



Passing on the tradition

Photo by Marc Landry

It is time again for the bi-annual UNB Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic, and once again the Aitken House Committee has issued the challenge to all students to "give the gift of life". For the last 21 clinics, Aitken House has won the residence challenge and are eager to maintain their hold on the Red Cross trophy.

The clinic will be held in the SUB Ballroom on Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday February 23, from 1:30-4:30 and 6:00-8:00. In photo, are Left to Right: Clinic organizer, Kyle Ross, President of UNB Health Sciences Society; new Aitken House President Mark Atkinson receiving the Red Cross trophy from past-President Andrew MacPherson; Luke Peterson, Red Cross representative.

Hard times Valentines

by Denyelle Theriault

Every year on February 14, thousands of students at universities across New Brunswick sign their names to Valentines to be sent out to government officials as part of "If You Love Education Day."

The Valentines serve as a form of protest against the increasing debt load that students are accumulating.

This year, the Valentines were sent out to Premier Frank McKenna and the Honorable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister of Human Resources.

Along with signing the Valentines, students also signed a bedsheet that will be sewn together with other bedsheets from other universities across the province as a symbol of unity against unfair student aid.

This year's "If you love education day" was organized by Hugh Macneil, VP External Affairs, and the UNB Student Union.

"We hope that sending the Valentines will get our message across in such a way that we will be listened to," said Macneil, "Our requests are very legitimate."

Macneil was set up in the SUB cafeteria on Monday during several different times, with hopes of having several hundred Valentines to deliver to McKenna at 3:30 that afternoon. The cards that are directed to Axworthy needed no postage and needed only to be dropped into the mail.

Macneil said with the new academic year, students faced tuition hikes, inflation, a low-rate of summer employment and changes in the student aid program, with provincial bursaries becoming almost extinct, replaced by student loans.

He said these changes have been tough on students, who are facing debt loads of \$25,000 coming out of university, finding it almost impossible to afford secondary education. The cost of living in the 90's is not being taken into account when student aid is calculated, which adds to the barriers against education that increases with every passing year.

The government has frozen provincial operating grants at last year's level, costing the province and its citizens in terms of access to post secondary institutions and the quality of education.

The freeze on these grants is helping to increase the debt loads on students and if unfrozen, would help reduce the debt load on students.

Students have to depend, almost solely on summer employment to help them through university, but over 20% of students were unemployed last summer. This high unemployment rate left many students unable to continue their secondary education, but would have been avoided if there had been a stronger and more reliable job market.

First-ever Arts Forum intellectually stimulating

by Melanie Messer

Although it was not a sell-out crowd, those in attendance (33 to be exact) at the first-annual Arts Forum were treated to an intellectually-stimulating evening.

Five professors, representing various disciplines of the Arts Faculty, gave 15 minute presentations of portions of their research findings.

The event was organized by Professor Dan Doerksen and Professor Mary Rimmer of the English Department in an effort to stimulate public awareness regarding research in the arts.

Professor Diane Austin, the Associate Dean of Arts, opened the session. She commenced by thanking all those in attendance and then

proceeded to introduce the speakers.

The first presentation was a joint effort by Professor David Bedford and Professor Sid Pobihushchy of the Political Science Department.

Their talk was entitled, "Dependency: Cross Cultural Interpretations of Voting". They presented some of their statistical findings regarding the voting practices of the Maritime Aboriginal population since 1962.

Professor David Black of the Anthropology Department gave the second presentation of the evening. He spoke about his excavations in the Quoddy Region of the Bay of Fundy: in particular, the Bliss Islands site.

The goal of his research, said Black, "is to learn more about how dependant the people who popu-

lated the area were upon marine resources." He also presented some interesting findings regarding the sort of trade that may have been occurring in the area.

Psychology professor, David Clark, talked about Depression, the second most common mental health problem in Canada. He spoke about the research he is doing in conjunction with some other psychologists at the University of Pennsylvania.

His presentation related information regarding ways in which psychologists may be able to predict depression on the basis of Personality Constructs and life events.

The last presentation, given by History professor Steven Turner, was just as informative as the others. He spoke about the 19th century Helmholtz-Hering controversy

regarding the role of the mind in seeing.

"This controversy," he said, "in some ways prefigured the nature-nurture debate."

His presentation was extremely interesting in that it showed the effect controversy has in shaping scientific history.

The forum lasted about two hours and those present participated well with provoking questions for the speakers.

It was nice to see equal participation on the part of the students and professors. If you can, you should try to get involved next year.

After all, it's free as well as a perfect opportunity to learn more about what you may presently perceive to be overly-complex and mysterious.

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to the university vice-president finance and administration, said that he has to trust what applicants tell him.

He said that when he initially heard of the problems emerging from this event, he suspected that Canadian students were not used to the spices used in Indian cuisine.

When he learned of some Indians who came down with the same symptoms, he knew something in the food had gone wrong.

Brostowski said this incident will have no bearing on whether or not other cultural organizations desiring to make their own food will be granted permission in the future.

The UNBISA would like any complaints sent to: The UNBISA, SUB, UNB, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton N.B., E3B 5A3.

The staff of The Brunswickian would like to thank everyone who came out to our Open House on Monday and Tuesday.

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