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UNB's Charity Ball

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UNB will be holding a Charity Ball on April 1st, 1989.

The idea came about as a result of discussion among members of UNB's newly formed Board of Proctors. Vice-chairman of the Board, Darlene Hannah, explains that the idea actually originated at Carleton University. Carleton held a Charity Ball for the purpose of raising money for the Children's Wish Fund.

UNB's Charity Ball will have its proceeds donated to Fredericton's Chalmer's Hospital, and specifically, to the Intensive Care Unit Family Room inside. "We decided on Chalmer's Hospital for charity because it is in grave

financial need," explains Miss Hannah. "We also thought that another benefit of doing this would be to improve the image of the residence (system)."

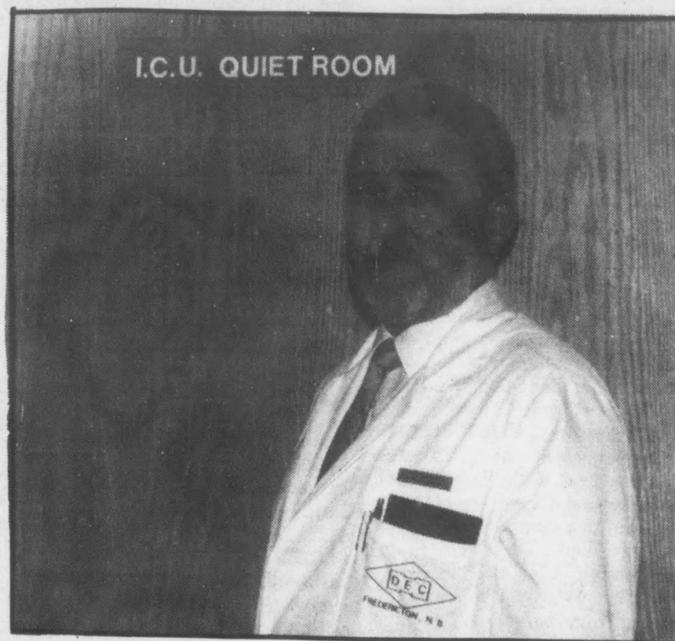
At present, the ICU Family Room at the hospital is "poorly lit, small, with few chairs and paint off the walls," continues Miss Hannah. "It is really not suitable, because sometimes people stay there for days."

It is hoped that the Charity Ball will raise funds to help install a kitchen unit, a microwave, wallpaper and fold-out bed units, among other things. Hospital officials Roy McKinnon and Margaret Bannister will advise as to how the money will be best spent.

UNB's Charity Ball will be a formal event, and members of the entire University as well as the rest of the Fredericton community are cordially invited. The Ball will be held on April 1st in the SUB cafeteria from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. Music will be provided by the Fredericton High School Jazz Band. Tickets are now on sale at the UNB HELP centre, the Alumni Building, Chalmer's Foundation (2nd floor

of the DECH), or they may be purchased from any Proctor or house committee member.

Donation tables will be set up at the Ball and at all ticket outlets. Tickets and donations are tax refundable.



Roy McKinnon, director of ambulance services, stands in front of the ICU room at DECH. Money raised at the Charity Ball will be used to improve the conditions of the Family Room.

False Rumor

By Allan Carter

Apparently, rumors have been circulating on campus that as many as seven percent of the people who contributed to the Red Cross blood donor clinics at UNB during the months of September and January were deferred because they tested positive for the AIDS virus. According to the Red Cross there is absolutely no truth to these stories.

Kathy Gilles, Fredericton Program Co-ordinator for Red Cross, says people are mainly deferred because of low iron, colds, medication or they recently had their ears pierced or had tattoos put on.

Vincent Veinotte, Recruitment Director for Red Cross in New Brunswick, claims it is a "totally absolute rumor". He also thinks that it would be interesting to know who is doing it since, as far as he knows, is the second time the rumor has started.

Students that have heard it at UNB maintain that the source of the rumor comes from the Nursing faculty. But the rumor simply is, as Veinotte puts it, "pulled out of the air".

Veinotte states that the blood test are completed confidential and there would not be any more than two people in the division that would have access to such information. "We wouldn't publicize that, confidentiality is our main priority."

He adds that the "national average (for the AIDS virus) doesn't even come close to that". If it did the Red Cross would be jeopardized in the activities they now perform. In fact, New Brunswick has quite a low average, compared to other places in Canada; especially large metropolitan cities. He doubts that "there was a single person out of that clinic that tested positive for the AIDS virus."



Some of the candidates in the Student Union Elections who spoke to a rather disinterested noontime crowd at Monday's "Meet the Candidates" Forum.

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