

Marshall case to be subject of forum

(STU-PR) On June 4, 1971, Donald Marshall Jr., a 17-year-old Micmac Indian, was arrested and charged with second degree murder in the stabbing death of Sandy Seale. Five months later, he was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment in Dorchester Penitentiary.

He served 11 years in prison. After four trials and three appeals, the appeal division of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court acquitted Marshall of murder, May 10, 1983.

On September 9, 1987, a Royal Commission inquiry into the failure of the justice system in the Marshall case

began hearing evidence. The inquiry heard from 113 witnesses over 14 months and cost 7 million dollars.

It concluded that the "justice system failed Donald Marshall at virtually every turn, and that the fact that he was a Native was a factor in his wrongful conviction and imprisonment."

The role of racial discrimination in the Marshall case will be the subject of the public forum hosted by the Atlantic Human Rights Center, St. Thomas University, on Wednesday, March 21, the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

Titled "A Miscarriage of Justice", the forum will be held at Marshall D'Avray Auditorium, UNB campus, 6:15 - 9:00 p.m.

The event will open with an introduction to the Donald Marshall case 6:15 p.m., and a screening of the National Film Board production "Justice Denied", 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. A panel discussion titled "Racial Discrimination and the Justice System" will follow.

Panelists have been drawn from the native, legal and academic communities as well as from the penal system. They include: Alma Brookes,

Counsellor, Dorchester Penitentiary; Don Fleming, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick; Graydon Nicholas, Chair of Native Studies, St. Thomas University; Gwen Orehia, New Brunswick Native Women's Council; Sid Pobihuschy, Chair, Department of Political Science, University of New Brunswick; and Ron Perley, Chair, Union of New Brunswick Indians.

Members of the public are invited to attend the forum. There is no admission fee.



Donald Marshall Jr.

NB Youth Day is March 21

Press Release

N.B. Youth Day was officially declared an annual day of celebration in New Brunswick on November 19, 1987 by Premier Frank McKenna. Each year on March 21, New Brunswick citizens are invited to join together to salute and applaud the province's young people.

New Brunswick youth have increasingly shown over the past few years that they are genuinely interested in collectively striving to find solutions to youth concerns in our society.

The occasion of N.B. Youth Day has come to symbolize the efforts of youth and youth serving groups to enhance the quality of life for young persons, and to actively

contribute to the development of their communities, throughout the province.

To commemorate the fourth anniversary of N.B. Youth Day, the Youth Council of New Brunswick created the first annual "Premier's Youth Initiatives Award" which will become a part of the annual Youth Day festivities and will draw public attention to the achievements of youth and to the commitment of those who work on their behalf.

Two awards will be presented each year by the presiding premier to deserving individuals or groups at a regular sitting of the Legislature (when possible). More information will be made available on the awarding ceremony in the weeks to come.

Senior Report Conference to be held on April 3

Press Release

The University of New Brunswick (Fredericton Campus), Department of Civil Engineering is holding a Senior Report Conference.

The conference will take place at Sir Edmund Head Hall in the Dineen Auditorium and Room HC11 on Tuesday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free

and the public is welcome.

Thirty-seven senior students have been completing research projects during the last four months under the supervision of individual faculty members.

Each student will present a report on his or her research during the conference in one of the following areas:

**Structural
Geotechnical
Hydrotechnical**

**Materials
Construction
Environmental
Planning
Transportation**

Many topics relate to Fredericton and the Maritime provinces.

All students in Fredericton schools and members of the public are invited.

CAMPUS calls for March Break to change

Press Release

The President of CAMPUS has called for the University to coordinate the March Break with city schools.

Bob Lockhart, Arts IV, says the current practice of observing consecutive weeks is causing needless hardship to many families. "Our membership has many parents who are off during the UNB break while their children are off during the following week."

Lockhart said that he has approached President James Downey, who was sympathetic to the problem. "He has asked

senior staff to explore the possibilities with the Department of Education to determine whether it is possible for one of the parties to change."

CAMPUS represents both Mature and part-time students at UNB. "The March break problem is one that has plagued parents for years. Many of the faculty have generously permitted parents to bring children into classes but the potential for disruption is still there."

Lockhart notes that the consecutive weeks off make the possibility of resolving the problem somewhat easier. "It

would only take an executive decision to coordinate the two weeks. It's time for a change."

CAMPUS has also sampled the UNB faculty and found that many parents there have the same problem. Lockhart disclosed that the Department of Education has replied to UNB's query and that the matter is currently under review by senior officials of the university. "We are cautiously optimistic that a favourable decision is possible," said Lockhart, "If approved it could come into effect during the 1991 March break."

Access to information under perestroika

(UNB-PRI) The Berlin wall is down, and perestroika is up and running.

A teleconference on the dramatic changes in the nature of information services in the U.S.S.R. as a result of perestroika is available to the public free of charge on Friday, March 23, at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Entitled Information, Freedom of Access and Perestroika, the teleconference features James H. Billington of the U.S. Library of Congress joined by a panel of specialists in current developments in information service in the U.S.S.R.

They will explore new

economic, political and cultural developments and how the information flow associated with them is of critical importance. UNB political scientist and Soviet specialist Miron Rezun will also speak on the topic.

The program runs from 2:15 to 4:30 p.m. in Room 112 of the Harriet Irving Library on the UNB campus.

Dr. Rezun is the author of the forthcoming book, Science and Technology in the Gorbachev Era. He will introduce the topic, add some remarks based on his own observations and research, and respond to question. Teleconferenced speaker, Dr.

Billington, is an historian with special interest in Russian cultural history.

Other panelists are Lazar Fleishman, a professor of Slavic languages and literatures at Stanford University and two experts from the conference sponsor, the California State University in Chico: Peter Gross, a professor of communications and information studies, and Frederick Ryan, director of information resources planning and support.

All are welcome. Further information may be obtained from Sheila Laidlaw at 453-4740 or Marilyn Noble at 453-4646.

CAMPUS gives \$1200 to SU

Press Release

The CAMPUS organization at the University of New Brunswick has presented the Student Union with a cheque for twelve hundred dollars to help with student services. President Bob Lockhart said it will be an annual commitment on behalf of the Mature and Part-time students.

Student Union President Wayne Carson expressed satisfaction with the donation. "We've watched the growth of CAMPUS with satisfaction. We're pleased with their new status as a contributing member and with their commitment to both the part-time and off-campus students."

Lockhart disclosed that CAMPUS is also finalizing a major program of scholarships and bursaries. "We've got a program in the final stages that will make a substantial contribution to the funding of part-time students. It will be in effect for the Fall term."

Both the Mature and Part-

time population is growing. "One third of the students are now over the age of 26," said Lockhart. "We are becoming a major force and our contribution is in line with our increasing role in university activities."

CAMPUS represents the continuing, Adult, Mature & Part-time University Students at UNB Fredericton. It is associated with the national organization COPUS which represents part-time students. It also functions as an advisory support group for mature students returning to university.

"The Student Union provides a wide variety of services to the student body. They have embarked on an expansion program and we believe our contribution is both important and timely," said Lockhart.

Carson concurred. "This has been a year of progress for the Student Union. This new support from CAMPUS will help us continue that growth in the future."