

Late "Knight" escort service

by Kirsten Burgess

The "Knights" of Neill house, in conjunction with UNB Security and NBTel, have established a late-night escort service for students who are concerned about walking alone on campus.

Due to the number of assaults which occur on campus, an escort service was established last year. However, because of problems

in management and lack of student interest, it was discontinued after Christmas.

Jeffrey Reid, President of Neill house, and Kelly Van Busirk, Don of Neill house, decided to re-implement the escort service. Instead of being controlled by the Residence Representative Board as it was last year, they decided that Neill house and UNB Security would take on the

responsibility.

NBTel generously donated the use of a paper, and agreed to pay for all charges associated with the escort program.

Residents of Neill house have volunteered to be on call every night, all night long. There is a coordinator for each of the four floors of the house who receives calls and delegates someone to be an escort for the caller.

If anyone finds themselves in need of an escort, all they have to do is call UNB Security at 453-4830. Security will page whoever is on duty at Neill house. The floor coordinator will arrange for an escort and then call Security who will in turn call back the student and tell them the name of the escort and when he will arrive.

Although this is primarily

intended for use on campus, Reid says that the escorts will make some exceptions and travel off campus as long as the distance is not too far.

Reid seems enthused about the success of the program this year. He says that already they are receiving upwards of four calls a night for an escort.

Hats off to the "Knights" of Neill house for providing this valuable service.

SU surplus higher than expected

by Pierre St. Amand

In a recent council meeting, Vice President of Finance James VanRaalte declared that the projected surplus for last year was approximately \$40,000, a full \$10,000 higher than projected last year.

When interviewed, VanRaalte spoke of three major causes for the surplus. Most importantly, the budget doesn't take into account the interest accrued during the period. Secondly, the money allocated for a SUB expansion

feasibility study was not used. Finally, the \$10,000 surplus may also be due to an addition of smaller surpluses by clubs who did not spend all of the funds allocated to them.

VanRaalte states that certain funds were reallocated last year so that some clubs got more, and some got less based on the demand and need of these organizations.

The actual figures, VanRaalte says, will be released at the meeting of the UNB Foundation for Students in early

October.

He adds that this year the student fee will drop from \$96 to \$93. Part of this drop is due to the fact that the enrollment this year is higher, but it nonetheless brings the total budget for the Student Union from \$610,000 to \$600,000.

This year's unexpected addition to the budget surplus brings the total very close to last year's budget surplus of \$37,000.

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Engineering contest

by Mimi Cormier

A contest announcement which appeared in the September 16 issue of ERTW is part of an ambitious educational project being coordinated by UNB Engineering professor Monique Frize.

Frize is developing a project that would involve presenting Engineering to students in grades 6 to 9 across New Brunswick. The contest was organized by Frize to seek ideas from university Engineering students that can be used in the presentations.

The project would be on a large scale, involving presentations to approximately 400 schools in the province. Presentations would be given in rural and urban schools, in English and in French. To Frize's knowledge, no project of this type has been done before.

Frize was inspired to demonstrate Engineering to young students "in a fun way, in ways relevant to daily life." To do this, Frize developed the idea of using visual aids to demonstrate Engineering concepts to students. Frize hopes the contest will encourage Engineering students at UNB and U de M to submit either designs for visual aids or an essay that can be used in the presentation.

Frize wants the project to "perk interest" in students to consider Engineering as a future career. Such interest is needed, since government and business agencies are predicting a significant shortage of engineers in Canada. by giving presentations using visual aids

to young students, Frize wants to "relate Engineering in a visible way - Engineering is a very invisible profession."

She gives several reasons for focusing the project on students in grades 6 to 9. Frize says that it is important to expose students to Engineering "in the early grades, to encourage taking prerequisite courses."

Frize, who is the Northern Telecom/NSERC Women in Engineering Chair at UNB, also feels that by introducing young female students to Engineering "girls will see it's an exciting option for women." Frize points out that women are "still a minority in the profession," and that there is a need to "break down the perception that Engineering is a male profession." She adds that the "goal is to make Engineering fun for all students."

Besides the presentations, Frize is also developing a film to show students role models in Engineering careers. The film is being produced during this Fall term, and will be copied for distribution across New Brunswick and possibly Canada.

The ambitious project originated by Frize is supported by the Dean of Engineering as well as by the heads of the Engineering departments. Frize admits to project is a lot of work, and hopes to complete it with the help of contest entries from UNB engineering students. She jokes that with cash awards for the contest, "students will be stimulated and participate."