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Taxi and bus fares reduced for students

Result of Municipal Youth Advisory Committee proposal

by Anne Acheson

Fredericton Transit and the Taxi Association of Fredericton announced this fall that there will be a reduction in fares for students.

Robert Faulkner, the director of transit and parking services in Fredericton, says that the reduction in bus fares for students came about as a result of a recommendation by the Municipal Youth Advisory Committee.

The committee, which is made up of students attending secondary schools in the Fredericton area, submitted the suggestion last spring and it was officially recommended to city council on June 20 by Fredericton transit.

The cash fare has been reduced from \$1 general fare to \$0.75 student rate, a 25% reduction, but it is still cheaper for students to buy a rider card for \$7.50 which works out to approximately \$0.63 for each ride.

The Fredericton Taxi Association has also

announced reductions in student fares. Allan McPhee, the President of the Association, says that Association's reduction in fares was not related to that of Fredericton transit, but rather a result of the continuing changes that were initiated last year with the inception of the Association.

McPhee also suggests that the reductions—from \$3.50 - \$4.00 per ride to a three dollar charge for up to 3 passengers and only \$1 for each additional rider to and from campus, were due to the competition between the Association and non-member companies such as Mac's and Budget taxis. The Association includes ABC, Capital, Campus, Checker, Penny Saver, Student and Trius Taxi.

Mac's Taxi, which has always had reduced rates to students on campus, offers the same \$1.00 per person rates (over a 3 passenger minimum) while Budget offers a 50cent discount for students.

Deputy President of the ANC to visit Fredericton

by Karen Burgess

Walter Sisulu, Deputy President of the African National Congress, will visit Fredericton with his wife Albertina, as part of a speaking tour to raise awareness of the ANC and the situation in South Africa.

Sisulu, scheduled to arrive September 24, was imprisoned along with Nelson Mandela for 26 years for organizing acts of political disobedience against South Africa's Apartheid government. Both Walter and Albertina Sisulu have had years of heavy involvement with the ANC.

Albertina joined the ANC

in 1946, and in 1963 was sentenced to 10 years of house arrest for her anti-apartheid activities. While under incarceration, she was elected President of the United Democratic Front in the Transvaal.

Earlier this year Mrs. Sisulu was elected Deputy President of the ANC Womens League, and was named to the national Executive.

Walter Sisulu joined the ANC in 1940 and several years later, founded the ANC youth League with Oliver Tambo and

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A dunking booth was just one of the attractions at this year's Adventure Day.

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