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Smoking in a non-smoking area becomes offence at UNB

by Allan Carter

If you usually smoke in a non-smoking area on the UNB campus... watch out! On November 29, the UNB Board of Governors approved an amendment to the Student Disciplinary Committee.

This amendment makes smoking in a non-smoking

area an offence. The fine for such an offence can be maximum of 6% of a student's tuition.

For a regular student that's about a \$117 fine.

Regan Legassie, acting Student Union Director says that there will be a warning period before the new amendment will be enforced.

So all smoking students have a chance to get in their last few puffs before January 1.

But, warns Legassie, on January 1 a smoker's first offence will be his/her last offence.

Apparently 2 or 3 campus police will be assigned to enforce the new amendment for the first couple of months.

In early October the majority

of students who voted in the plebiscite agreed that smoking in a non-smoking area should be an offence liable for a fine.

Kevin Bourque, Student Union President, feels the plebiscite "served as an indication to the BOG" on how students feel about the issue.

The majority of students also voted that the Student Union

should create a designated smoking room in the SUB.

However, whether or not a smoking room will be built is yet to be determined, says Bourque.

SMT granted 5% hike

by Murray Carew

SMT has been granted a five per cent hike in passenger fares.

A decision on Tuesday by the NB Motor Carrier Board allowed the increase on each one-way fare to a maximum of \$1, rounded up to the nearest 25 cents.

But even with the additional \$123,000 SMT expects to generate from the fare increase, the company is still forecasting a net loss of \$18,000 for 1990.

This was the reason the board approved the increase.

This has been SMT's fourth proposal for a fare increase in the past two years.

In protest of the fare increase and the eventual elimination of student discounts Mark Lockwood, VP External of the UNB Student Union attended the meeting which was held last Thursday.

Also in attendance were CFS Fieldworker Tim Klassen and Kelly Lamrock, president of the St. Thomas Student Union.

Planters almost stolen

by Jane Gulliver

On December 1 at three o'clock in the morning, five young males made an attempt to steal planters from in front of the Fredericton Mall's Captain Submarine.

But the taxi cab they were in lost the planters when making a turn. Apparently the planters were on the roof of the car.

According to the taxi company the young men were dropped off at Holy Cross at STU.

In the last few months there has been over \$1500 of damage in signs and posts at the Fredericton Mall.

Only one day after the Department of Highway erected a chain link fence behind the Fredericton Mall, cutters were used to destroy several sections of the fence at an undetermined value.

In addition trees planted by the city in front of the Fredericton Mall have also been destroyed.

Canada to face shortage of 50,000 engineers

by Ezra Levant

Calgary (CUP) - Canada will face a shortage of 50,000 engineers by the year 2000, according to a recent industry survey.

A report released by the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers predicts rapidly rising demand for engineers and falling university enrolment. Over the next nine years, that could lead to 50 per cent more job openings than qualified candidates.

"The number 50,000 really worries people", said Alison Baignee of the CCPE, "but it's a distinct possibility."

Baignee said engineering must shed its "geeky" image and compete with medicine and law. "We must frame engineers as prestigious too," she said. "Engineering has poor visibility; people misunderstand it."

Michael Loh of the University of Calgary's engineering student society agrees that the image of science must be changed, preferably early on in the school system.

"Kids entering high school are very indecisive, guidance counsellors aren't pushing the sciences enough," he said.

Loh notes that women in particular have hesitated to

study engineering, something that stems from traditional cultural role models.

"All-female high school physics classes - that will work," he said.

But having more women in high school physics classes might not be enough.

A report released by the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario says a reluctance to accept women engineers still exists. Forty per cent of women surveyed by the APEO indicated that "the image of engineering students is a deterrent to women choosing engineering."

But U of C student council

executive Dana McDougall counters that universities across Canada are really "starting to expand efforts to get women in."

McDougall said that women at the University of Calgary have "sufficient support" in their studies. Two newly-formed groups to assist women include a women's collective and resource centre and a women's science and engineering support group.

Women account for 12 per cent of Canadian engineering students, but only three per cent of working engineers.

SU introduces Travel Board to UNB students

by Aime Phillips

This week the Student Union introduced a Travel Board to students at UNB. The board is located beside Travel Cuts in the Student Union Building.

The Travel Board is designed to help students looking for an economical way to travel together. To use the Travel Board a student simply fills out a card indicating which travel zone, or area, a student is traveling or where they would like to drive.

Kevin Bourque, President of the Student Union, is confident the board will be efficient and useful for students: "The Travel Board eliminates having to put names on the bulletin boards around campus and it provides a central location where all travel inquiries can transpire."

Bourque also states the board is a good counter-action to the progressive elimination of student bus fares by SMT.

Travel Board



A student takes a look at the new Travel Board (Bruns photo)

Guns

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Hinchley is "not adverse to having strong safety training enacted." Especially concerning different classes of firearms.

If gun owners are forced into taking safety training, the screening process for attaining a gun would be improved, argues Hinchley.

Hinchley feels it is unfortunate that Minister Campbell "has not seen fit" to meet with anyone from their organization to discuss gun control.

Locally, Don Clark, secretary of the Marysville Rifle and Pistol Club would like to see "some middle ground" adapted in the gun control issue.

Like Hinchley he believes that some of the gun laws probably need revising.

But, he says, "the rules are not being obeyed now, who is to say an additional set of laws will help enforce gun control?"

Clark says there is a need for certain guns on the black market. He argues that more laws will not make guns less available on the black market, only more expensive.

His basic position is that "making gun laws tougher will

not outlaw insanity." He feels Marc Lépine, the man who brutally murdered 14 women last December in Montreal, would not have been stopped just because he didn't have a gun. "Admittedly it made it easier, but he would have found another way."

For now, bill C-80 will continue to be reviewed by a special committee. It is anyone's guess whether or not this bill will ever be introduced into the legislature.

But, in the meantime, groups on both sides of the issue of gun control will continue to argue, and gun laws will remain the same.