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News Editors: Cynthia Kirkby and Joe FitzPatrick Deadline: Wednesday Noon

Newsbits

Family Violence Prevention

From a letter by sociology students and volunteers at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, Michelle Spencer and Angela Frizzell:

"Family violence is something that affects everyone. It does not discriminate against class, religion or ethnicity. It's everyone's problem. We need to be able to respond when help is sought by those affected by family violence.

"That is why we feel the research that is being done at the Centre is so important. This is research that is action oriented. The research is not being done solely for the purpose of having it written and placed on a shelf under 'F.' The work that is accomplished is implemented in a way that aims to eventually eliminate family violence."

CORRECTION: Last week's story on Family Violence Prevention contained an unfortunate typo. The proper statistic is that at least 25% of all women have been abused by their spouses.

Business Awards Dinner held

For the first time, alumni and students of the Business faculty were recognized together, at the UNB Business Awards Dinner held last month.

"We thought it would be the perfect opportunity for our students to meet alumni role models," said Barbara Trenholm, acting dean of the faculty of administration.

Certificates of Achievement were presented to bachelor of business administration alumni Anthony Atkinson and Gary Pitman (both Class of '71), and Marc Bedard (Class of '74).

Nine undergraduate students received awards, including Jethro Bushenbaum, who received both the Certified General Accountants Association of New Brunswick Prize and the Ernst Young Prize. Fredericton area students Laurie Haines (the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Accountants Prize), Tom Liston (the Exmoor Prize), Jamie LeBlanc (the Deloitte and Touche Prize in Accounting), Ah Tee Koh (the Society of Management Accountants of New Brunswick Prize), and Yvonne Samson (the Blanch and Percy M. Levine Memorial Prize) also won. Other winners were Cheung Yick Yip of Hong Kong, the Paul Hazlehurst Memorial Prize; and Seck Pin Chong of Malaysia, the E.D. Maher Prize.

Clark appointed VP External

Jeff Clark was appointed acting Vice-President External at Tuesday's Council meeting, a non-voting position. The office of VP External was left vacant by Pat FitzPatrick, who resigned three weeks ago. Clark, who is also a member of the Board of Governors and the University Senate, has already been extensively involved with the External Affairs Committee. He is currently Vice-President of Grad Class, and has been involved in previous years with Orientation and SMART-PACC.

Roy Patrick Hickey had also submitted his resume to the Executive for consideration. Hickey, who was not able to appear at the meeting, is a transfer student from Mount Allison University, with extensive involvement in Mount A's SAC. The decision was made via secret ballot.

Davidson clarifies position

Trish Davidson, VP Student Services is eager to explain a statement she made last week which characterized her meetings with John O'Brien, UNB Comptroller, as usually unproductive. She clarifies, "the meetings were 'unproductive' from our point of view."

A phone call to Davidson was placed at approximately 8:45 AM on Friday, November 10. The call display indicated it was from John O'Brien's office extension. Davidson declined to indicate whether this call precipitated her clarification.

No new chair for committee

A plan to lessen the workload of Nahie Bassett, VP Finance and Administration, was scrapped at Tuesday's meeting of Student Council. The plan had been to remove her as Chair of the Finance Committee, and appoint two others as co-chairs. President Lamrock addressed the issue, which appeared as an item on the agenda. "This is what happens when you prepare an agenda four days in advance," said Kelly Lamrock. "We had thought that with all of the recent goings-on in Finance, with the credit cards, and the budget, that Nahie was getting overworked. But Nahie assures me that this is not the case, and that everything is under control, and I believe her."

Ukrainian awards available

The Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre (URDC) at Grant MacEwan Community College is calling for applications for five awards in the categories of writing, video arts, performing arts, educational exchanges, and visual and folk art. The application deadline is November 30, 1995. Application forms and guidelines are available from URDC. Award winners will be announced in the spring of 1996.

For more information, write: Ukrainian Resource and Development Centre, Grant MacEwan Community College, P.O. Box 1796, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2P2 or Phone (403) 497-4374; FAX (403) 497-4377.

Neill House SafeWalk gets \$775

by Joe FitzPatrick
Co-News Editor

The Student Council, in a decision of 13-8, decided to grant \$775 to the Neill House SafeWalk Program after 45 minutes of occasionally heated debate. The amount was nearly three times the recommendation of the Grants subcommittee and a little more than half of the amount requested.

Jeff Wedge, Don of Neill House, characterized the recommendation of the Grants Committee of \$260 as "an insult." "[The grant proposal] was a wish list," said Jeff Wedge, Don of Neill House. "I've learned that with budgets you put forward a wish list and hope for the best. We don't need all of it now, but we'd like to get [to that level]."

Several Councilors, such as Derek Ferlatte, questioned the use of expensive equipment such as Mag-Lites by the program. "You can get flashlights for \$10, there is no need for \$35 ones," said Ferlatte, Business. Wedge

responded, "the Mag-Lites are a proven product. We want this stuff to last. I don't want to have to come here next year and ask for another \$800 to buy the stuff which was [destroyed] last year."

Nahie Bassett, VP Finance & Administration, badgered Jeff Wedge about contributions from other organizations and particularly the lack of contributions, in her opinion, from the Residence system. Bassett objected to the amounts given by the House Committees. Wedge responded that "if the residences paid for it, it would only be for [the use of] residence students."

The cost of a double room for use by the SafeWalk team on call has been offered by the Dean of Students, \$200 towards the bedding of that room has been offered from the Dean of Residence, and \$70 each from Dunn, Tibbits and Neill House Committees. The Dean of Residence has also offered to absorb the program's administrative costs, including long distance, faxes,

and photocopies.

The \$775 will go towards the purchase of 6 jackets, 2 rain coats, 3 Mag-Lite flashlights and batteries, 3 umbrellas and 1000 business cards.

Conditions on the funding were outlined by the "memorandum of agreement" passed by council on October 17. Guarantees included: SafeWalk must be free of charge, runners must be screened, runners must include males and females, runners must display the Union logo, and SafeWalk must submit an annual budget to the Student Union.

The SafeWalk program currently involves 76 people in 38 teams. This year, after the efforts of three years, it is fully Co-Ed and each team has one female member. According to UNB Security, the program has been used 123 times since September 6. The program is available to all students within a 20-minute walk of Campus. Students wishing to use the program should call 453-4830.

Enrollment up slightly for 1995-96

by Sarah Estabrooks
Brunswickan News

Is enrollment down at UNB this year? Are students less interested in enrolling in engineering? Are less students taking arts compared to the past? Public opinion might give a yes answer to these questions but, if you look at the statistics you'll see the opposite.

The latest statistics for the academic year 1995 show that UNB Fredericton has 6947 full-time undergrads. This is a slight increase from last year's total of 6894. From these totals 1443 and 1436 students are in their first year for '95 and '94 respectively.

Part-time numbers appear to be down very slightly. There is a small decrease from 1345 to '94 to 1374 in '95. These

figures all come from an internal survey completed in October. The figures represent enrolment totals as of October 1, 1995, after late enrolments and withdrawals were completed.

Another survey of Atlantic universities was done later in October. It studied both campuses of UNB jointly. Similar trends can be seen in this joint study as to the internal study. According to Assistant Registrar, Jean Fischer, "The number of under grads increased overall (the entire university) by 1% as of October 31."

Individual faculties show slight increases in enrolment. The total figures for the Engineering faculty show an upward mover from 1284 in '94 to 1307 in '95. Last year there were 220 first year students and 20 more out on Professional

Experience Programs. First year totals this year are slightly down, to 208, however there are 66 students in the PEP this year. More students seem to be leaning towards Forest Engineering this year.

The two largest faculties on campus also show increased enrolment. Science has a total of 785 students in full-time under grad studies while in '94 there were 736 students. The Arts program shows a smaller increase from 1353 in '94 to 1384 in '95. First year enrolment in Science is slightly up from 207 in '94 to 223 in '95. Arts has seen a drop in 1st year enrolment from 362 in '94 to 330 this year.

Although there are no significant drops visible in the enrolment trends for '95, any growth is slight. The university has established an Enrolment Management Advisory Council to deal with the issues of recruitment and retention in an effort to see enrolment rise. Dr. Dave Doherty of the faculty of Forestry is chair of this committee.

The faculties are focusing on the potential students in high schools for their recruitment. The Engineering department is feeling "pressure to get out and recruit the world" according to Assistant Dean Ireton. Kathlene Sherf, Associate Dean of the Arts faculty says that they are "putting on a real recruitment drive." A new program has been created for high school students to experience life as an Arts student.

Local high schools can send a group of 16 students to participate in this new program. They spend time with Dr. Sherf learning about options within the faculty and the various programs offered at UNB. The group attends some lectures and has lunch in the SUB with students. This program is an example of what Dr. Sherf termed a "shift to a focus on the transition from high school to university."

This year's enrolment stats do not demonstrate any reason to panic over numbers yet. There does, however, seem to be a decreasing total of first year students in some areas. The university is beginning to focus on recruiting more students to come to UNB and giving them good reasons to stay!

UNB student remembers in Ottawa

by Cynthia Kirkby
Co-News Editor

A UNB student was able to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in Ottawa because of a poem she had written in high school.

The Dominion Command of the Canadian Legion chose BSc/BA student Jenni Gillis's poem as the best that was submitted to the national contest. It was written as an assignment, and inspired by a shivering little boy Gillis saw at a Remembrance Day ceremony last year. "I started thinking about what must be going through his mind. I remembered when I was little - I knew what was happening was really important but I just didn't understand. That's what inspired me - how children must interpret the ceremony. How they think is so different from adults," she said.

A winner was also selected for best essay, best poster, and best black and white poster. The four winning entries will be hanging in the National War Museum until next Remembrance Day.

At the national ceremony, Gillis got to see up close the stone carving unveiled by The Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Veteran Affairs. "It had different scenes from the

war - on the battlefield, at the front, on seas, on land, in air - battle scenes and of people supporting soldiers."

As Youth Representatives of Canada, Gillis and the other winners placed a wreath at the Cenotaph. "At the National War Monument in downtown Ottawa, we stood next to the Chief of Defense Staff, and in the same line as the General Governor, the Silver Cross Mother [who has represented motherhood in Canada since the loss of her son in the Korean War], and the President of the Dominion Command," she said. "There were cameras everywhere. Despite the rain, there was a big turnout."

Gillis doesn't expect to forget the experience. "It was amazing that I got to do these things, to represent my country in this way." She advocates participation in ceremonies and contests, because "[they] are a way to say thankyou to the veterans, and to remember those who didn't come back."

They are also a way to keep the memory alive. "I spoke to a lot of veterans, and they were concerned about the apathy of today's youth," she added. "Participation is a good way to tell them that you remember, because it only takes one generation to forget."