

The Grad ZONE

On April 16 and 17, 1996, the Graduate Student Association of UNB will be hosting the 4th annual conference on Student Research at the Wu Center. We hope to attract 20 participants in the Arts and Sciences to present conference papers. We also hope to attract the same number of participants to submit and setup poster presentations which will be set up for the duration of the conference.

The conference will provide a forum where graduate students can learn about various types of research being conducted by their peers in other faculties, as well as their own.

Last year, the conference was a great success. We had twenty participants from 7 faculties and 14 departments who provided us with exceptional presentations. We also had a small number of poster presentations which were very informative. This year we plan on having a lot more.

We are expanding our conference from one day to a day and a half. The evening before will allow us time to have invited speakers and a reception. Having invited speakers talking about current issues brings a lot of life to a conference. The reception will give us both a time and place where participants and attendees can gather and talk about the important research that is being conducted here at UNB in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Also, it will be the perfect time to examine the poster presentations that will be set up for the duration of the conference. The conference is open to the public free of charge.

The GSA will be providing a light lunch on Wednesday (17) along with a morning and afternoon refreshment break. There will be refreshments during the reception Tuesday (16) evening as well.

Abstracts for presentations and

poster presentations are due Friday March 8. They should be no longer than (1) page in length and in camera ready format for publishing. They should be submitted, in duplicate, on standard 8.5" x 11" white paper, single spaced, with one inch margins and (at least) 12 pt (Times New Roman) font. The author's name should be in bold and the affiliation and appropriate contact information should be centered below the title. Accepted abstracts will be made publicly available before the conference and may be used for publicity purposes.

Abstracts can be submitted at any time by sending them to the GSA or giving them to your GSA Faculty Representative. Why should you submit? Well, if the fun and excitement of this rewarding experience aren't enough to draw you in, maybe the PRIZES will. See ya'll there.

Pride

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Customs "unfair" and needing changes.

What exactly is the "obscenity" here? Kim Mistysyn, of Glad Day Books in Toronto, mentions that one of the big problems present, is the fact that customs officials have very little training with issues pertaining to pornography, erotica and free-speech; especially issues of a homosexual or bisexual nature. Others within the agency have admitted to finding homosexuality "repulsive". Therefore, the "censoring" of material assumed to contain, or containing, homosexual/bisexual content, is based on inadequate training

and/or homophobic/biased beliefs. Hardly what one expects from a country that supposedly champions the rights of freedom. Especially when one recent situation had customs seize the vegetarian cookbook *The Politics of Meat*, on the assumption of the book possibly depicting gay sex. Really people, as if vegetables are going to put up a fight for their sexual orientation (what's a poor cucumber to do?).

The second issue is that of a literary double standard from Canada Customs. Heterosexual literature containing similar content to homosexual literature, can be found anywhere. The book, *The Joy of Sex*, can be found in

virtually any bookstore, while the homosexual equivalent, *The Joy of Gay Sex*, is often confiscated, or banned. At the same time, officials also regularly detain or ban literature from independent, often gay-owned, bookstores while allowing larger bookstores to receive their shipments.

There has been support for homosexual and bisexual material from many bookstores and the community. It gets more expensive to receive particular literature due to this unfortunate discrimination. However, we need to keep up the defiance. Literature and bookstores that are about homosexuality, bisexuality, transgendered people or otherwise, are a part of our community and lives. It is one of few places where our ideas, hopes, history and lives can be depicted fairly and truthfully.



Forest Breeze

THE CAMP ON THE LAKE
by RON VAUTOUR

The sun was resting above the treeline as we finally turned into the Crawford Lake road. It had been a long trip, bouncing and sliding our way through the back country, and we were relieved to see that a plow had actually made it this far. The snowshoe hare hanging in a tree next to the porch was a tell tale sign that all of the boys had made it there safely before us. The camp was still warm as we settled down, unpacking our sleeping bags. Not to be outdone, Jordan and I laced up our boots, grabbed our .22's and headed for the woods for that final half hour before darkness. Scott opted to "guard" the camp with a few beers, stoking the fireplace from a strategically placed lazy-boy.

The snow was deep in the woods, making walking a loud and clumsy affair. Tracks, traced lightly on the top of the snow, meant that the bunnies were travelling with ease and reminded me of the snowshoes still in the back of my truck. The crack of Jordan's rifle jolted me out of my silent conversation. A flash of white appeared and when a suitable shot presented itself, I quickly dispatched what turned out to be the final hare of the weekend.

An interesting concoction of venison, rabbit and partridge, masterfully put together by Randy and myself, made for a hearty supper. We smugly denied that volunteering as camp cooks was to avoid dish duties. The sound of clinking bottles and heated card games went well into the night before several of us decided to go for a drive to call up some winter coyotes. Hours later, we realized that the only coyotes interested in our futile attempts at calling were the 2-legged kind, and we headed back to a quiet camp.

Waking up on the cold camp floor, I knew that day two would be another adventure and it was. However, the details, which may be incriminating, cannot be fully revealed. The hours of light were spent poorly educating new hunters, gathering in mature hardwoods, and playing cards - a true tribute to Mr. Olands. The night was going great - fast and furious cards, good food, a hot barbecue, cold beers, and several dumping's in the snow. Then the night took a drastic turn. John figured that his Acadian was a great four-wheel drive machine, that could handle any snowmobile trail - that was at 11:00 PM. The ten mile walk back to the camp brought us to 5:00 AM. But not before breaking the transmission, disgruntling some snowmobilers, listening to Boone sulk and finishing countless beers. We finally turned in after John's fight with the door and John trying to pull Jason's ear off.

After towing John to the main road, the three parties, one with a lame Acadian stuck in tow, headed in separate directions. Stories ranged from Jordan's partridge tales to Jamie's dumb fettered friends. We all agreed that women were much smarter than men and that they would never do this to themselves. I'm sure it was a week before any of us started acting human again, or as close to human as we can get.

I hope you boys carry on the tradition next year. You'll all be in my thoughts. Thanks John, from all of us hosting the Crawford Lake adventure. I want to thank all of the boys: Somerville, birdman Hallett, Crawford, Hughie, Boone, Fraser, and Higgins.

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