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UNB Alumni News magazine launched

by Murray Carew

The UNB Associated Alumni held an official launch ceremony on Tuesday afternoon at the Alumni memorial building to celebrate the first issue of their new magazine, *UNB Alumni News*.

The magazine, which is now printed on glossy paper and includes color photos, replaces *UNB Perspectives* which was printed in a tabloid newspaper style.

Fred McElman, president of UNB's Associated Alumni, told the audience at the ceremony that the changes are "quite an improvement" and notes that the cost to run a glossy magazine as opposed to a tabloid newspaper are "roughly the same".

McElman thanked Dr. Robin Armstrong, president of UNB, for "his backing and co-operation" and stated that he does not hesitate in making the prediction that when people speak about the university, they

will say "they read it in the *Alumni News*."

Armstrong told the audience that he had only a brief chance to glance through the magazine, but so far he "was very impressed". He added that he found the format to be "a very useful" one and was sure it would receive a warm welcome from UNB Alumni members.

"Changing format [of a publication] is no small task and I feel very positive about it," noted Armstrong.

Armstrong mentioned that in *Maclean's* survey of universities, UNB ranked high in Alumni support. He stated that this discovery came to no surprise to him after having met with various UNB Alumni.

Robert Skillen, Director of Alumni Affairs, thanked various organizations who advertised in *UNB Alumni News* such as the Bank of Montreal, Delta Hotel and Resorts, and North American Life.

Milt Thomas is editor of the

magazine. Thomas is a 1973 BA graduate. He began his 19 year newspaper career with *The Brunswickan*. Skillen introduced Thomas to the crowd citing that Thomas worked at both *the Daily Gleaner* and *The Ottawa Citizen* where he was a design and layout editor.

Thomas thanked a number of individuals, UNB's Public Relations and Information, and the UNB Administration. Thomas stated that the magazine is "a valuable bridge between the University and the Alumni."

The Editorial Board for *UNB Alumni News* includes Frederick McElman, Robert Skillen, Susan Montague, Helen Jean Newman, Margot Brewer, Susan Jean Newman, Margot Brewer, Susan Morell, Scoop Fredstrom, and David Folster.

The first issue of *UNB Alumni News* contains "UNB Digest" which offers small news notes about what is happening on the Saint John and Fredericton campuses. The magazine's cover

story concerns the Canadian constitution and various alumni members who have become involved in the issues, such as premier Frank McKenna and Liberal party organizer Mary

O'Neill.

Other sections of the magazine include "Association Activities", a features section, "Updates: Hither and Yon", and a sports section.



Shown is the front cover of the inaugural edition of the *UNB Alumni News* magazine, which was launched on Tuesday.

Christmas Match Program

by Rita Boudreau

Students at the University of New Brunswick are organizing a unique program to help out less fortunate students over the Christmas holidays.

The program being developed is called the Christmas Match Program. It is designed to match students who are single parents with student organizations and student residences. The group will sponsor that family for Christmas.

The idea for the Christmas Match Program originated with the UNB Student Wimmim's Collective. The Collective pitched the idea to the Student Action Committee on the Status of Women (SAC) and the Mature and Part-time Student Association (CAMPUS). From there, the three groups decided to see what kind of response they received from other student groups.

"The response has been very positive. We had one residence immediately plan a fundraiser and ask who to make the cheque out to," says Wimmim's Collective member Valerie Kilfoil.

Kilfoil says she got the idea for the match program as a result of a problem that arose last spring. "It came to light through reports in the media a large number of students who were also parents had run completely out of money. They were trying to write exams and feed their kids, when they hadn't eaten for days."

Kilfoil says the Christmas holiday season is another high stress time for all students, particularly students with children to feed.

"By Christmas, most students have run out of money and bursary cheques don't come in until after classes start again in January. Many students are lucky enough to be able to go home to get fed over the holidays, but

there is a large number of students who are the ones that others are depending on for food," says Kilfoil. "There are also a large number of foreign students here with families who can't go home either."

Kilfoil says the exact details of how the program will operate are still being worked out. A committee is being formed with representatives from the residences, student organizations, the UNB Student Union and interested students.

"Our first meeting was mainly an information meeting to identify support and get an idea of how people wanted to handle the project," says Kilfoil. "The main point that seems to be coming through is that students want the opportunity to be personally involved. Student groups often get asked to give money, but they don't always see exactly where it goes."

"What I'm hearing is that the students care and they want to know about the family they are sponsoring. They don't have to know the exact name of the family, but they want to know the ages of the children, what they would like for Christmas and what they need. I think that's a great attitude to have."

Kilfoil says she doesn't know how many families will be matched in the program because this is the first time it has been done. She says CAMPUS will deal with compiling a list of families who would like to be matched and drawing guidelines of how to get on the list. Names will be kept confidential. Further details will be publicized in the coming weeks.

A meeting will be held on this Monday (Nov. 9) at 5 pm in room 103 of the student union building to form an official committee to organize the project. Anyone interested in being part of the

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committee is welcome to come. For more information contact Valerie at 457-4456.

Family Violence Research Center

\$2.5 million capital fund-raising campaign announced

Press Release

Labelling family violence "a national health emergency", Margaret McCain announced a \$2.5 million capital fund-raising campaign to establish The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.

The Muriel McQueen Foundation has responded to the emergency by joining forces with the University of New Brunswick to establish the centre at the Fredericton Campus of UNB.

The Centre will gather and provide information and advice to the public and to policy makers to actively encourage awareness, reform and change. Its ultimate goal is to understand and eliminate family violence in society.

Family violence destroys more lives than heart disease, cancer, automobile accidents or AIDS. It directly affects women, men, children, elderly, and disabled people in Canada. Its victims live in fear of physical violence, emotional abuse and sexual assault.

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research will act as a focal point for work in the field of family abuse. Information will be gathered in Anglophone, Francophone, First Nations,

immigrant, rural and urban communities in Canada.

She added that the staggering cost of family violence must be countered by active measures such as the centre. "In 1980, at least \$32 million was spent for police intervention in wife battering cases and in 1985, the total cost of operating transition houses and shelters across the country was estimated at \$40 million."

In launching the fund-raising drive today, campaign chair Margaret McCain said, "thousands of Canadians are in relationships involving serious emotional, physical or sexual abuse, and no one should have to fight that war alone."

The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation for Family Violence Research is named after its Patron, Muriel McQueen Fergusson, P.C., O.C., Q.C., who has dedicated her life to the cause of social justice for women and children. The centre will open in the 1992-1993 academic year at the University of New Brunswick where space, research support programs, academic and support staff will be provided.

The Foundation is seeking strong financial support for The Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. Gifts will assist in the

work of comprehensively understanding family violence and developing effective action strategies to eradicate this treacherous disease. As McCain stresses, "we have few chances in life to play a role in something that could have a dramatic effect on millions of people's lives. Lives can be changed and harm prevented to thousands of Canadians."

For more information, contact: Mr. Ed Curtis, Executive Director, Muriel McQueen Foundation. Tel: (506) 453-5085.

Correction

The Brunswickan wishes to correct several errors contained in last week's article entitled "Memorial held for 2nd year student."

October 16 was a Friday, and not a Sunday.

The student, Dan Barrow, was in the Forestry Faculty, not in Forestry Engineering as was stated in the article.

A memorial service was held in Oxford, Nova Scotia, and not Springhill. Barrow's actual home was River Philip, NS and not Oxford Junction.

The Brunswickan apologizes for any confusion these errors may have caused.