

# News

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## Newsbits

### STU students election results

John Desmond is the new president of the Saint Thomas Student Union, with 80 more votes than runner up Sean Rouse.

The VP-Administration is Sally Cogswell, the VP-Activities is Jason Howe, and Allan Price is the VP-Finance. Carrie Ricker was acclaimed as VP-External. This year's valedictorian is Shane Donovan.

Karen Corcollan, Denis Marchand, Jeff Price, Karen Strang, Rachel Taylor and Jen Toben were elected to the Aquinian Board of Directors.

### STU and Ottawa U throw out CFS

STU students have voted to pull out of CFS by a margin of almost 4 to 1. Students voted 487 to 145 to leave the Student organization on Wednesday.

Similarly, Ottawa U has jumped the CFS ship. Sixty per cent of the ballots cast voted to leave the student organization last Wednesday.

### Nursing Student Competition Starts Today

UNB will be hosting the sixth annual Monique Begin Nursing Advancement Competition on March 24th and 25th.

Dr. Gina Bohn Browne of McMaster University will deliver the keynote lecture on Friday, March 24, at 8 pm in the J. Harper Kent Auditorium of the Wu Conference Centre, with a talk entitled *More Effective and Less Expensive Intersectoral Approaches to the Provision of Human Services*.

The student competition will begin on Saturday, March 25, at 8:15 a.m. in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Centre. Selected nursing students from across Canada will deliver 15-minute presentations. The competition's theme is Nurses and the New Economy.

Both the lecture and the student competition are free and open to the public.

### Improve your experimental design

Anyone who has ever had data to analyse will appreciate valuable free advice from expert David Andrews.

On Thursday, March 30, Dr. Andrews will be at the University of New Brunswick to show data crunchers how a statistician can save them time and money. His talk, entitled *Statistics and the Design of Experiments*, is scheduled for 3 pm in Tilley Hall, Room 404. Anyone involved in the planning of experiments, studies and surveys will find it of interest. At 2:30 pm before the talk, coffee, doughnuts and an opportunity to meet with Dr. Andrews will be available in Tilley, Room 406.

Many view statistics as the study of methods for the analysis of data from experiments and surveys. Dr. Andrews says more important contributions of statistics to the growth of knowledge arise, however, through the design of these experiments and studies. He will illustrate his talk with numerous examples from many fields, including medicine, science, forestry and general statistical consulting.

A member of the departments of statistics and of preventive medicine and biostatistics at the University of Toronto, Dr. Andrews has collaborated and consulted in statistics for many years, both on-campus and off. He has worked at Imperial College London, the University of Chicago, Princeton University and Bell Laboratories, as well as at forecasting for over 20 elections.

Dr. Andrews' lecture is sponsored by UNB's Applied Statistics Centre and Visiting Lecturers Fund. More information is available from UNB's department of mathematics and statistics at 453-4768.

### Multicultural Association of Fredericton to celebrate anniversary with folkloric flavour

The Multicultural Association of Fredericton (MCAF) is celebrating its 21st Anniversary with a banquet of ethnic food, exotic entertainment and a dress show from many countries of the world on April 1, 1995. Dancing to the tunes of Clinton Wall will be another highlight of the evening. Residents of the Fredericton area, and friends from various cities and towns in New Brunswick, have been invited to join MCAF membership and celebrate this important milestone.

A non-profit organization, the MCAF was founded in 1974 to facilitate communication and understanding among persons of various cultural backgrounds in Fredericton and surrounding areas.

For information, details and tickets, please call the MCAF's office at 454-8292.

## Summer job funding up

by Gordon Loane  
Brunswickan Staff

Fredericton-York-Sunbury MP Andy Scott is pleased with an overall increase in federal student summer jobs despite deficit reduction and program cuts in other areas.

Federal funding for all youth programs has been increased to \$236 million this year from \$193 million last year.

Close to 44,500 jobs are expected to be created this summer across Canada. A six part job creation package was announced late last week.

A summer career placement program targeted at not-for-profit organizations (including those in the public sector) and for-profit employers will be created. These jobs of 8 to 16 weeks give students work experience and prepare them to pursue careers in their chosen fields.

The placements will create 30,700 jobs across Canada at a cost of 59.5 million dollars. "3.69 million dollars will be spent in New Brunswick," said MP Scott. The application deadline is April 21st and forms are now available at local Canada Employment Centres.

A summer youth Service Canada program to create 10,000 jobs at a cost of \$15 million will be started.

\$432,000 will be spent in New Brunswick this summer under the program, according to Scott.

The program aims to enable students to gain work experience through community service projects, including sustainable development and environmental projects.

Priority will be given to proposals from municipalities and band councils, not-for-profit organizations and educational institutions.

Projects can be 8 to 10 weeks in duration and are to start no later than June 5th and end by September 1st. Students will receive a weekly wage and a completion bonus.

The application deadline for project sponsors is April 28, 1995. Forms are available at local Canada Employment Centres.

A Native internship program will be funded to create 468 jobs at a cost of \$2.55 million. Some 145 thousand dollars will be spent in New Brunswick this summer.

Partners in promoting summer employment at a cost of \$950,000 across

Canada will also be funded.

\$57,000 will be spent in New Brunswick this summer under this program according to Andy Scott.

This program is a joint effort between Human Resources Development Canada and private-sector associations to encourage businesses to create jobs for students in their communities.

Canada Employment Centres for Students will cost \$310,000 in New Brunswick this summer. Last year close to 200,000 students found work through the centres across Canada.

Student Business Loans, interest free loans up to \$3,000 will be made available for students to start summer businesses. Student business loans are available through the provincial government.

"It'll be after more than the lion's share of New Brunswick's allocation for summer jobs because of our unique situation in Fredericton," said MP Andy Scott.

"We have two universities in Fredericton and lots of students may want to stay in town this summer because of leases and other commitments," Scott said.

"There's a particular need," Scott concluded.

## Where there's smoke, there's ire

By Alex Brennan  
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As controversy cut through the cloud of smoke that loomed over the residences last fall, many feared that their next butt might be their last.

Most residence houses, all of which determined their own policy, decided to limit smoking to students' rooms, doors closed. Harrison House and Lady Dunn both also offered up one of their lounges to be designated as smoking areas.

According to Skidmore, one house did have some problems achieving a compromise with regard to the smoking policy. The fear that problems with the newly-implemented campus smoking policy and residence smoking policies may result in a strict all-inclusive residence policy was a very real one at the beginning of this school year.

Now, however, the fear has been assuaged and Dean Skidmore says that, "we will continue with last year's practice in which the house committee comes up with a policy and then submits it to me."

"It would be unfair to entirely ban smoking in residences, because those rooms are students homes for eight months of the year," was Skidmore's stance.

At the same time, Skidmore did suggest that banning smoking would solve a very real safety concern.

"We had an incident in which a homemade ash tray caught fire in a student's room. Luckily, security was walking by and was able to get in and extinguish it," said Skidmore.

"Two minutes more and the whole room could have been lost."

"This was the only cigarette related fire in residence, however," Skidmore added.

Despite problems earlier this year coming to a compromise with in-house smoking policy, Skidmore predicted no serious problems with the "house-determined policy" method, for the upcoming school year, and hoped that the policies will stay much the same.

His only other concern with smoking being allowed solely in the rooms is that of matching roommates.

"If we match 2 non-smokers in a room and then one drops out before school starts, then we have to take the first person off the waiting list to fill that bed. If that person is a smoker, we have a problem."

Although this problem has occurred in the past, it is usually dealt with by the students and has not caused any major problems.

## Student health plan goes to new insurance company

By Mary Rogal-Black  
Brunswickan News

Students should be healthier and happier, and a tiny bit richer with a new health plan next year.

The Student Union has decided not to renew its contract with SunLife, opting instead for a less expensive Blue Cross plan.

If students had stayed with the SunLife plan, administered by CFS-Services, rates would have increased next year to \$110. The Blue Cross plan will cost \$95, and will include two extra services.

Coverage for chiropractic services will be available on the new plan, to a maximum of \$250, as well as coverage for physiotherapy to a maximum of \$500.

Had these two services been added to the SunLife plan, the rates would have increased to \$130 per student.

Chris Alward, VP Student Services, hopes that the switch will mean an improvement in services to the student. Refund cheques for students who opt out of the plan, and health cards for others, should be available earlier next year.

Under SunLife this year, it took five weeks for students to receive their cards and refund cheques, a wait that resulted in a lot of headaches for students who shelled out their \$100, and for Alward and Barb Kirk, General Administrator, who were administering the health plan this year, the first time it was being offered to students at UNB.

"Services will be greatly improved with the change," said Alward.

He cites among other things a Quickpay program available with the Blue Cross plan. Instead of sending away to be reimbursed for services, students covered with the new plan will be able to get their money back as soon as they have a receipt from their medical professional.

For example, students using their health plan to offset the cost of vision care will be able to write a cheque to the optometrist, go directly to the Quickpay office on Prospect St., receive their reimbursement and place it in their account before the cheque clears.

In contrast, some students said they waited up to eight weeks to be reimbursed for claims this year.