Saturday night at 7 pm.

The play consists of five actresses and is based on the experiences of a collection of women. Each character is especially interesting and original. One woman, Alain is covered with tattoos. Another dresses up as a figure from the Wizard of Oz. Lila, another character, substitutes 12 lamps for people she has encountered in her life. The production should prove to be an interesting and refreshing one.

Another play, Tom Stoppard's *The Real Inspector Hound*, is

currently in rehearsal. The play is scheduled for March 30th, April 1st, and 2nd at Memorial Hall.

The Real Inspector Hound is basically a parody of whodunit type plays. Carl Young, who has aided the society and has been involved in professional theatre, feels it is going to be a good production. He jokingly adds that the production "actually ends up with more bodies on the stage than they know what to do with."

Next fall the society is looking at presenting Bertolt Brecht's large musical production called *The Three Penny Opera*. In addition, training workshops will be set up over this summer and will continue next term if the interest is there.

"We need support and a little more commitment", states Kwame Dawes, of the Drama Society. The Society is especially requesting support from the Student Union.

Fourteen novice and four experienced crews competed in the 29th running of the Fredericton motorsport club's Winter Carnival rally on the 18th and 19th of February.

The challenging route encompassed 220 km of good rally roads in the Fredericton, Mactaquac and Keswick areas, with crews competing for Kenny, Jackson & Murray trophies as well as cash awards.

When the final scores were tallied, the top novice award went to

the crew of **Alphie Burt and Mike MacDonald** of Fredericton, the duo lost 30 penalty minutes; second novice position was captured by **Ronnie Price and Trevor Nielsen** of Fredericton with 49 points, while **Cheryl Krebs and Chris Fullerton**, also of Fredericton, were third with 79 points. Cash prizes went to the top six crews in the novice class.

David Cowperthwaite navigated **Mac Burns** to a first place finish in the experi-

enced category with only three penalty points through the fifteen checkpoints in the rally. Second in that category was a tie between the crew of **Ruth Vaughan & Diane Mollins** of Moncton and **Blake Wellner & Mike Taylor** of Fredericton, each lost 21 penalty points.

The next navigational rally event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 1st, information may be obtained by contacting rally Director, Peter Jacobs at 459-5795.

F.A. Monte Carlo Night

The Forestry Association invites one and all to come try their luck at the annual Monte Carlo Night tonight at Ecole Ste. Anne. The doors open at 8:00 p.m. sharp and the gambling will begin!

Five dollars (four dollars F.A. and F.E.S.A. members) at the door will magically transform into \$5000 of gambling money. The scantily clad bunnies and Chippendales will escort you to your casino destination. Capitalize on your investment and try your hand at black jack, roulette, crowns and anchors, or one of our other classic casino sports.

Between games visit the bar, but come early because happy hour is from 8 until 10 p.m. As your fortune grows, revel in the casino atmosphere and buy yourself a luxury cigar from your favorite bunny or Chippendale.

Should Lady Luck escape you, you can visit the Bank of Monte where the unbelievable exchange rate will soon have you back, hot on her trail!

Throughout the evening be prepared to hear your ticket number announced as the winner of one of our many quality door prizes. One lucky gambler will be the winner of our Grand Prize

package which includes a night for two at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel and two tickets for a Theatre New Brunswick performance!

As midnight approaches, you will want to count your loot in preparation for the evening's grand finale - the giant prize auction. Out-bid your fellow gamblers and take home one of the coveted items donated by various local merchants.

So gentlemen, dust off your fedoras and ladies, dig out your fish net stockings; you won't want to miss Monte Carlo Night, the best casino this side of the Atlantic!