

Human Rights Day 1992

Following is the text of a message from Professor Constantine Passaris, Chairperson of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission in recognition of Human Rights Day 1992, (December 10, 1992), released on December 1, 1992.

Human Rights Day 1992 is a very special occasion for the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission. It marks the end of a year of special activities and new initiatives related to the Commission's twenty-fifth anniversary. There is something very special about a silver anniversary. At twenty five one feels young enough to be vigorous and energetic while at the same time old enough to be mature and self-confident. That is exactly how we feel at the Commission as we make plans to continue to serve the people of New Brunswick and to do our part in the process of province-building for the next quarter of a century.

The emphasis on serving the people of New Brunswick was incorporated in the theme and

logo selected for the Commission's twenty-fifth anniversary year. The theme *Celebrating People* underlines that human rights is about people and for people and that their protection and promotion depends on people who demonstrate commitment and dedication. The stylized twenty-fifth anniversary logo representing the faces of a man, woman and child reflect New Brunswick's diversity, looking to the future as we collectively pursue gender, racial, cultural, social and economic equality.

Indeed, Human Rights Day 1992 is a day when we as New Brunswickers can take pride in our human rights accomplishments. It is also an appropriate time to renew our individual and collective commitment to those fundamental rights and responsibilities that have served us well in the past. In our province, we believe that human rights violations and abuses is everybody's problem and more importantly that everyone is part of the solution

Our record of achievements in the protection and promotion of human rights can serve as an effective springboard for a confident future. We should be mindful however that our human rights record should not breed complacency, but rather sharpen our resolve to achieve even greater heights of fairness, justice, equality, compassion and humanity. The New Brunswick Human Rights Commission will do its part to promote a society of generous heart and open mind.

Let us move forward as New Brunswickers celebrating our shared human rights values that are a unifying force for our provincial identity and a guarantor of our social harmony and economic well being.

On this special anniversary year, I invite all New Brunswickers to join with us at the Human Rights Commission in a new partnership and a new endeavor to raise the torch of human rights so that it can become a beacon of light and hope for this and future generations of New Brunswickers.

Petro-Can awards

(UNBPRI) Christopher David Hawkes, a graduate student working on his doctorate in geology at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has received one of five Petro-Canada Graduate Research Awards granted nationally.

The award valued at \$10,000 is for one year, but award holders may reapply for additional support from the program. Awards are granted on the basis of academic standing and demonstrated potential for advanced study and research. To qualify for an award, candidates must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents and working towards a master's or doctoral degree on a subject related to the oil and gas industry.

As part of the requirements for his PhD, Mr. Hawkes is conducting original research on the drilling of deep holes into the earth in search of oil and gas.

As an undergraduate, Mr. Hawkes earned a UNB Scholarship during his four years of study as well as a scholarship from the Society of Exploration Geophysicists for two of those

years. He received his bachelor of science degree in geology and physics from UNB in 1990. Since then, Mr. Hawkes has held postgraduate scholarships from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. His parents are Robert and Peggy Hawkes, York Street, Fredericton.

Petro-Canada established the graduate research award program to recognize academic excellence and to support and encourage graduate research in specialized fields of study relating to the petroleum industry. These fields include the sciences, engineering, social sciences and business administration.

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and there will continue to be problems in radio stations right across the country," he stated.

"I suppose if you're a Student Union-type, you probably could take (the comments) as being anti-Student Union. But my statements were simply that I've seen too many examples of Student Unions that have tried to exercise undue influence over the operations of radio stations. The two of them just aren't compatible," he maintained.

"The two organizations are philosophically different. Eventually they're going to clash, and my comments were 'separate yourself' and were addressed to the radio station," he added.

Some volunteers at CHSR pose the question, can a student union with a one-year mandate hinder the performance of a 40-year old institution?

MacDonald argued, "CHSR has not been in the same status for 40 years. In the 70's, it was not FM, it was piped into residence and the students played what they wanted to hear."

In a letter to MacDonald as the VP, Whipple stated, "One of the primary roles of campus/community radio, as recognized by the CRTC and the NCRA, is to 'serve the needs of socially, culturally, politically and economically disadvantaged groups in society'."

"Student Unions represent the status quo and dominant culture and all the things that campus radio stations try not to represent," Whipple said, "We represent minority interests and try to promote different kinds of programming."

He pointed out gay and lesbian and women's programming, and allowing access to those voices that normally aren't heard.

But MacDonald disagrees. "It's not just a community radio station, it is a campus radio station. I'm not convinced that CHSR is meeting the needs of that campus."

She posed the question, "If CHSR is a service not meeting the needs of the student body, then why should the student body continue to fund it?"

At other universities, a media fee is included in student's tuition. For this to occur at UNB, a referendum would be necessary.

"It's actively being talked about around the station. I know the Board has considered it, and I think obviously that would be what we would want to do," said Whipple.

Before any referendum can take place, the Union has to give its approval.

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