

# Big Brothers-Big Sisters and students

by Aime Phillips

Many students exclude themselves from community organizations because they believe students are not eligible to participate in the program they sponsor.

One such organization is the Big Brothers - Big Sisters Association of Fredericton and Oromocto. To become a volunteer, students are sometimes under the misconception that due to their academic commitments and their absence during holidays and the summer months, they are not welcome in the organization.

According to Marilyn

## Civil Engineering Report Conference

Press Release

The semi-annual Civil Engineering senior report conference will be held November 27, 1991. The conference allows senior students an opportunity to present and defend their senior reports, which have been done under the guidance of a Civil Engineering faculty member.

The conference will include 15 presentations in seven categories such as construction, geotechnical, structures, hydrotechnical and environmental. The topics range from rubber recycling to earth sheltered housing.

Each year the Oral and Visual Communications class

Ennis-Cornford, a Big Brother - Big Sister representative, aside from completing the necessary applications, the only requirement for students is that they be prepared for a one year commitment "a minimum one year commitment is required from all our 'Bigs'". Cornford further explained if a student is returning to Fredericton the next year, going home during the summer or for holidays isn't a problem as long as contact is maintained with the child they were matched with.

Cornford and her associate Caroline Giles-McLaughlin, explained that to become

involved in Big Brothers - Big Sisters it is easiest to call for an informal information session to discuss expectations on the student's part and the association's.

Although no official numbers were available on student

applications and acceptances to the organization, Cornford says 65% of those who attend an information session actually apply to become matched with a child.

Right now, Cornford says, there are 76 children matched

with Big Brothers or Big Sisters, with 55 boys on a waiting list.

If you would like to become involved with the Big Brothers - Big Sisters Association they can be contacted at 458-8841.

## APB issued on Spiderman

By Jeff Maston

The six-foot full-colour styrofoam replica of Marvel Comics' famed mutant crusader, Spiderman, disappeared sometime last Friday evening from the outside wall of A Collector's Dream on Dundonald Street.

"I got a call at a friend's place - it was the police on the other end. They got a report of some youths hanging around the store," said Cal Johnson, store manager, "they were unable to get in touch with the owner, Steve Wilkie, so I was next in line."

Witnesses had noticed some youths acting suspiciously around the structure, climbing trees and gaining access to the roof of the building. The individuals were reported leaving the scene in a car after placing a six-foot object in the trunk.

Johnson accompanied the police into the store to search for any signs of a break-in. Nothing appeared to be missing or disturbed. No attempt to gain entry was discovered.

As they were exiting the store police noticed a piece of

red-painted styrofoam lying beside the front entryway. Looking up they noticed that the area once defiantly patrolled by the web-slinger was conspicuously vacant.

An APB (all points bulletin) was issued on the infamous superhero. "It should make for an interesting briefing," added Johnson. "Let's be careful out there - and watch out for Spiderman!"

Employees of "A Collector's Dream" have apparently received several previous inquiries about the styrofoam comic hero from patrons. Such a trademarked figure requires copyright permission from Marvel Comics to be legally replicated, adding significantly to the several hundred dollar cost of manufacturing the icon.

"If anyone has information that leads to the arrest of those people responsible," added Johnson, "or if Spiderman's returned, we're offering a fifty dollar gift certificate as a reward."

Store owner Wilkie concurred. "Whatever Cal says goes double for me - except for

the reward. That's still fifty dollars."

Spidey has guarded the premises of "A Collector's Dream" almost since the store's opening on the corner of York and Queen five years ago. "It's been a local landmark," stated Johnson. "People may not remember the shop or they may not know the exact location. I would just ask them if they'd seen Spiderman - that's where we are! It's very important to us. It's been an identifiable landmark for our location. People automatically knew we [sold] comics and games."

"After we moved from York Street," Johnson added facetiously, "people had problems finding City Hall since Spiderman no longer marked the spot!"

If you see Spiderman hanging around someplace he never frequented before or know anything about his abduction, call "A Collector's Dream" or Crime Stoppers. It's hardly a fitting end for a friendly neighbourhood crime fighters.

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## Lecture on Waldorf Schools

UNB PRI Public schools aren't the only option for elementary and secondary education. Douglas Gerwin, a teacher in a Waldorf school, will give a lecture on this alternative form of education at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

Entitled Waldorf Education: Rudolf Steiner's Alternative to Public Schooling, Dr. Gerwin's talk will be held in

Marshall d'Avray Hall, Room 356, at 7 pm. It is free of charge and open to the public.

While at UNB, Dr. Gerwin will also give two lectures to students studying Waldorf education.

The public lecture is sponsored by UNB's faculty of education and visiting lecturer's fund. For additional information, contact Walter Ott in the faculty of education at 453-3513.

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