20 March 1987

THE BRUNSWICKAN-5

BCLA resists the noose

By JAMAICA JOE

This Monday, the Fredericton Chapter of the New Brunswick Civil Liberties Association (N.B.C.L.A.) held a press conference at the Monsignor Boyd Family Center that dealt with their fight against capital punishment.

Speaking for the N.B.C.L.A. was Norville Getty, the president of the Fredericton Chapter. The reason for the press conference, was to help inform the public of N.B.C.L.A.'s fight against the ever-growing support to bring back the death penalty. Throughout the conference, Getty emphasized several points which outline the N.B.C.L.A.'s platform on resisting the death penalty; They are:

1) It is a fundamental moral and ethical principle that no one--be they individual or state--has the right to take some else's life.

2) It has been shown that capital punishment is not a deterrent.

3) The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms entrenches the right to life and the right to protection from cruel and unusual punishment.

4) Canada has signed the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which also states that the subscribing nations must preserve the right to life.

5) Canada's role in the world community demands leadership in the effort to free people everywhere from the threat of capital punishment.

6) Our justice system is not infallible, and so we should not nocent man might be put to death.

Getty went on to say that polls indicated that people who were in favor of the death penalty, were so inclined because of fear, rather than considered judgement. Rather than have the death penalty, reinstated, the N.B.C.L.A. would like to see the following steps taken in order to provide better security to the public:

minimize the danger to them such as two-man patrols and back-up communications.

2) Develop tighter controls on the ownership and possession of firearms and other lethal weapons.

3) Establish more effective means of incarcerating psycopathic murderers for life. 4) Provide more effective law and support services to families

guards with procedures which violence that often lead to murder.

5) Educate people, especially children, as to the difference between violence in fantasy such as cartoons and violence in real life.

ing out a series of activities capital punishment.

allow the possiblity that an in- 1) Provide police and prison caught up in situations of over the next couple of months, including a three-part series that will appear on Channel 10 in April, May, and June.

> With a parlimentary vote coming up within the next few months, dealing with the question of bringing back the death To further the public penalty, the N.B.C.L.A. and awareness, N.B.C.L.A. in similar organizations feel that association with the Coalition it is important, more so now Against the Return of the than ever before, to inform the Death Penalty, will be carry- public about the question of

Weather gets the blame for accidents

By Russell Prime Brunswickan Staff

When the snow stopped falling on this province Wednesday night, at least 5 people were dead - four fatalities having occurred in the Fredericton area alone.

"Drivers like to blame the weather...," says Michael Crowther, Safety Promotion supervisor for the Department

of "However," he insisted, "weather does not kill - people do."

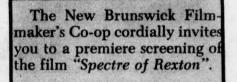
Crowther said that although driving conditions change, driving habits do not. "If people would slow down when it snows," he commented, "there would undoubtedly be fewer accidents."

averaged nearly one accident per day. But even one accident is too many; Crowther says "...it's acceptable to die by car. If a plane had crashed, millions of dollars would be spent on an inquiry." It's unusual for a car accident to get any media coverage.

Department of Transporta-New Brunswick has come a tion statistics unequivocally

Transportation, long way since its roads prove that accidents occur when a driver "loses control." Crowther says that losing control is normally a result of not paying attention to road conditions.

> The Department of Transportation would like to advise drivers to stay off the roads in bad storms. And, if you must drive, SLOW DOWN!



Spectre is the first ever New Brunswick folktale to be adapted to the screen.

PLACE: Tilley Hall. Room 102, UNB Campus DATE: April 02, 1987 TIME: 8:00 p,m,

Several recent short films produced by the Co-op will also be screened. A reception will follow at the University Club, top floor, UNB Campus.

Admission: Free IMPORTANT



ALL **STAFF Bruns Election**

for Editor in Chief

Today

12:30

Meeting

By MELYNDA JARRATT **News Editor**

The Harriet Irving Library User's Committee will be holding a meeting today at 3:30 in the conference room of the 3rd floor at HIL, in which decisions will be made regarding the so-called "formula" for money allocations.

The "formula" refers to money given by the University of New Brunswick Administration to the HIL for division by various departments within faculties.

Like a pie divided into pieces, the money will be split into chunks according to faculties - each department within getting a bite out of his department's piece of the pie.

Decisions made at this meeting may have a great impact on research and teaching capabilities of certain faculties on the UNB campus. For example, while the Faculty of Arts has been recommended an increase of 8%, the Faculty of Science looks toward a drop of 8%. One group benefits at the expense of another, and any decisions made at this meeting will surely raise eyebrows and complaints from those faculties who will lose out in the decision making process.