

Canada Scholar wins prestigious award



Penny Brodie's award-winning smile. Photo Paul Mysak

by Janice McConnell
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A prestigious award has been won by UNB student, Penny Brodie. The award is valued at \$1,000 and is sponsored by Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL).

Ten prizes are awarded annually nationwide to holders of Canada Scholarships who have contributed to the field of nuclear science and technology.

Brodie is a fourth year honours Chemistry and Physics student from Fredericton who maintains a 4.3 grade point average.

"Chemistry and physics deal with how matter acts and interacts. I am either going to do graduate work in materials science or some area of science which is a byproduct of the nuclear industry. I spent last summer doing neutron scattering at McMaster University," said Brodie.

"I am also involved with music and the Bicentennial Choir, I don't just study," she added.

"People in classes work together and give each other a lot of support," she said in reference to attaining her high marks.

Brodie plans to do a masters at McMaster in Chemical Physics.

"I want to do research and teaching at the university level," she said. "I have experience tutoring chemistry at the Micmac-Maliseet Institute on campus. It is a lot of fun."

"I decided on science when I was ten years old when I asked my father how molecules stick together," Brodie said.

The university gives out approximately 1 million dollars in scholarship funds yearly, according to Bonita Hallett, Assistant Registrar Undergraduate Awards. UNB gives out 42 Canada Scholarships yearly, valued at \$10,000 over four years. 21 are given to males, 21 to females. According to federal stipulations, at least half of the awards must be given to women.

"Scholarship awards seem to naturally break down evenly," said Hallett, referring to the male/female gender split for awards.

Statistics done by the Awards Office this week revealed that 52 per cent of entering students who receive scholarships are women. At the undergraduate level as a whole, 49 per cent of the recipients are female.

"Canada Scholarships were established to encourage female students to go into science," said Hallett.

Modelling trend more realistic weight Engineers win charity drive

by Mark Savoie
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"A more realistic body size as portrayed by models will encourage students to look beyond physical appearance, and maybe even to value health more than thinness." That's the opinion of Kathy Weaver, Senior Instructor within the Nursing faculty and also a co-ordinator for Eating Disorders Awareness Week.

Fashion TV has reported that the trend within fashion circles is towards heavier models. This has been confirmed by Jody Hayward of the Celestial Modelling Agency in Saint John.

Weaver sees any trend towards heavier models as a hopeful sign for students at UNB, as she found that the increasing gap between the

body sizes of society in general and that of models and actresses was contributing to eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia.

Janice McConnell, a founding organiser of the recently formed Anorexia and Bulimia support group on campus, agreed that models hold up unreasonable standards for young women.

"It's difficult to maintain a positive self image when you are constantly told that you are unattractive if you are not thin," said McConnell.

"If models are being portrayed at more realistic weights for their height, then this might help reduce those pressures from advertising and the media that cause low self-esteem. Low self esteem and a poor self image tend to be related to the

development of problems like eating disorders," McConnell commented.

Weaver points out that most models are far below the ideal weight for their height, and that the standards they set are reasonably attainable by only two to three per cent of the population.

According to Weaver, one out of every five female students at UNB has some form of eating disorder, with as much as 90 percent of all females on campus being unhappy with their body. She sees the image of thinness portrayed by models and Hollywood as being a major contributor towards this tendency, and hopes that a weight increase trend amongst supermodels will result in UNB students having more confidence in their own appearance.

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The Third Annual Engineering Penny Drive raised \$1,350.64 in support of the Fredericton Boys and Girls Club Tutoring Program.

The Engineering Undergraduate Society challenged the Education and Business societies who raised \$175.16 and \$80.50 respectively during the week-long fundraiser.

The Arts Society only managed to contribute \$0.57 in pocket change.

The Engineers raised the most at \$1,094.41. Within the Engineering faculty, the Mechanical Engineers raised the most money both overall and per capita with \$370.62.

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