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## All UNB faculties pre-registering this year Pre-register and avoid the Aitken centre- McKillop

by Allan Carter

Students who pre-registered for their courses last year might have wondered what the purpose of the whole process was since they still had to register again in September. But this year that process will change.

According to Rufus McKillop, UNB's Associate Registrar, if students pre-

### Controversial safe sex article

by Murray Carew

A Gay and Lesbian supplement article and photo which *the Muse*, Memorial University of Newfoundland's Student newspaper, ran in February has been the subject of controversy for the last month in student newspapers and in the national media.

The article called "A Gay Men's Guide to Erotic Safer Sex" used explicit language and erotic scenarios to show gay men how to enjoy sex while reducing the risk of spreading HIV, the virus thought to cause AIDS.

The article was accompanied by a graphic showing two men engaging in oral sex. The graphic was taken from a pamphlet on oral sex produced by the AIDS Committee in Toronto.

Some people have deemed the photo as pornographic and obscene, but Theresa Walsh of St. John's Newfoundland's status of Women Council argues that pornography "is sexual imagery which presents a human subject as a sexual object for the use of the viewer."

After the article appeared in *the Muse*, which is member of the Canadian University Press, CUP distributed the article through their news service to other CUP members.

CUP could not be reached for comment.

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register this term and pre-pay their fees before the end of August, they will not have to go through the fall registration process at the Aitken Centre.

Students will be asked to pre-register in their faculty on March 25, 26, and 27. Each faculty will announce the appropriate time for students to register.

One major difference in this year's pre-registration system is that if a student needs a required course from another faculty that student will be able to register for the course due to a Board of Governor agreement that all faculties at UNB will be asking their students to pre-

register.

Students registering for elective courses in other faculties will not be able to do so until students who need the courses for requirement reasons have registered first.

The date for pre-registration for electives outside a student's faculty will be April 2 and 3.

During early June, students will receive a complete transcript of their academic record plus a record of the courses they have pre-registered in.

In addition, they will receive a letter from the UNB business office to explain how students can pre-pay their tuition and

residence fees.

Although students will receive their course record in early June, they will not receive the timetable until early July. But, McKillop says this is an improvement over previous years when students didn't receive the timetable until early August.

Included with the timetables will be course change forms in case students need to change courses.

Students can change any courses by simply filling out the course change form they receive and send it back in the mail. Upon receiving the course change form the

Registrar's office will contact the appropriate faculty for final approval.

If there are any problems with course changes, students will be contacted by their faculty.

McKillop stresses that if

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## Oral contraceptive to be referendum question

by Murray Carew

The Student Union will be having a referendum during the elections this year to determine whether or not students want to pay more money for coverage of oral contraceptives on their health plan.

Jim McGee, VP University Affairs, says that the Student Union wants the plan changed so students would have a "Direct Paid Card".

A "Direct Paid Card" would change the payment procedure for students.

Instead of paying the full amount for prescribed drugs that are covered by the plan and waiting weeks for a rebate, students would only have to present the "Direct Paid Card" and only pay the deductible.

The only way, however, to get the "Direct Paid Card" from Blue Cross is to include oral contraceptives on the plan.

Right now the present Student Health Plan, which is administered by the University, does not cover oral contraceptives.

McGee says the Student Union has to find out whether or not students are willing to pay more so oral contraceptives are covered and the "Direct Paid Cards" can be issued.

McGee is not yet sure exactly how much extra each student would have to pay.



**Moot Court:** The 29th Annual Harrison Shield Moot Court competition was held Wednesday night. Front (l-r) John McNair, retired Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Québec; Justice Ronald Stevenson, and Jules Deschenes. Back (l-r) Andrea Doyle, John Evans, Elizabeth Waterston, and Jeffrey Keefe.

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## Student fees to decrease for next term

by Allan Carter

Student Union fees might decrease by almost ten dollars for the 1991-92 term.

At the Wednesday Student Union meeting, council reviewed the first draft of the Student Union budget for the 1991-92 term.

All undergraduate full-time students at UNB pay Student Union fees.

At this point not everything has been considered for next term's budget, but Greg Lutes, VP Finance says fees "will definitely be lower."

Lutes says the Student Union has had a surplus in previous years and he estimates the Union was overcharging each student "by about five dollars."

This year's total budget is estimated at \$610,236, the proposed budget for the 1991-92 term is \$562,790.

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