

NEWS

News Editors: Cynthia Kirkby and Joe FitzPatrick Deadline: Wednesday Noon

Newsbits

Curbside parking curbed

Curbside parking on streets surrounding the university is being banned for an hour and a half every morning and afternoon. Fredericton City Council has decided to prohibit parking on Beaverbrook Street, Montgomery Street, Windsor Street, and Regent Street between the hours of 10 and 11:30 am, and 2-3:30 pm, Monday to Friday.

City Councillor Jim Burns, who represents the ward adjacent to UNB and STU wants to put a stop to all day parking. Currently, the streets around the university are jammed with cars parked bumper to bumper.

Burns has said that in the winter it reduces those streets to one lane, creating a safety problem.

Wellness Festival held

A "Wellness Festival," a project designed to increase awareness of the wide array of services available in the community, was held last Friday in Marshall d'Avray Hall. Several community organizations were represented at the festival, including the Red Cross Society, the United Way, the N.B. Lung Association and A.I.D.S. New Brunswick.

The festival was organized by a group of education students as a mandatory project for a class titled "Nutrition and Physical Well-Being," and was particularly aimed at future teachers.

"There may be a situation someday for one of our future teachers where they may want to have a representative from one of these groups come and make a presentation to a class to deal with some issues relevant to students. This festival helps give future teachers some idea of what's out there," said Lisa Lane, an organizer of the event. Lane also said attendance at the festival was very encouraging.

Mary Breaux, the course instructor, credits student John Tingley with the idea. "He organized a similar project in Saint John, and the response from community organisations to this festival has been excellent."

Projects by other groups in the class are also in the works. Among these are a health fair to be held in Harvey and a cafeteria survey on eating disorders to be held later in the year.

Cellar audit sealed

Shona Bertrand, chair of the Student Union Beverage Services Board of Directors, announced to council that the 1994-95 Audit of the Cellar would not be made public. She suggested that in the event that Council wished to see the audit, the review should be done in closed session. "There are a variety of obvious reasons."

Bertrand emphasized that the figures were not in dispute, with \$179,000 in sales and a net loss of operations of \$42,194. "This was not unexpected," said Bertrand.

In contrast, the Month-End statements, also not disclosed, do indicate an increasing potential. "Sales in September were up 300% over last year," said Bertrand.

"If not for some unforeseen budgetary expenses at the beginning of the fiscal year, we would be on target."

The SUBS board has initiated a strategic plan, a marketing plan, and has made concrete proposals for allocation of space in the expanded SUB.

"Internally, the financial structure is sound. This year we need to concentrate on increasing sales."

Upgrade for library services?

City Hall has been asked to donate a half million dollars to UNB's 30 million dollar Venture Campaign.

The donation would be allocated to library services, according to UNB President Robin Armstrong.

While city council has not yet made a commitment, Armstrong said he was encouraged by the response following a meeting earlier this week.

The municipality has already donated \$300,000 over the last five years to help pay for renovations to the Aitken Centre.

Council time-management

The Student Council, whose meetings usually last an hour and a half, blazed through its entire agenda in a mere 50 minutes on Tuesday. An additional 45 minutes was spent deciding to give an additional \$235 to Amnesty International, bringing the total to \$400.

The Grants Fund now stands at \$7086, 60% of its original amount.

FitzPatrick out but not down . . .

CASA to host PSE conference

Brunswickan News

Ex-Vice-President External Pat FitzPatrick is doing just fine. In fact, he's doing better. As he stands in the doorway of a downtown Fredericton office, he casually smokes a Camel. Just then, the phone rings. "Just a sec," he says as he moves swiftly to phone.

"CASA National Conference on PSE, bonjour," he says calmly. "Hello David! How are you?" He cups the receiver and says, "It's David Borins, he helped out with British Columbia's Forum on Higher Education. I'm trying to get ideas from him."

For the next fifteen minutes, FitzPatrick runs down the recent happenings of CASA and the developments on the CASA National Conference.

The stark office won't be for long, contends FitzPatrick. "We're expecting more furniture to come within the week. The phones have already been hooked up, and the fax will be here by next week." The 1200 square foot area of downtown office serves as the headquarters for the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations' National Conference on Post-Secondary Education, scheduled for March 1996. FitzPatrick, as conference Director, shares the offices with Duncan Fulton (Director of Communications), Jason Teedy (Administrative Assistant to Fulton), Dave Gourley (Director of Financial Operations), Michelle Denning (Gourley's assistant, Jeffrey Melanson (Director of Logistics and Operations), and Bryanna White, his assistant. The Coordinator Volunteers and the Assistant Director have yet to be named.

"I have an absolutely amazing staff," says FitzPatrick. "Most have only been appointed since Monday, and already we've had a staff meetings, and everybody has spent time in the office."

"We represent different interests, different strengths, and we bring different resources. It will be this variety which will make the conference a success," he stated.

"Personally, I've been very busy," said FitzPatrick. "But I find that I'm getting a lot more done. The new office is much more conducive to work."

FitzPatrick's new-found "liberty" has certainly affected his productivity and efficiency. "Not only can I work longer, I can work better because the traffic is virtually nil." In comparison to the Student Union Main Office in the SUB which has been called "Grand Central Station," the CASA office is a virtual dead-zone. "Except the phone has been ringing off the hook."

FitzPatrick is serving as CASA Regional Director (Atlantic), filling in for Alex Usher, who is out on sick leave, and Conference Director. He finds he's spending a lot of time in the office. On Tuesday, he stated "I've spent 50 hours in the office already this week."

The Conference, which will be the first such conference in 8 years, has a budget in the hundreds of thousands. An exact figure won't be known until the budget is finalized, and the sponsorships are ironed out. "I expect a relatively firm budget by next week."

"We're looking at 500 delegates," said FitzPatrick. "we're shooting for 20-35% students."

Asked why limit the number of

students, he replied, "We have to strike a balance. On the one hand, we're trying to attract government Ministers, University administrators, prominent members of Labour and the private sector, and other stakeholders. On the other, we want students to be able to express themselves. Too many from any one stakeholder group makes it difficult for anyone to be heard, which will slow down progress and cause frustration. We'd like all delegates to come away with a firm idea of the issues facing stakeholders in PSE. Further to this, it is our hope that we can identify areas of consensus on which to base further talks between stakeholders."

The agenda for the conference will be decided on by a steering committee composed of "representatives of the major stakeholder groups" and one CASA representative. FitzPatrick has extended invitations to the Canadian Federation of Labour, the Association of University Campuses in Canada, the Association of College Campuses in Canada, the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Council of Ministers of Education (Canada), the New Brunswick government, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Business Council on National Issues, and Human Resources and Development (Canada).

Duncan Fulton, Director of Communications for the Conference, reiterated that the conference was not a means to push a "CASA agenda." "This conference is designed to have the stakeholders sit down and dialogue about the issues they face in post-secondary education."

Biology prof wins national award

by Joe FitzPatrick
Co-News Editor

Bill Mullin, UNB professor in Biology, was one of nine recipients of the Michael Smith Award for Science Promotion. The presentation was made in Ottawa on Monday, November 6. The award, which began in 1993, is funded by Industry, Science and Technology Canada, and named after Dr. Michael Smith, the 1993 winner of the Nobel Prize for Chemistry who donated half of his prize to the promotion of science.

The award, made by a committee of non-government experts in the sciences, "recognize[s] sustained efforts in inspiring an appreciation of science,

technology, engineering, and mathematics among young people."

Mullin, who has been teaching in the



Bill Mullin, biology
photo by Joy Cummings

Biology department since 1974, was awarded the Allan P. Stuart Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1993. Mullin is also active in the efforts of the Stuart Group (the winners of the Stuart Award) to improve teaching at UNB.

"Bill Mullin has a long and active career in promoting science," said Dr. Israel Unger, Dean of Science at UNB, who nominated Mullin for the award. "He is particularly good at demonstrating how science touches everyday life in New Brunswick." Dr. Unger noted it was a "particular achievement" for the award to be made to a single person, rather than large organizations. "It's more difficult to make an impact as an individual," said Dr. Unger. Of the nine recipients, three were individuals, four non-profit organizations, and two private companies.

Dr. Unger commented that Mullin has a "unique and effective" method of teaching science.

He also noted Mullin's work in refresher courses for New Brunswick teachers, the development of "biotechnology kits" for high schools, and extensive collaboration with the NB department of Education developing programs for gifted children.

VP External to be appointed

by Joe FitzPatrick
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In the aftermath of Pat FitzPatrick's resignation as Vice-President (External), Council has decided to appoint a non-voting acting VP External. Following a short debate at Council, the decision was made to allow a one week period of nominations before the appointment is made.

Rodney Chiasson (Student-At-Large) expressed concern that there would be a repeat of the Activities Director. The Activities Director also had a nomination period, but the person who had applied before the nominations had opened was the only applicant at the end of the nomination period. Trish Davidson, VP Student Services, reported to Council that three individuals have expressed interest in aspects of the position.