

Visiting practitioner to speak on family law at STU

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A practitioner of family law will give the 1995 Visiting Practitioners Lecture sponsored by the faculty of law at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Monday, February 27.

Fredericton lawyer Sherron Hughes will speak on the topic *The Practice of Family Law - Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?* in Ludlow Hall, Room 2, at 7 p.m. Both the lecture and the reception that follows are open to the public and free of charge.

Born and raised in Winnipeg, Ms Hughes received a BA from the University of Manitoba in 1971 and moved to Fredericton that same year. Following an MA from UNB in 1973, she earned a LLB and was admitted to the New Brunswick bar, both in 1977. Since then Ms Hughes has practised in Fredericton, first as an associate and then as a partner in a number of small law firms. Currently a partner in the firm Athey, Gregory and Hughes, she practises general and family law.

Ms Hughes has been active with the Law Society of New Brunswick, the Canadian Bar Association, the Bar Admission Course for The Law Society of New

Brunswick, and in continuing legal education seminars. In July 1993, she became the first woman elected to the executive of the Law Society of New Brunswick and is now vice-president.

Community activity is important to Ms Hughes. Throughout her career, she has sat on the boards of directors of several organizations, including Family Enrichment and Counselling Services, Women in Transition House, LEAF, and the United Way Centraide Fredericton Inc., where she was president from 1988 to 1989. Ms Hughes was vice-president of the Mental Health Commission of New Brunswick from 1990 to 1994.

This year's Visiting Practitioners Lecture marks the first evening activity in Law Week 1995. The week offers morning, afternoon and evening activities from Monday, February 27 to Thursday, March 2, on the theme, "Law: A Practical Profession."

Law Week is a student organized non-profit activity funded by the New Brunswick Law Foundation and the UNB Law Student's Society and Faculty of Law Endowment Trust. Further information the week's activities may be obtained from co-chairs Ewan Clark or Linda Hupman at UNB's law faculty, 453-4669.

Grad class fundraiser in full swing

By Gordon Loane
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The UNB Grad Class '95 fundraising campaign aimed at "opening doors" and enhancing the physical accessibility of the Student Union Building is in full swing, according to Mike Wallace, Project Chair.

The Grad Class has raised \$8000 to date, and hopes to raise a further \$5500 to install two sets of doors, complete with automatic openers, that lead to the cafeteria on the lower level of the building.

Some 1600 potential graduates or their parents are being asked to donate \$25 each. Other donors are also being sought. The campaign winds up April 3.

"Each graduate should have received information about the project in the mail a few weeks ago," said Wallace.

The Grad Class has decided to follow up the mail out with a telephone campaign that began last weekend and continues this weekend with the aid of volunteer canvassers, according to Wallace.

The peer canvassing campaign ended the middle of this month. "I expect that the majority of donations will flow in after March break," said Wallace, who admits to being a little nervous about the end result.

"This project is not only about donations and leaving our mark as a parting gift to the university

community it's also about addressing an issue," Wallace said, referring to the need to improve physical accessibility at UNB.

The Grad Class Project has caught the attention of the media both locally and nationally.

"The Halifax-based Ability Network Magazine features the project in its March edition," said Wallace.

"The quarterly magazine has both a national edition and is distributed in Atlantic Canada as an insert in the *Globe and Mail*," he said.

"Once the fundraising campaign ends, UNB's physical plant will purchase and install the doors in time for an official presentation in conjunction with May graduation," Wallace concluded.

NBSA lobbying tour a success

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New Brunswick students made waves on Parliament Hill last week as a delegation of students met with MP's to fight for lower tuition fees and student debt loads.

Sponsored by the New Brunswick Student Alliance, the lobby tour reached over 30 MP's as well as senior bureaucrats and Hill staffers. Alliance Chair Kelly Lamrock is confident that the trip will pay off for students.

"We've planted the seeds for change with politicians. We need all MP's to get involved in stopping the disastrous plans the government has planned for education."

Lamrock also noted that the format let students present in-depth policy ideas to MP's in a way that will help them defend education.

"Most MP's were thrilled that we gave

them real, well-thought out ideas. This will help them stand up strongly in caucus and in the House."

A number of MP's from several parties have endorsed the Alliance's funding plan, which calls for a tuition and debt load freeze, a national graduate tax, the creation of a student job corps and reforms to curriculum and university governance.

Lamrock went on to detail the activities ahead for the Alliance, including a student guide to the Alliance plan, a questionnaire for MP's and a national phone campaign to tie up Finance Minister Paul Martin's lines if he goes ahead with budget cuts.

Concluded Lamrock, "We've given government real and better choices. If they continue to ignore students, then we'll be getting students to make their point even more strongly."

Law students to argue moot court case

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Does an accused person's right to a fair trial override the public's right to information regarding the criminal justice process? Are trial publicity bans the best means for the protection of an accused person's fair trial rights?

These are the questions four senior law students at the University of New Brunswick will argue at the thirty-third annual Harrison Shield Moot Court competition on Thursday, March 2.

Chief justices from three Atlantic provinces will hear the arguments: Honorable Lorne O. Clark from Nova Scotia, Honorable Norman H. Carruthers from Prince Edward Island, and Honorable William Hoyt from New Brunswick.

The moot question concerns an accused who is charged with a number of shocking offenses that relate to facts raised in the trial of another accused who was his "partner in crime."

In the judgement that is being appealed, the trial judge orders a ban on the publication of the proceedings of the first trial until the second trial has been concluded. The judge's reason is to ensure that jurors for the second trial will not be unduly biased by sensationalistic media converge of the first trial.

The decision in this fictitious case will be appealed by Robert Dillon and Warren Milko. They will argue that publication bans are an unnecessary and unconstitutional infringement of the right to freedom of expression of the press and that the bans no longer, in the in-

formation age, serve the purpose for which they were originally intended.

Colin Empke and Susan Gallant will present opposing arguments for the Crown. They will argue that the other protections of an accused's fair trial rights are insufficient and that the ban is the only way to ensure that this accused will receive a fair trial.

The students on the teams are enrolled in an advanced moot court course in UNB's faculty of law. They will be graded on their written and oral participation in the competition. However, the side that wins the court case will not necessarily win the competition. The Harrison Shield is awarded on the basis of the teams' written submissions and presentations as well as their ability to deal with problems raised during the argument.

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