

Meet the President

Dean J. Frost, President of the UNB Student Union, is currently working on projects he believes will enhance the Student Union profile with not only students but with the citizens of Fredericton.

The UNB Student Union Scholarship Program, a commitment made by Frost during his election campaign, will soon be a reality. Frost has spent a great deal of his time since returning from his home in August meeting with possible sponsors of the program. He is currently negotiating two awards. One being with the New Brunswick Aboriginal Peoples Council. He is hoping to receive a commitment for a 3-5 year agreement and expects the Council to place their scholarship in the areas of Engineering and Business. Qualifications for these awards will be determined by the organizations involved in the funding, the UNB Awards Office and input will be given by the Student Union. Projecting Christmas as a possible start-up time, Frost stated sponsors are extremely receptive to his idea and he is hopeful of more awards being created

throughout the year.

With a record number of children taking to the streets to live, Frost decided to implement a program for street kids.

After meeting with Earl Stapelton, director of Child Find New Brunswick, it was

decided a tour of the university with a free lunch (compliments of Beaver Foods) would be the best way to introduce these kids to the university community. Frost expects this to be a worthwhile adventure with thanks being extended to

Joe Doerig of Beaver Foods for his generosity.

Frost is also working with Transition House of Fredericton. Hoping to have a Transition House Councillor work on campus. Frost feels the in-

crease number of emotional, physical and mental abuse cases against women and children demands such a service. He believes such a service will offer victims a way to solve their problems.

Human Rights Concert Tour

By N. FOLSTER

How effective are rock stars like Bruce Springsteen, Sting and Peter Gabriel in advancing the cause of human rights?

According to Hannah Lane, executive member of the Fredericton branch of Amnesty International, the Human Rights Now! World tour has been useful in two ways.

"Amnesty made news. This tour gives us publicity we've never had before."

It is difficult to tell, however, if concert-goers are getting the message. High up into the rafters of Olympic Stadium, thousands of lighters twinkle and fists jab angrily to the beat to Peter Gabriel's 'Biko'. Then the music ends, the lights come up and the air

is filled with paper airplanes made from the information leaflets and copies of the Declaration of Human Rights that had been distributed by Amnesty volunteers, but not read.

Lane admits that people go to the concerts first and foremost for the music, but people become familiar with the name of the organization.

In addition, Lane says that the performers will air their message in venues in a number of countries which are ruled by oppressive regimes.

In the first twenty-five years of its existence, Amnesty has adopted the cause of over 30 000 political prisoners all over the world. Twenty thousand of these have subsequently been freed.

Volunteers strive to embarrass oppressive governments of every political stripe into releasing political prisoners by bombarding them with postcards, greeting cards, telegrams and even phone calls. They also use the media to expose violations of human rights and send relief to the families of prisoners. The

Fredericton Chapter, formed in 1980, is involved in lobbying the Federal government to change its refugee legislation.

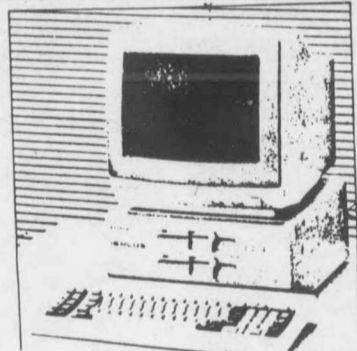
On the effectiveness of these campaigns, Lane says "Some people think that it doesn't make a difference, but it does. It has pressured governments to release people. Where it didn't result in the release of a

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