

NEWS

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Future for libraries ???

By GLENDA THOMPSON

The senate of the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will hold a public symposium on Thursday, March 12 to examine the impact of the financial crisis now affecting university libraries.

The session, entitled *Academic Libraries: Future Directions*, will begin at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of MacLaggan Hall on the UNB campus. Interested members of the community are urged to attend. Admission is free.

The keynote address of the symposium will be presented by Sharon Rogers, university librarian at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She is a

past president of the Association of College and Research Libraries and chaired the association's task force on academic libraries and higher education.

A panel will respond to Dr. Rogers presentation. Panelists will be Frederick Donnelly of the division of humanities and languages at UNB Saint John; Ronald Lees, chairman of the physics department and member of the Fredericton senate; Andrew Pope, branch head of the Education Resource Centre and representative of libraries on the Fredericton senate; and Marc Braithwaite, a fourth-year business student who chairs the orientation committee for new students at UNB Fredericton.

The panel will be moderated by UNB President James Downey.

Members of the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions and participate in a general discussion following the panelists' presentations.

Financial woes in academic libraries are caused by a complex of factors which include spiralling journal prices and stagnant acquisitions budgets. Rod Banks, the associate director of libraries at UNB Fredericton, estimates he won't have any money to spend on books in three years' time. Just maintaining the number of journals at their present level will use up all the funds. His prediction was made after 700 journal

subscriptions were cancelled at UNB libraries in Fredericton and Saint John last year, saving about \$155,000.

The implications for undergraduates, graduate students and researchers are serious for they rely on journals

to keep abreast of the latest research, particularly in the sciences. In the arts and humanities where there is greater reliance on books and monographs, the prospect of no new books chills students and scholars.

Moving fiction

By JEFF HAYWARD

Moving Fiction, a conference of fiction literature, will be held at UNB and in various other areas around Fredericton from March 5 to 7. The idea of the conference is to introduce two new writers, Noel Hudson and Keith Harrison, to the New Brunswick literary scene.

Noel Hudson, a literary humourist, will read on Friday evening, March 6. Hudson has

recently published a collection of stories called *Mobile Homes*. The title story of the collection is a humorous look at the effects of constructing and living in mobile homes, and was published in *The Fiddlehead* last year.

fiction conference

Montreal writer Keith Harrison's book, *After Six Days*, recently published by a Fredericton company is a story of the '80's, described in this

way: "One man takes his friend's wife to lunch. What could possibly be wrong with that?"

These central events of the conference, the public readings, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7, at the UNB Art Centre in Memorial Hall on the UNB campus at 8 p.m. Admission is free. Other meetings with these writers can be located by calling *The Fiddlehead* at 454-3591.



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Turkey's and Tributes of the Week are chosen by Brunswickan News Staff in recognition of the *Marvelous* and the *Moronic* things people say or do.

This week's Turkey of the Week is awarded to UNB Student Union Council members who in an oral decision handed down this week by Justice David M. Dickson were chastised for their role in the Tony Tracy case. Dickson, who used some choice words in his decision, called their actions "stupid" and he referred to attempts by the SU to deprive Tracy of his seat as "amateurishly" drawn up. And that's not all - it gets worse.

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

This week's Tribute of the Week is awarded to Mikeal Gorbachov, who announced this week that the Soviet Government will allow 22 families to be reunited with their families in Canada. The decision to allow the 57 people who make up the families to be allowed to emigrate comes in wake of a series of releases over the last year which analysts say indicates a new openness in Soviet society. However, this does not indicate a change in the Soviet Human Rights Policy, say groups such as Amnesty International.

NEWSBRIEF

Tracey "0" Council "0"

By DAVE SEABROOK

Judge David M. Dickson has dismissed a request by Tony Tracy for a stay of proceedings that would put the former comptroller back on council until a judicial review scheduled for May 4th to occur.

However, while presenting a verbal judgement on Monday, he scorned the council for removing Mr. Tracy.

"One can only come to the conclusion that Mr. Tracy was improperly deprived of his seat, improperly suspended and improperly expelled from council."

"Stupid would be the word for depriving him of his seat," Justice Dickson said.

Mr. Dickson said there was essentially no basis, either under the judicial review requirements or the charter of rights to grant Mr. Tracy's request.

According to Justice Dickson the only apparent grievance against Mr. Tracy were his alleged connection with a former council that "were incompetent and perversely managed the affairs of the Student Union."

He said there had been obstinacy on both sides of the current conflict. In another criticism of council, Justice Dickson said that the charges against Mr. Tracy were "vague" and the bylaw for Mr. Tracy specifically, he said, "There is too much coincidence."

He concluded his decision advising council to reseat Mr. Tracy and asking, "What possible harm could it do?"

"Why council wanted to kick him off is beyond me."

Model United Nations

By CHRISTIAN LEVESQUE
Brunswickan Staff

Recently twelve UNB students and Political Science professor James G. Allen, who was acting as advisor, participated in the Second Annual North American Model United Nations (NAMUN) in Toronto. This conference, which was held from February 19 to 20, was organized by students from the University of Toronto, was attended by 350 university students from across Canada. The goal was to simulate the five committees of the General Assembly of the United Nations as much as possible by representing such topics as disarmament and economic development.

The Political Science Student's Journal sent ten students with five of them representing Greece and the other five representing Mozambique. Two students from the History Department represented Syria.

The four day event consisted of opening and closing ceremonies, several committee meetings, the adoption of resolutions and a banquet with Ambassador Douglas Roche, the Canadian ambassador for Disarmament at the United Nations, as the guest speaker. A great deal of preparation was needed for participating at NAMUN, ranging from fund raising to studying the country's foreign policies. Much experience in procedures and knowledge of foreign policies was gained, as well as three credits which were awarded by the Political Science Department as an international affairs course.

All the students expressed great satisfaction in attending such an academic conference and are hoping to attend another United Nations simulation next year.

How Much Do You Pay

By ROBERT M. BLAKNEY

How much do students pay for housing while at school? How much do we contribute to the Fredericton economy? These are some of the questions a group of business students from UNB Faculty of Business Administration are attempting to answer. It is a class project for a Marketing Research course.

The group will randomly select approximately 200 full-time students from UNB and STU. A telephone interview will determine if the selected student qualifies for the personal interviews to be held on March 12th and 13th.

The personal interview requires the student to complete a short questionnaire. The interviews will be held at an accessible location on campus and will take less than 5 minutes of any student time.

The marketing research group asks for your cooperation in answering some interesting and important questions. You might be called.

The results will be tabulated and printed in the upcoming issues of the Brunswickan.