

# Grad Zone

The UNB Graduate Students Association

## A brief history

Since 1785, when the University of New Brunswick first opened its doors as the Provincial Academy of Arts and Sciences, it has graduated large numbers of students, including a smaller number of post graduate students pursuing degrees at the Master's or Doctoral Level. Many graduate students have made or will make significant professional, personal, and artistic contributions to their community and country. Representing such individuals at the University of New Brunswick is the Graduate Student Association, Inc.

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) traces its roots to the nineteen sixties. When it became apparent to most graduate students of that time that their educational and social needs were different from those of undergraduates and were going largely unmet, a Graduate Student Union was formed under the auspices of the Student Union. Though technically 'represented' for the first time in the

history of student government at UNB, such representation was felt to be marginal with one graduate student seat on the Student Union Council. This also meant complete financial dependence on the Student Union as all student fees, both graduate and undergraduate alike, were controlled by the Student Union.

With the majority of Canadian Universities having opted for independent Graduate Student Unions, a concerned number of graduate students began making a move for a separate student union. In 1985, a referendum on secession was held amongst graduate students with the results heavily in favor of separation. This set into motion an entire year of negotiations between the University Administration and the Student Union. In 1986, the Graduate Student Association became, at last, a fully incorporated, autonomous, non-profit organization exclusively devoted to meeting and advancing the edu-

cational, cultural, and social needs of its members.

Since this time, the GSA has grown, thanks largely to the dedicated efforts of its membership. Graduate Students have benefited directly from a number of the association's endeavors which include representation of graduate interests within and outside the University including representation on the Executive Committee of Graduate School, Senate, Library Users Committee, Student Disciplinary Committee, CHSR-FM Board of Directors, Social Club Advisory Board, and the National Graduate Council, to name a few. In addition the GSA has included provisions for funding of graduate societies, financial assistance to graduate research presentations at conferences, organization of Orientation and social activities which function to promote stronger ties amongst graduate students, and working towards the acquisition of a building to form a graduate club.

## NOTICES

• Today... The GSA and Campus present the "Pub in the Sub" being held in room 26 of the Sub from 3:30 - 7:00 p.m..

• The 'official' GSA T-Shirts are in and are selling rapidly. If you want to purchase one for only twelve dollars, contact your graduate student club or society...

• A number of GSA committees still have vacancies including those of handbook, Teaching, Activities and Promotions, Organizational Review, to name a few. If you are interested in getting involved, contact your GSA faculty rep.

• The GSA will be co-sponsoring a "Family Day" Activity with the student Union and Campus. Sleigh Rides, Sundaes, Face Painting and Tobogganing are in store for the kids. Bring them out on Saturday, Feb. 1st at 11:00 a.m. beginning at Buchanan Field. FREE for all!

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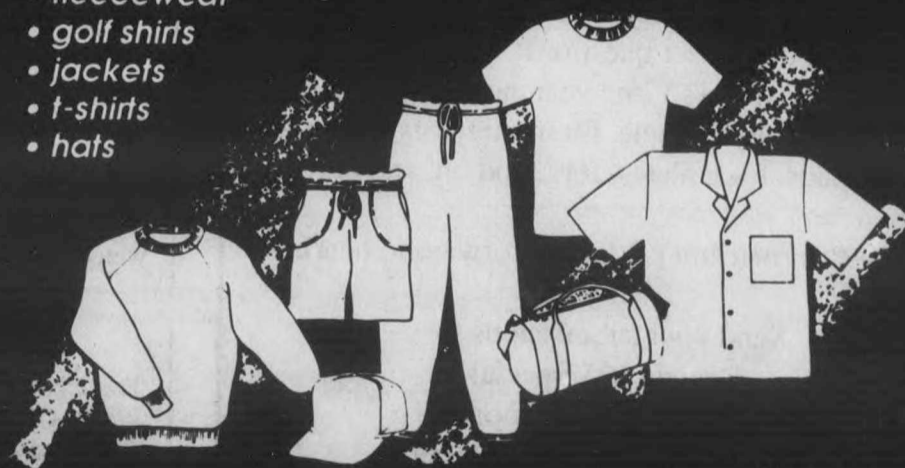
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