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Leftist jab: Reform decks Socialists

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Reform Party Leader Preston Manning was challenged by a group of International Socialists during his UNB visit this week.



I.S. member Nick Carrier in the middle of the fray, immediately after being struck by an unidentified Reform member. Carrier's assailant is off-camera to the left. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

In a question and answer session, Manning talked about gay and native rights, taxes, the rights of the unborn, crime, bilingualism, local government and national unity. At one point, Manning was interrupted by a group who voiced their

displeasure with the Reform Party. "Racists, sexist, anti-gay, Reform bigots go-away," the group shouted about a dozen times before being escorted out of the meeting room by four UNB Campus Security officers.

As the group was leaving, a minor scuffle broke out between a Reform Party supporter and Nick Carrier, frequently a spokesperson for the International Socialists on campus.

"One of the protesters was shoved in the back by an older gentleman wearing sunglasses and I think a Reform badge," said Rick Peacock, Chief of UNB Security.

Nick Carrier said he was shoved in the back by one of the Reform guys. "I turned around and shoved back," he said.

Carrier lost his hat in the exchange and was offered a Reform Party ball cap which he refused to accept.

Earlier, some 17 members of the International Socialists picketed the Reform gathering outside the Wu Conference Centre.

See also "Preston Manning speaks to UNB about job creation," page 2

Safewalk back on track after funding problems



A new co-ed Safewalk team on their beat. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

DENNIS GERMAN

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There was a delay in getting the Safewalk program started this year but it is now in effect and has been since the last week of October.

The problem, according to Renee Fleming, one of the three Safewalk coordinators, was funding. To secure funding for the program the three coordinators (Fleming, Andrew Scott and Kathryn Langdon with the help of Andrew Smith) had a series of meetings with Dean of Students Tom Austin, Dean of Residence John Craighead and UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnson.

Safewalk is set up on a volunteer basis only. The three coordinators were able to wrangle up sixty-five people including both men and women. All the volunteers were interviewed before being hired. Every residence is represented through these volunteers.

The program runs seven days a week on a dusk till dawn basis. A team made up of a male and a female is on duty at

all times. Each team has a two hour shift and the different teams take turns throughout the night.

"We're trying to promote this Safewalk as a male and female program. Not too many guys have called but we want men to know that they can use this program for themselves also," said Fleming.

The person wishing to be walked home or whatever other destination should phone campus security at 453-4830. A name and number will have to be left. When a team is on its way a phone call will be issued to let you know that they are on their way.

"The program will be running until December 20 and starting back up the first day of classes after the Christmas holidays. It will then run to the last day of exams in spring," said Fleming.

Joie Hellmeister, President of the Student Union said the student council is happy to see the program up and running. "I hope this story gets the word out more about the Safewalk. It's a very important and much needed program and we stand behind it 100 percent. This program along with the help of a Mediterranean (safe) phone system will make this campus a much safer place to be at night. A phone system on the campus is in the works," added Hellmeister.

Fleming said there has been an increase in the demand for Safewalk compared to last year.

"We are averaging twenty calls per weekend that's not including the rest of the week." She also added, "We're very proud of the Safewalk program this year and we're very sorry about the delay but we hope that the students take full advantage of it now that it's here."

STU creates \$2,000,000 endowment fund

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Saint Thomas University has announced the establishment of a new two million dollar endowed chair in interdisciplinary studies.

The Aquinas Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies will provide intellectual and administrative leadership in the Aquinas program - the university's interdisciplinary first year program.

"The endowment fund was created by the Saint Thomas University Board of Governors with unrestricted funds raised during our successful 2000 Fund Capital Campaign," STU President Daniel O'Brien told a news conference this week.

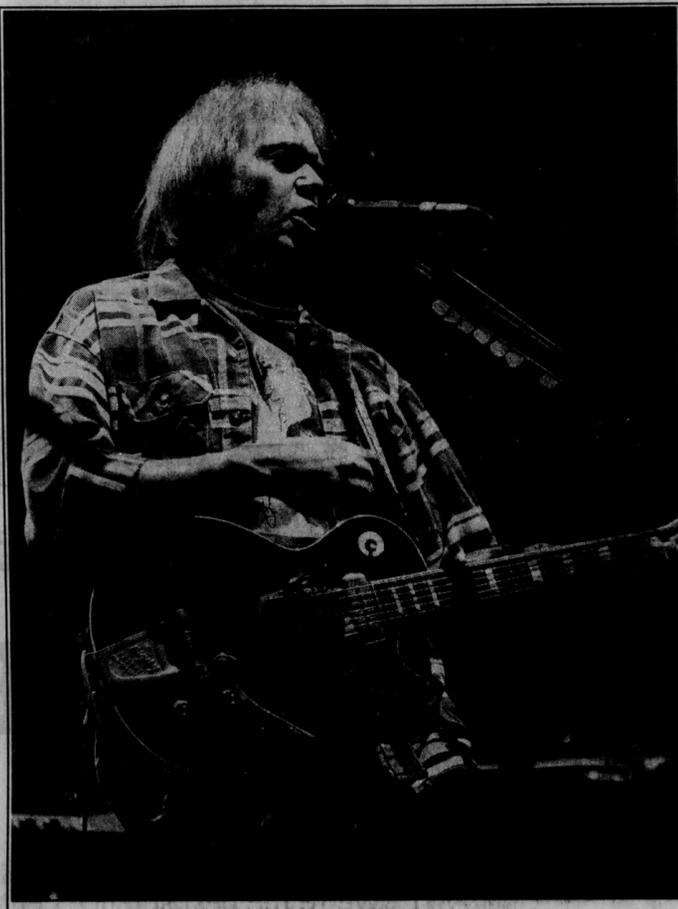
"One of our announced targets during our fundraising campaign was the creation of a fund for teaching excellence and innovation," O'Brien said. The Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies will be expected to be the lead teacher in the program, conduct and promote scholarship in the liberal arts and design and pilot new studies in the field.

A four person search committee headed by STU Vice-President Academic Roger Barnsley will shortly issue a call for applications and nominations.

Advertisements are slated to appear nationally in the December issues of both University Affairs and the Canadian Association of University Teachers Bulletin.

An appointment is expected by July 1997.

The Aquinas Chair in Interdisciplinary Studies brings the number



Neil Young and Crazy Horse rock Harbour Station. See Entertainment, Page 8.

DREW GILBERT PHOTO

of endowed chairs at Saint Thomas to five.

The other chairs are Native Studies, Catholic Theology, Gerontology and Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights.

"The number of endowed chairs is a rather remarkable accomplishment for a university of our size," said STU President O'Brien.

For Roger Barnsley this week's announcement is just another step in fulfilling the university's mission of providing an excellent liberal education.

Barnsley noted that STU has recently

completed a thorough review of the question "What is a liberal education?" and has adopted a statement entitled "Goals of a Liberal Education at STU."

Listed goals include creating an academic, cultural and social environment in which a student can develop among other things: an independent, inquiring mind, a breadth of knowledge and depth of understanding, a facility for life-long learning and capacities for communication and judgement.

Barnsley noted that the value of an education today seems to be increasingly

considered in light of a graduating students employability.

He said the Conference Board of Canada in 1992 developed an employability profile that requires skills in communication, clear and critical thinking, ability to apply knowledge in different fields and ability to be a life long learner.

He also noted that issues like gender studies, peace, hunger and civil rights are increasingly being studied from various perspectives through interdisciplinary studies both at Saint Thomas and throughout the academic world.

Program Manager's grievance denied

MARY ROOM-BLACK

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The grievance filed by CHSR Program Manager Tristis Bhaire has been denied.

"The grievance was denied," reported Joseph FitzPatrick, Treasurer of the Board, Chair of the CHSR Executive and Managing Editor of *The Brunswickan*. "The decision was not unanimous," he added.

The CHSR Board of Directors voted Wednesday to deny the grievance which alleged that the Board of Directors violated its policy on employment equity by hiring

Tony Sekulich as Station Manager.

The decision by the Board was supposed to have been made last Friday, but it was postponed, according to FitzPatrick, because the Station's legal counsel, Cleveland Allaby, was not available for the meeting.

FitzPatrick also said the Board has decided to discuss the deliberations on the grievance as little as possible.

"Given the strained relations between the Station members, the Board, the paid employees, and the funding bodies, the Board felt it was better to stick together,"

he said.

"As well, there is something to be said about the fairness to the current Station of discussing any aspect of the process which resulted in his hiring."

According to the procedure set out by the Board of Directors, it has one week to release a written decision.

Bhaire returned to work as Program Manager on Monday of this week, after taking a month's sick leave. On her way to the station the morning following the decision, Bhaire offered a simple comment. "No surprise."



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No Ordinary Bar!

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"Cutter John"

Sunday



"Cutter John"
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