

NBCLA 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

allow the possibility that an innocent 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:

- 1) Provide police and prison guards with procedures which 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 psychopathic murderers for life.
- 4) Provide more effective law and support services to families

caught up in situations of 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.

To further the public awareness, N.B.C.L.A. in association with the Coalition Against the Return of the Death Penalty, will be carrying out a series of activities

over the next couple of months, including a three-part series that will appear on Channel 10 in April, May, and June.

With a parliamentary vote coming up within the next few months, dealing with the question of bringing back the death penalty, the N.B.C.L.A. and similar organizations feel that it is important, more so now than ever before, to inform the public about the question of capital punishment.

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 Transportation, "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."

New Brunswick has come a

long way since its roads 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 Transportation statistics unequivocally

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!



In an aside, Paul Hannah, whom you see here in the middle, died suddenly this week. He was 34.

The New Brunswick Film-maker's Co-op cordially invites you to a premiere screening of the film "Spectre of Rexton".

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

**ATTENTION
ALL
STAFF**

**Brunswick Election
for Editor in Chief**

**Today
12:30**

IMPORTANT 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.