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Fredericton mayor to participate in support of Food Bank

## Bridges' Polar Dip increasingly popular

by Mark Minor

Tomorrow at 2:00 pm approximately 60-70 people will brave the icy waters of the Saint John River as they participate in the annual Bridges House Polar Dip.

The Dip is held every year, and this year will support the Fredericton Food Bank which supplies donated food to less fortunate residents of the city.

Bridges House President Bruce Bell told *The Brunswickan* that house members were excited about the event and that the food drive made them feel good about contributing to the community. House members have collected over 4,500 pounds of food thus far.

Bell also commented that the Polar Dip has grown over the last few years. He said that he can remember when there were only about 12 participants. As it became more popular, the Dip grew to approximately 25 participants and last year, as many as 60.

Bell said that he expects 60-70 people to take the big plunge on Saturday behind the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

Included on the list of celebrity Dippers will be U.N.B.

Bar Service Manager, Ric Cuthbertson, Presidents of the various Residence Houses, Bridges Don Mary Williams, Roger (The Sub Man) Saunders and Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside.

The Polar Dip will take about a half hour to complete according to Bell. Dippers will jump into a hole which will measure approximately six feet by six feet and then make a run for the hotel pool to warm up.

When asked what participants will wear for the event, Bell told the Bruns that although some wear just shorts, others dress for the Dip, sporting hats, goggles and other off-the-wall attire. Mary Williams comment on what she will wear was "Everything I own!" Mayor Woodside said that "although I have been given lots of suggestions, I am considering pink shorts."

Woodside, during a telephone interview with *The Brunswickan*, had much to say about Saturday's Dip. When it was suggested that temperatures were not showing any signs of rising, his reaction was "That's very, very unfortunate!"

The Mayor asserted that in past years when he had seen

various polar dips on the news, he had thoughts that "Those people should be seeking professional help!"

Woodside agreed to jump if the food drive yielded a ton of food. He told the Bruns that he was not surprised that the amount of food collected exceeded the 2,000 pound weight considering the commitment of the canvassers which he described as "highly commendable." Woodside said that when the students knocked on his door, the wind chill factor was lower than -30 C. The mayor also said that he expected a good crowd to turn up for the Dip. He said that "no fewer than 25 people" mentioned the event to him at Tuesday evening's hockey game.

Woodside is no stranger to charitable events and has gone to great lengths to support them. He has inhabited store windows for as long as 4 days and 3 nights, lived in a small trailer in a local mall and has done a remote broadcast from an extended fire ladder high above the Westmoreland Street Bridge.

Causes which the mayor has supported in the past are Ronald McDonald House, the D.E.C.H.

Burn Unit and the purchase of CAT Scan equipment for the D.E.C.H.

knowledge, "this is the first time the mayor of a provincial capital city has attempted a Polar Dip...

so here is a challenge to others to follow suit!"

The Annual Bridges House Polar Dip will be followed by an open "House Social" beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 1:00 a.m.



Last year, approximately 60 students participated in the Bridges House Polar Dip. This year, more jumpers will take the plunge, including Fredericton Mayor Brad Woodside. Photo by Chris MacKenzie.

## Harvey's to open at UNB

by Karen Burgess

Harvey's may be making UNB students' hamburgers "a beautiful thing" in the upcoming term. A recent memo to Beaver Foods employees detailed changes to the food service facilities on campus, one of which is the possible opening of a Harvey's Restaurant in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building.

Beaver's parent company, Cara Operations Limited, which also owns the Harvey's Restaurant chain, is discussing the venture with officials at UNB, with a proposed opening date set for September 1993.

Cara regional manager Jeff Patt explains that the UNB Harvey's would be only the third in Canada. Similar ventures, opened at Sheridan College and Erindale College, opened in September of 1992.

Patt says that the two other on-campus locations met with great success, and is perceived by students as a strong asset on the part of the participating universities.

The restaurant would open on the current site of the Sizzler, and would be "a full-scale Harvey's in every sense of the word," says Patt. The restaurant would hold hours similar to those during

which Beaver Foods presently operates.

Housing and Food Services director Rochus Brostowski says that the idea has met with favorable response from the University administration, and will be put to the UNB Board of Governors in the near future.

Brostowski says the University hopes to increase cafeteria sales and decrease line-ups with the opening of the Harvey's location. He explains that this venue will have the same staffing and service standards as other Harvey's locations, and will be faster than the service available at

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## UNBEA certified

by Gordon Loane

The University of New Brunswick Employees Association is in and the Canadian Union of Public Employees is history. A protracted dispute over which bargaining agent would represent some 380 employees on campus was finally settled this week by the New Brunswick Industrial Relations Board.

Board Secretary Nicole Bois says the dispute was actually settled in two stages following a vote in favour of the Association. The Canadian Union of Public Employees, which formerly represented workers, did not dispute the vote result in a first unit which represents secretaries, accountants, library assistants and clerical staff at UNB.

"As a result the association received certification as bargaining agent for this unit on January 22nd," Bois said.

However, CUPE challenged a vote taken by employees in a second unit representing physical plant workers, allied services and audio visual workers. The Industrial Relations Board held a hearing and rejected the CUPE position. Bois says the Board

handed down its decision January 29th and informed both parties this past Monday.

Mancel Langin, interim president of the Employees Association, is delighted with the Boards' decision. He says it's now time to get on with negotiation a new contract for both employee groups. He says the university has been served notice that the association wants to begin bargaining as soon as possible.

"We expect to begin in the next week or so," he comments.

"Some of us have not received a wage increase in three years. Our last contract expired June 30, 1991 and the provincial wage freeze under Bill 73 extended our agreement another year," says Langin. He comments that the workers have effectively been out of a contract since last June, but points out that the debate over a bargaining agent had to be settled before the university could be approached.

Asked what the main issues would be as new contract negotiations begin, Langin said "obviously, wages and job security. I'm sure that comes as no surprise to the university

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The Sizzler location in the SUB cafeteria may be replaced with a Harvey's restaurant, scheduled to open in September 1993. Photo by Kevin G. Porter.