

NATIONAL STUDENT DAY

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On October 18, 1989, a nation-wide celebration will be taking place at universities across Canada. The celebration in question will be in recognition of National Student Day as well as National Universities' Week (October 16-20). The University of New Brunswick will be taking an active part in this event. National Student Day will be

the "primary focus" on National Universities' Week, according to Gary Clarke, Deputy Chair for the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS - N.B.). "Universities will be holding different celebrations across the country (to commemorate) sixty years of student movement by coming together in one area," Gary explains.

On National Student Day, there will be bus-loads of students arriving from various

universities across the province of N.B., to help celebrate the day in Fredericton. Although the majority of the students participating will be from UNB and STU, there will be many others from l'Universite de Moncton, UNB Saint John, Mount Allison University, l'Universite Shippagan and l'Universite St-Louis Maillet.

What is the significance of National Student Day and National Universities' Week?

Gary believes it is "to raise awareness about issues facing both Canadian and New Brunswick students; to show concern about decisions being made about our future and to have a say in them." He continues: "The purpose is to celebrate student solidarity across the country, and to celebrate the fact that we are students. We want to emphasize the fun of it, but also make the public aware of the issues concerning us."

Some of the main issues that concern UNB students as well as countless others throughout Canada, are, says Gary, "Bill C-33, tuition increases, student unemployment, the goods and services tax, and differential fees for international students."

This event is hoped to raise public interest, primarily, and to allow students to be listened to and to be seen as credible by the provincial government and federal government alike. Gary comments that "McKenna's government is one of the more approachable governments, as far as cabinet ministers being able to deal with student issues." Gary

cites McKee and King as two ministers who have been helpful from this standpoint. "We're optimistic about having our voices heard," Gary states.

Upon arrival in Fredericton, visiting students along with resident students will be able to participate in a march down to the Provincial Legislature in town where some speeches will be made and a cake-cutting ceremony will be held. At this time, there will be an opportunity for students to have their voices heard. Later that afternoon on the 18th, a "mock legislature" will be held in the Legislature itself. Student leaders from across the province will take part in debating many of the issues concerning students today.

All students will be able to obtain even more information about the Student Day and Universities' Week by means of posters and pamphlets throughout the SUB and campus. All students are invited to take part in the various activities, Gary assures, and they are strongly encouraged to do so.

CFS Presents Ten Issues to March On

- BILL C-33:** Will cut 60 million dollars next year (1990-91) from federal funds going to universities and colleges!
Combined with Bill C-96 (passed in 1986) will cut an estimated 6.8 billion dollars from the federal contribution to education by 1995!
- G.S.T (Goods and Services Tax):** Will result in higher tuition fees through a direct tax on non-degree oriented courses and indirectly through higher costs for universities' services in the private sector.
Books, food, on- and off-campus food, off-campus rent, on-campus haircuts, on-campus clothes all will be taxed at 9% on top of the provincial tax of 11%!
- STUDENT EMPLOYMENT (the lack of):** New Brunswick had the HIGHEST level of student unemployment in Canada this summer!
The increase in student unemployment over last year was among the highest in the country in New Brunswick.
- STUDENT AID:** 37% of anglophone students and 60% of francophone students in New Brunswick take out student loans, putting themselves into debt when they leave school.
Canada is one of the few industrialized countries in the world that does not have a national bursaries program.
- TUITION FEES:** The Maritimes have the highest tuition fees in Canada - Mount Allison University has the highest tuition fees on any university in Canada!
Tuition fees are a barrier to students getting an education, as they have more than doubled in the past 10 year in New Brunswick, but Student Aid has not kept pace!
- TRANSPORTATION:** Recent cut-backs to Via Rail have hit New Brunswick students hard. Travel between university and home will increase dramatically.
Via Rail had the only national student discount program in transportation services in Canada!
- DIFFERENTIAL FEES:** International students are forced to pay a higher level of tuition fees in New Brunswick - this is not the case in Newfoundland and Manitoba!
The provincial government decides on the policy of differential fees which are now at \$1700 in New Brunswick.
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FUNDING:** The federal government has cut the amount of funding for R & D and has placed an increasing emphasis on the private sector for funding!
The private sector has been dragging its feet in the areas of social sciences and humanities funding!
- DAY CARE:** The promise of a federally sponsored day care program has not materialized.
Women represent 60% of full-time undergraduate enrollment, and are by far the minority in graduate studies programs!
- PART-TIME STUDENTS:** Student loans must be paid back 30 DAYS after taking them out!
Only 1% of part-time students use the loan program - changes were promised in 1988 by the government, but have yet to be followed through with.

Get out and show your government that students are serious about their RIGHT to an education!
On October 18, join in the march on the legislature starting from the S.U.B. at noon!
Be there and bring a friend!

Milham Lecture

A man of letters, libraries and images will give the Milham Lecture on the Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick during National Universities' Week 1989.

Douglas Lochhead, writer in residence at Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., will deliver an illustrated lecture entitled Making the Alphabet Work: Johann Gutenberg and Typographic Printing, on Wednesday, October 18. A reception follows the talk, which

begins at 7:30 PM in Room 112 of the Harriet Irving Library. Admission is free, and the public is cordially invited to attend both the lecture and reception.

Equally well known for his teaching and research in Canadian studies, Prof. Lochhead has held various professorial posts since 1960, in addition to maintaining his interest in the history of books and printing and in bibliography, printing and papermaking. From 1975 to

1987, he was the Edgar and Dorothy Davidson Professor and director, Centre for Canadian Studies at Mount Allison University.

The Milham Lecture was established in 1987 and is named in honor of Mary Ella Milham, a professor of classics and ancient history at the University of New Brunswick for 33 years. A trust fund set up through her donation to the university library will create a special collection in the book arts.



People Helping People

"PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"! That's what it is all about and that's what the Fredericton Jaycees and the people at Cable 10 will be doing on Saturday, October 21st when they join forces to host the 2nd annual United Way telethon. We want to challenge you to get involved in making our community an even better place to be. Perhaps you think that the United Way doesn't really have anything to do with you. If so you probably aren't aware of all the agencies that fall under the United Way's umbrella - there are 23 in all and chances are good that you have personally benefited from at least one of these agencies or the 70 plus programmes that they carry out. This year people have an exciting new way to get involved - something called the Donor

Option Programme. What that means is that as a donor you can specify where you want your donation to go, or not to go as the case may be. For example, you may want to make a donation to the United Way but for some reason you don't wish to support a particular agency or programme. Maybe you have personal commitments to an organization and you want to see your money go to that area. Let us know where you make your pledge and we will see that your requests are carried out. Keep in mind as well that you can designate ANY non-profit organization represented within the Fredericton area to be the recipient of your pledge. So make a difference - get involved and join us on the team of "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"!



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