

Two students to attend Miss Canada Pageant

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Excitement is running high in the hearts of two UNB students this week. Just nine days from now, Tracie Cheevers and Lisa McKnight will be flying to a place where dreams come true--The Miss Canada Pageant.

For Tracie, a second year arts student, it all began last spring with an ad in *Today's Woman*, a magazine supplement of *The Daily Gleaner*. Prompted by her parents, she entered the Miss Fredericton Pageant, which she describes as an incredible experience for herself and the other forty-four contestants. Rehearsals from April to July meant fashion shows, etiquette classes, and lessons in protocol. A very

busy time, indeed, but nothing in comparison to the nine day blitz of rehearsals yet to come.

For Lisa, the route to her crowning as Miss Campbellton took a slightly different turn. After her first year of Phys. Ed. and Recreation, she was accosted by her best friend who did not want to enter the contest alone. Only on the night of the pageant did they learn that the winner would continue on to the Miss Canada Pageant. Lisa is that fortunate one, and her friend is First Princess.

So far, Lisa is not nervous. She loves to act, and in fact would rather be on stage than not. Although some day she would like to open a fitness program for handicapped people in Campbellton, she will focus on her dramatic ability at the Miss Canada talent show. The skit she will perform

there, she has written herself, and will portray an old lady remembering her life as a beauty queen.

Tracie, who hopes one day to be a journalist, also plays the guitar and writes her own songs. She expects to sing one

of her own classical folk songs at the talent show. This show will be held prior to the Pageant itself, and the winner will be featured during the live telecast from Toronto, November 02.

Tracie is very nervous about

the next couple of weeks, but really, more excited than nervous, she says. Her nine days in Toronto will be a lot of hard work, though, as the contestants learn the routines and the dance. Rehearsals will run from 7:30 am to 11:30 pm with only a little time off for sightseeing, and all of 45 minutes of shopping, says Lisa.

Lisa may not be nervous, but admits it hasn't sunk in yet that she is going. "I don't think I'll fully realize I'm going til the day I get on the plane," she says. One concern she has is the prospect of missing midterms. The pressure is there, but it will be worth it, she says.

Lisa would especially like to express her thanks to the residents of Lady Dunn for their support. They are as excited as she is, perhaps even more so, she says, and will be renting a screen for the big night.

Will Tracie and Lisa feel simply like objects on display. Both girls say they will not. The pageants are no longer called "beauty pageants" and success is not based on beauty. Tracie says the judges are trying to get away from the dizzy blond who's cute but has no brains. Contestants will be judged on their personalities, poise and talent. Lisa, however, feels that appearance still has some bearing, but not at all what it had been once.

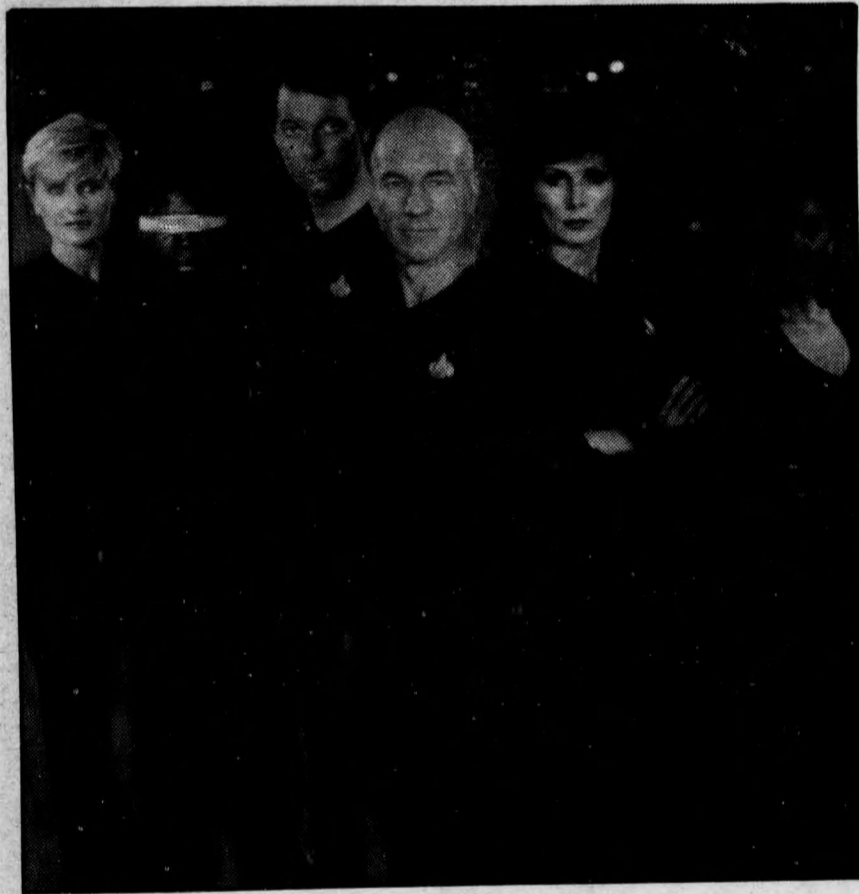
In any case, the eyes of their friends and families, and all of us at UNB will be on these two young women on the evening of 02 November. So all the best to you both!



Tracie Cheevers - Ms. Fredericton



Lisa McKnight - Ms. Campbellton



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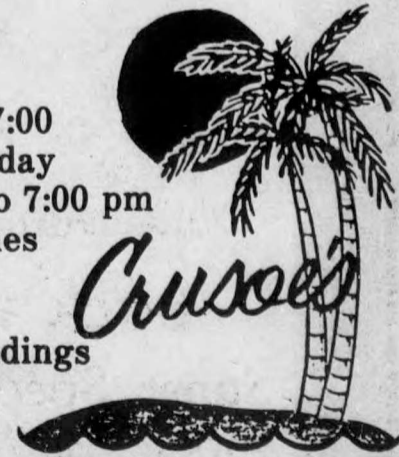
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