

# News

## Northside abortion clinic to open

by Dallas Southcott

The proposed abortion clinic to be opened in the city has been at the centre of debate after the supreme court passed judgment which would allow Dr. Henry Morgentaler the opportunity to establish a facility on the Northside.

The decision, made in late September, has been subject of its fair share of opposition.

Fredericton City Council has expressed its disapproval in the establishment of a clinic, but according to Mayor Brad Woodside, there is not much the city can do about it.

Woodside has publically expressed his opposition to the court decision, saying that the ruling allows Morgentaler easy access to a facility here.

One thing in Morgentaler's way is the provincial legislature's ability to deal out its 'ace in the hole', the 'not withstanding' clause which could keep the decision in the province's hands, keeping Morgentaler out.

The underlying question is what kind of impact a public abortion clinic will have on the city, and more specifically, the student population.

### "Morgentaler's main clientele will be the students" - Saunders

Some people, like Susan Saunders, chairperson of the Fredericton Pro-Life movement, believe that this clinic will promote the use of abortion as a means of birth control.

According to her, Morgentaler's main clientele will be the students. She feels that Morgentaler will

solicit his business on campus in a way that will promote a feeling that abortion is a quick and simple solution to an inconvenience.

Saunders urges students to "think carefully of the responsibilities involved in sexual activity, before hopping into bed with someone."

Valerie Kilfoil, NB representative to the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, agrees that people must be responsible in the engagement of sexual activities, since a pregnancy can be a blessed or very traumatic experience to deal with.

She believes that women must have the freedom to choose the option they prefer, but whatever the decision, it is neither quick nor simple.

### "Women must have the freedom to choose the option they prefer" - Kilfoil

Dr. John Valk of Campus Ministry believes that "women must have the free will to seek another solution to abortion."

With the opening of the clinic, he feels that abortion will become too easily accessible, and he says that "it is wrong that in an age where we are being taught all about birth control, that we should use a method such as abortion."

Valk invites any students faced with pregnancy to seek help. "There are groups in Fredericton more than happy to help out pregnant women in their time of need."

Organizations such as the Fredericton Crisis Pregnancy Centre, Birthright, Planned Parenthood or CARAL, an abortion rights group, will help women with their choices, and assist them however they can.



Morgentaler's property at 88 Ferry is located just past the shopping plaza on the Northside.

Photo by K.R.

According to Valk, "these groups are out there to help; why should someone go through this alone? The issue is a life/death situation, it needs careful thought."

He believes that the media has played too much a role in making people think that sex is fun and uncomplicated, but does not show the reality of the situation.

"We must come to deal with our sexuality responsibly, eliminating the risks of unwanted pregnancy, and the need for abortion," he said. Morgentaler had planned to be in operation within six months, offering abortions which would not be covered by Medicare.

His plans have been delayed af-

ter the building he had rented at 88 Nashwaaksis Plaza was vandalized over the weekend.

### Political Science Prof to speak at Lady Dunn about upcoming Federal Election

by Cheryl McLean

A student forum will take place dealing with issues related to the upcoming federal election.

The forum will be held at Lady Dunn on October 21 with UNB Political Science Professor Gary Allen acting as speaker.

Allen is a professor of Canadian politics and political parties, and will discuss each parties viewpoints and platforms.

Allen said he will address the questions arising from the effects of a multi-party government, which may very well occur this election.

He said it is designed to show the positive and negative effects of the vote.

Many students in residence will be first-time voters, and trying to decide amongst the numerous candidates can be a tough decision.

In Fredericton-York-Sunbury, there are a total of seven candidates running to become the next Member of Parliament.

There are politicians representing

the Liberals, the NDP, the Progressive Conservatives, The Canada Party, The Reform Party, The Natural Law Party and Confederation of Regions (CoR), and their platforms will be compared and contrasted.

The forum is part two of a five-part program called Living to Learn, which is intended to educate students.

Giselle Gallibois, the program co-ordinator, said the reason for the forum is to get students more involved.

She feels that since this event will be held after the debate and before the election day, students will get the chance to ask questions to gain a better understanding.

Allen was a Don at Aitken in the early 1980's and said he is aware of students' needs and this is another way of getting the residence community out and active.

A dinner will be held before the forum, and it is hoped that there will be a turnout of 300 students.

The forum begins at 6:30pm, all are invited.

### Caribbean Circle News

by Aurelius Gordon

After having had a fantastic welcome social on Saturday 18th September of which the only complaint was that the party had to end at 1:00am on Sunday morning, the executive and membership of the Caribbean Circle finally got down to the business of planning the programme of activities for this academic year.

At the first general meeting which was held on Sunday October 3rd, the following activities were scheduled:

I) The Caribbean Music Festival 1993 to take place on November 26th, at 8:00pm in the SUB Ball Room.

II) 'Movie Nite' to be held on the first Saturday of each month at 8:00pm in the Spanish Lounge of Carleton Hall.

III) Caribbean Circle "Sports Nite" to be held at the UNB main gym. The first 'Sports Nite' for this semester is scheduled for tonight (Friday 15.10.93) at 7:45pm. A friendly volleyball tournament will be played in the main gym. All are invited.

IV) Christmas Social 1993 to be held on Saturday, 18th December 1993 in the SUB Blue Lounge at 8:00pm.

V) Ski trip to Crabbe Mountain on January 15th, 1994; and the possible visit of Nobel Laureate Derek Walcott - date, venue, and time T.B.A..

VI) Caribbean Nite 1994 to date to be held on March 27th, 1994, in the S.U.B. Cafeteria.

VII) Graduation Ball 1994 to be held on April 30th, 1994, in the S.U.B. Blue Room.

To manage the affairs of the or-

ganization for this academic year is an executive comprising of: President - Jamie Marquez Valencia; Vice-President - Mark Ireland Tel: 454-8284; Secretary - Mark Chandra Tel: 454-0561 or 453-4771; Treasurer - Lola Davis Tel: 451-8112; Public Relations Officer - Patrick Frosberg Tel: 454-0889; Joint Social Activity Directors - 'Juba' Michael Andrew Tel: 459-4145, and Aurelius Gordon Tel: 459-5673.

At present, the Caribbean Circle has a membership of 80 students from UNB and STU. Membership registration is ongoing and all students are welcome to register as members by contacting a member of the executive by telephone or by coming to our next general meeting which is scheduled for Sunday October 24th at 2:00pm in room 103 of the SUB.

*There is no pleasure in having nothing to do; the fun is having lots to do and not doing it.*  
John W. Raper