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A wealth of culture on campus



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Cultural events abound at UNB! After last weekend's Africa Night (pictured above) and Chinese New Year celebrations, you can look forward to India Night tomorrow.

by Jethelo E. Cabilete Brunswickan Entertainment

It is always a pleasure to attend cultural events at UNB. The ability to "visit" other cultures through these events enables people to understand, and get aquainted with, people from other countries. Last Friday, February 16, 1996 was Students Association (OCSA). This particular animals influence on the particular year, is the Year of the

Myself, the inestimable Mark legend, the formation of the twelve Morgan and a group of friends were animal signs occurred when Buddha part of this celebration to honour the turning of the new year. The Chinese New Year occurs between January 22 to February 24, and follows the Of all the animals, the rat appeared first, Chinese lunar calendar. The followed by the ox, tiger, rabbit, the Chinese New Year Celebration, designation of twelve animal signs to dragon, snake, horse, sheep,

the cultural diversity at UNB, and that these cultural events helped develop understanding and appreciation of the various cultures on campus. The following speech by Dr. Anthony Lister, professor of Math and Statistics, explained the celebration of the Chinese New animal symbol's influence on people, with the fortunes of various people in the Year of the Rat. The rat apparently won the right to be first in the yearly cycle, by Photo by Mark Bray challenging the ox in a contest. Both animals would walk down a year and the people born under its street, and whichever one was considered largest would have the influence. According to Chinese privileged position. The ox thought it would win (being the larger summoned the animals of the world to animal), but it lost. The sight of an him. Those that came to him, were ox was common, but a rat walking awarded with a year named after them. beside an ox was unusual. Therefore, people remarked, "Look at that big rat." The rat won, much

celebrations began Friday night at

the SUB Ballroom. The atmosphere

was very celebratory, and the decor

added a pleasant touch to the

mood. People were mingling with

each other, expecting the coming

events that heralded the New Year.

The evening began with

introductions by the Masters of

Ceremonies, followed by a brief

address by Dr. Israel Unger, Dean

of Science. Dr. Unger remarked on

The OCSA Chinese New Year predictions for the coming year.

OCSA President, Eddie Chan made a brief introduction and New Year salute, before the dinner commenced. The dinner was a different affair from previous years. The numerous dishes were served to each table, whereupon guests helped themselves to each dish. The food was delicious, and the friendliness of the servers needs to be lauded. It was certainly a pleasure to meet and greet old and new acquaintances during this time. The excellent dinner was followed by a traditional lion dance by members of OCSA. This has always been an interesting performance, and this year was a marvelous display of acrobatics and music. Next came a series of games Year. Dr. Lister illustrated the that were entertaining to say the least. Volunteers from the audience competed against each other in such games as Chinese caligraphy copying, Rat mask placements and drum repetition. The highlight of the evening, was the casino and subsequent auction. Everyone was given an amount of play money for the casino. Winning more "money" allowed you to "purchase" various items from a booth. At the end of the night, there wasn't much play money left, so the remaining items were awarded through a lottery style draw. A good time was had by all, and students should certainly to the chagrin of the ox. Dr. Lister look forward to next year's Chinese

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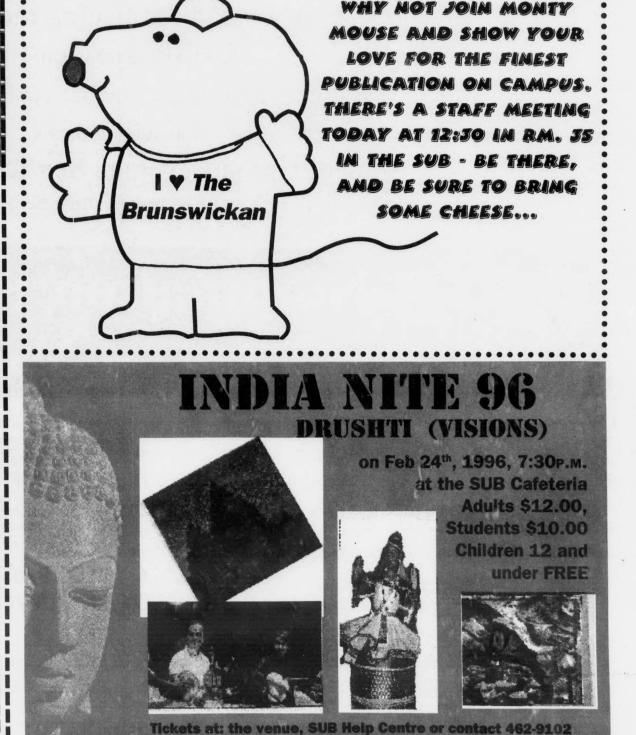


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finished his speech with New Year celebration.