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UNB Student Pres Apprehends Arsonist

By NUJMA YAQZAN

who would more than likely be interested in his story.

It all happened on the cool, rainy evening of Saturday, October 22, 1988, in downtown Fredericton. Our Student Union President, Dean J. Frost helped them perform a truly courageous act; courageous because not too many people would have reacted in the way that he did.

What exactly took place? Dean explains: "Myself, Matt Hickey, and Aleta Mersereau were leaving McGinnis (a restaurant on King Street). It was 7:30. All of a sudden we saw flames and smoke in the doorway of a house across the street. Matt and I ran over we saw an elderly man take down an alley."

Dean proceeded to smash his head into one of them, yelling inside in need of help. "We could hear windows shattering everywhere (presumably because of the heat) and we had to cover our faces. I could see everything inside except the lobby; but there was nobody there. I was prepared to go through a window, if necessary, to help someone." Dean made sure no one was inside before racing down the alley with Matt, in hot pursuit of the elderly man. "We found him on the doorstep of a house on Brunswick Street, and I grabbed him," Dean says. He then "reasoned" with the man and told him it would be best to have a chat with the police

"He was an elderly gentleman in his late 50's or 60's and was apparently derelict," Dean continues. "It took the fire department five minutes to get there. Matt and I ran over and performed a truely courageous act; courageous because not too many people would have reacted in the way that he did. injured in the fire."

What made Dean do it? Was he scared? "I wasn't scared. I wasn't thinking about myself. I did it out of concern for my fellow man. It would have been tragic to witness a fire and have someone burning in flames and smoke in the front there. You often wonder what you would do in such a situation and if you would have it in you. Now I know." Dean remarks, "I was glad I was there to lend a hand because too many people were standing around doing nothing. I would do it again if I had to."

Both Matt and Dean agree that "personal satisfaction" was reward enough for them. "Hopefully someone will be there to help us if we are ever in the same predicament," Matt comments.

Dean J. Frost doesn't feel like a hero, though. "You can't feel like a hero in response to something that comes naturally. It was instinctive behaviour."

The "house" on fire was actually a small office building and underwent extensive damage. Matt and Dean gave statements to the police, who are still investigating the incident.

by Stephane Comeau

Well known Canadian broadcast news personality Mike Duffy led off the first installment of the Campus Entertainment speaker series last Wednesday at MacLaggan Hall.

Duffy drew on his extensive experience in journalism and not just a little humour to host discussion on various topics, from free trade and federal elections to his most embarrassing moment. The topic of discussion was very much in the control of the audience of approximately fifty. They kept Mr. Duffy talking for about two hours with many in-

teresting and varied questions.

The federal election was a prominent topic, about which Duffy stressed his feeling that this is the most exciting and important time in Canadian politics in the past twenty-five years: "If we leave this election to bureaucrats and single issue groups we may wake up in twenty years to find a country we don't like very much, and we won't have anyone to blame but ourselves."

Duffy voiced concern over "a growing sense of apathy in the nation" and encouraged every one to get involved in the electoral process.

SMARTT PACC Program a Success

By ALLAN CARTER

Smart Pacc (Student Managed Alcohol Response Team) is a program designed to make students, particularly freshmen, conscious of their drinking habits during their academic life.

"It is not an anti-alcohol program" claims Marc Braithwaite, instead it is a program designed to "hopefully influence attitude change" in drinking.

The program has been in effect for two years, and at this time is "in a limbo stage" because of financial difficulties says Braithwaite. It has completed the initial two stages which included the UNB orientation/Smart Pacc tape, and campus awareness campaign. The third phase of the program is to continue alcohol awareness throughout the year and sponsor different events on campus.

Several different programs similar to Smart Pacc have done quite well across Canada. In fact, the program has been presented to universities in the United States and many of these universities are more than willing to finance such a program. "Ironically", says Braithwaite, "the program seems more popular externally than internally."

Braithwaite hopes the program can continue to reinforce

its message to drink responsibly, but without the proper funding, the future looks bleak.

When talking to students about the effectiveness of the program, most agreed with the program's ideas, but very few were influenced by them. Students felt the program wasn't noticeable enough during frosh week and that the program has room for improvement.

Jack Cunningham, a High School Relations Officer, mentions that the program has a definite influence on high school students' parents, in where their children should at-

tend university. He also notices a change in students consciousness towards their drinking friends in a social setting. Students are not leaving drunken friends alone as much as in the past. But he also mentions the fact that the "three li-

Return of the Pumpkin Sacrifice

For the first time in 3 years the sacrifice will once again be held on Halloween night. The sacrifice is in its 16th year and this year promises to be one of the biggest ones yet, since 1973 when Mike Milner (presently a History Professor at UNB) and two friends climbed onto the roof behind Harrison and threw and uncarved pumpkin to the ground below at midnight.

Since that year the ceremony has grown to proportions that even Mike Milner

wouldn't believe. This year the pumpkin weighs 360 lbs. (a new record) and some new and surprising changes have been added to the sacrifice.

To uphold the tradition of that midnight sacrifice, this year the procession will leave Harrison at 11:15 p.m. to return and make the actual sacrifice at 12:00 midnight. All are invited to attend this ongoing UNB tradition on Hallows Eve and remember...The Great Pumpkin is Coming!

Ryan Off to CFS Conference

By JANE ARNOLD

The UNB Student Union is sending Brent Ryan, a Business Administration Representative, to the Semi-Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students in Ottawa.

CFS is the only national student organization and represents over 400,000 students across the country. It meets semi-annually to set the Federation's goals, objectives and priorities.

UNB, as a prospective member of the organization, has the same rights as a full member with regards to participation and voting. The Federation gives "one vote" per school regardless of size.

With more than fifteen member schools in the Atlantic Region, the Atlantic has a strong voice in decision-making.

Besides the many hours devoted to the committee, regional caucus, constituency and special interest groups, there are several workshops planned. The Native Education Workshop will discuss accessibility as well as the ramifications for native students of the proposed changes to the post-secondary assistance program. A workshop of Voting Structure will be discussed at the request of the members. A lobbying workshop will give delegates a chance to gather tips on how to be successful in their efforts. A

discussion will be held on the trend of rising tuition fees in Canada, its relation to the financing of post-secondary education, and the maintenance of a quality and accessible higher education system.

CFS Services will feature a question and answer period on services offered to students.

With childcare as an important issue in the federal election, a workshop has been designed to examine the questions. Finally a funding workshop will deal with funding programs for the arts.

A tri-party debate moderated by Peter Mansbridge will be held and promises to be one of the highlights of the meeting.