

# UNB extension program: Storytelling

Press Release

Few of us think of ourselves as storytellers. It seems a lofty label to put on a humble and usually spontaneous activity which we most often enjoy with friends or family.

But when a seasoned storyteller is weaving his or her special magic, it can become a powerful art form, an instrument of persuasion, a valuable way of capturing our heritage, and a gentle but effective way of soothing and comforting, regaining our perspective, and learning to chuckle at ourselves. There's a little bit of storyteller in us all, just waiting for the right circumstances to call it forth.

Whether you enjoy sharing anecdotes with your children or grandchildren, or reliving and reinterpreting your family or community history, or sharing your perspective on human nature and human events, or just

making others laugh, the odds are good that you do tell stories from time to time. If swapping stories an storytelling techniques with others sounds like a tantalizing prospect, then UNB's Extension program may have just the ticket for you.

Over a period of four Wednesday evenings, we'll provide the setting and animators for an informal storytellers' circle.

Each week will have a featured storyteller, and will deal with a particular aspect of storytelling, but the rest will depend on the on-the-spot involvement of the participants. You'll have opportunities to develop a repertoire of storytelling styles, be exposed to a variety of storytelling traditions (family and community stories, literary tales, and Irish folk tales), and learn some new tricks for uncovering and following up on story sources and resources. Master of Cere-

monies for this course will be Paddy Gregg of local radio and StoryFest acclaim. Guaranteed to be a lively time for all and an experience not to be missed!

If you'd like to come and spin stories along with the best of them, call the UNB Department of Extension at 453-4646 and ask about "The Way of the Storyteller". Registration fee is sixty dollars, and participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

You'll find the Extension Department in its new location in the University Continuing Education Centre on Duffie Drive, just inside the new Montgomery Street gate of the Fredericton campus. For ease of access, the registration desk is open till 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday, with 5:00 pm closing on Friday. You won't want to be left out of this high-energy, high-entertainment learning event!



Call 1-800-222-TIPS

This week, Crime Stoppers is asking you to help solve the murder of John Doyle Junior, of Mitchell Settlement, a small community near Jacquet River, N.B.

Saturday, September 22, 1984, was to be a normal day in the life of John Doyle Jr. At noon, the young teenager left his home in Mitchell Settlement, on his 10-speed bicycle, and was reportedly going to Jacquet River.

John's parents heard nothing from him for the rest of that day and that night. However John had occasionally spent the night with friends although he usually called home. When his parents did not receive any calls, and when he failed to return home, they became worried. On September 24, 1984, they

reported John's disappearance to the R.C.M.P. The police instituted an investigation but, as the week of September 24 went by, there was no word from the boy.

For two months, police, neighbours and friends searched for John, but no one had seen him.

On November 23, 1984, a body was found just off a woods' road, in Mitchell Settlement, not far from the Doyle home. The body was later identified as being that of John Doyle Jr., missing since September 22, 1984. There was no doubt that foul play was involved: the body had been placed under a pile of logs.

John had celebrated his 15th birthday the day before he left home to go to Jacquet River. His friends, in the area, described him as a pleasant young man.

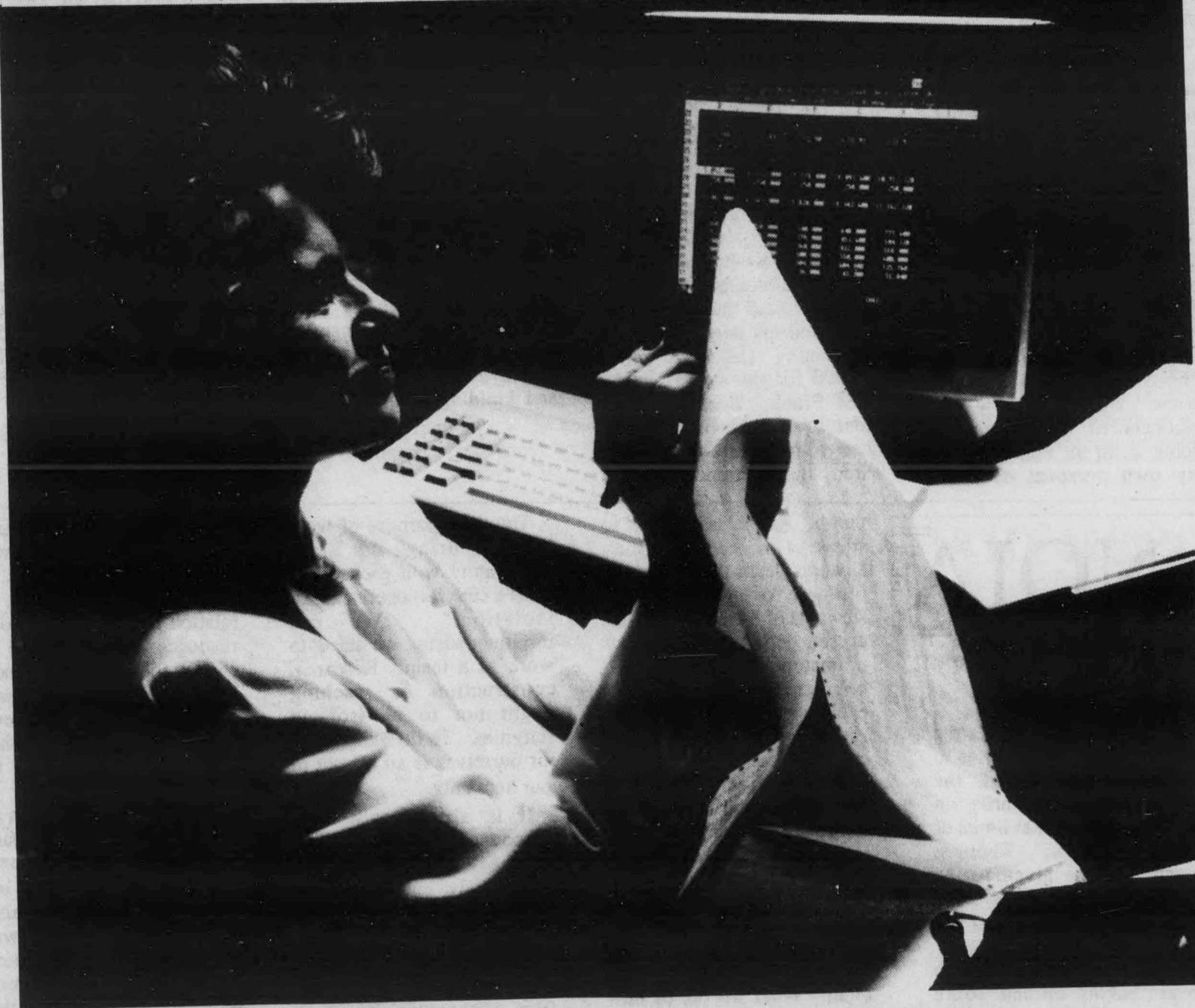
Police have done an extensive investigation into this case, and are still actively pursuing any leads that come up.

This brutal murder has touched and offended everyone in the small communities surrounding Jacquet River, and throughout New Brunswick. Everyone, that is, except the person responsible for the murder.

Now the police, through Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help.

Crime Stoppers will pay a minimum \$1000, this week, for information that leads to the arrest of the person responsible for the death of John Doyle Jr.

If you have any information concerning this murder, or any other serious crimes in N.B., please, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. You do not have to reveal your identity and, should your tip lead to an arrest, you qualify for a cash award. Call now!



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