

# Students defend freedom of speech

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Smith v. Canusa. The Appellant, John Smyth, a candidate for political office in the country of Canusa, made an inflammatory speech advocating the deportation of the Ergozian minority. The day following the broadcast of his speech, there were attacks in an Ergozian neighbourhood leading to several injuries and one death. Smyth was later charged and convicted under Section 300 of the Canusa Criminal Code for having "promoted hatred and bigotry towards an identifiable group."

This was the case that students from three universities had to appeal in the Trilateral Moot Court Competition last Friday and Saturday which UNB hosts every three years.

Faculty of Law students Renee Beaumont, Joseph Black, Ian McLaine and Jeanne Pratt took on teams from the Dalhousie Law School and the University of Maine School of Law. Although Dalhousie won overall, UNB walked away with best written submission.



Best advocate Ian McLaine addresses the court

photo by Robert Fernandes

Ian McLaine, who won best advocate, commented that "It was a great success.

It's important for UNB to maintain this contact with Atlantic law schools We were proud to host it and very pleased with the results."

## Family violence prevention month

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November has been proclaimed Family Violence Prevention Month in Fredericton by Mayor Brad Woodside and in New Brunswick by Premier Frank McKenna. This proclamation is the initiative of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, which was established to fund research on family violence and to counter ignorance of the problem through the promotion and sponsorship of several public education programs.

Throughout the month, various Fredericton display windows will be joining the awareness effort by presenting books and visual art with a theme of Family Violence Prevention. This violence can take several forms, including physical assault, and emotional and sexual abuse.

According to Therese Murray, executive director of the Fergusson Foundation, commented: "Family violence doesn't care where you live, what you do for a living, or what language you speak.

A 1993 report from Statistics Canada said that half of all Canadian women have been the victims of physical or sexual violence at least once, and that at least 25% of all women have been amused by their spouses. It also reported that children witness violence in 40% of the homes in which violence occurs.

## HP Opt-Out to be reviewed

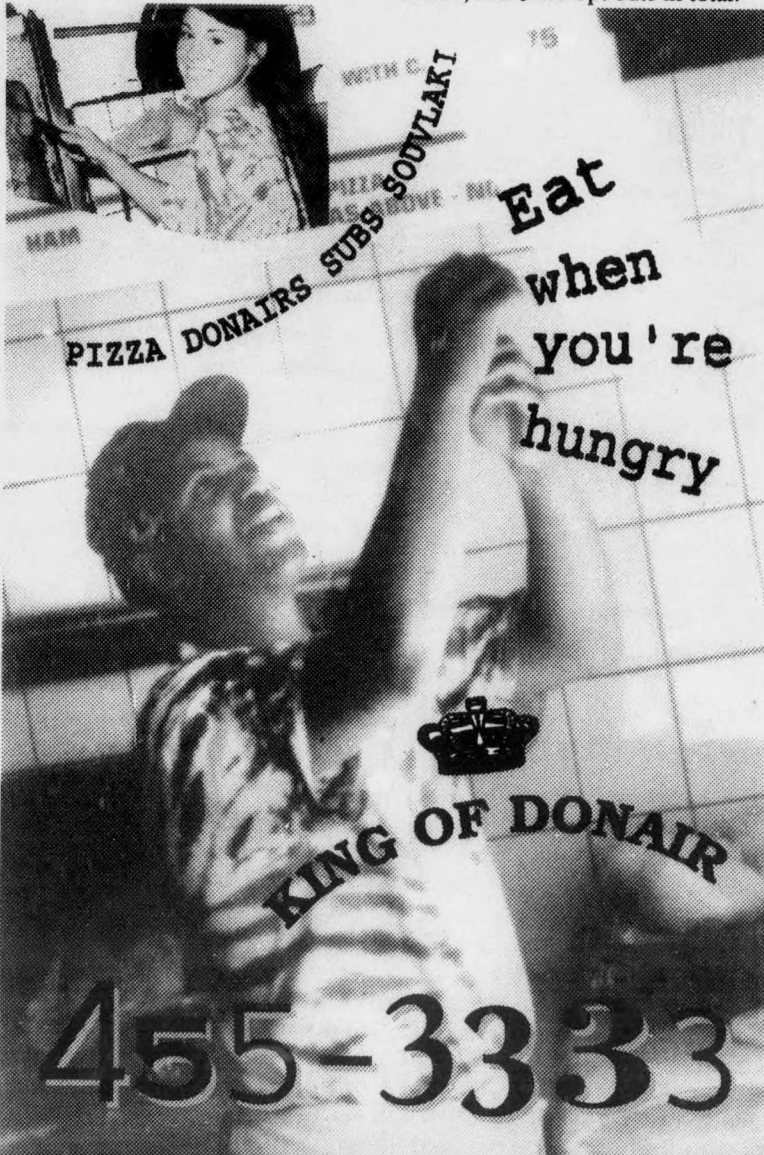
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Trish Davidson VP (Student Services) announced to Council that there will be a review of the Health Plan opt-out procedures. "I've met with Barb, and I had a really productive meeting with John O'Brien. This is unusual. I did find out the Business Office has been having nearly as many headaches as we have."

"Many of the headaches and frustration comes from the many different ways to opt-out." Davidson told Council. "O'Brien would like for the opt-out to be some sort of on-line system."

"There are still questions about accessing financial information over the system.

"Basically, the Health Plan could be a lot simpler." Davidson reported that there had been 2000 refund checks issued, and 3100 opt outs in total.



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