

# NEWS

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## Third Annual Social Work Fair held

### *Social work and sexuality: a new display for the fair*

by Murray Carew

The Third Annual Social Work Fields of Practice Fair was held on Tuesday in the Blue Lounge of the Student Union Building.

Numerous fields of practice in areas such as Adult/Youth Corrections, Mental Health, Social Work with Families, Women and Social Work, Social Work and Sexuality, Education and Social Work and Social Work with the Elderly, were on display.

Saint Thomas students within the Faculty of Social Work put the display on. The students do research along with contacting different professionals before the fair is held.

One new display which was never dealt with before in previous fairs was social work and sexuality. This display explored both sexually transmitted diseases, particularly AIDS and alternative sexual lifestyles such as homosexuality, lesbianism, and bisexuality.

But the Social Work Fair students at this display stressed that they do not want people to think there is a connection

between these two research projects.

"People assume AIDS is a homosexual disease" but the students say, "we are all sexual beings, the disease affects us all."

Concerning diseases the students discovered that chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease, has increased alarmingly on the university campus and they feel it shows that people are not practicing safe sex.

The display on Women and Social Work had a video presentation which displayed various TV advertisements which will be broadcasted in the future. Some of these advertisements dealt with the abuse of women.

The display on Social Work with families dealt with various factors on families and presented some new modern family types compared to the old stereo-typical idea of what a family is.

Each display had an average of four students working on it. Most of the students involved with the display felt that the turnout was quite good. The fair ended at 3 pm.



New display: Social work and sexuality was one of the displays at the Third Annual Social Work Fair.

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## United Way goal: \$50,000

by Aime Phillips

United Way will be wrapping up its annual fundraising drive at the end of November.

This year, UNB's goal is to reach \$50,000. According to Bill MacGillivray, the campus representative for United Way, UNB has already reached 71% of the targeted amount, approximately \$36,000.

MacGillivray explained how

a donor option was implemented in the fundraising, where donors were able to select the agencies they wanted their donation to help.

United Way sponsors a large variety of charities, agencies and programs such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters; Fredericton Boys and Girls Club Inc; Mental Health Association; and the Fredericton Group Home.

Lynn Fraser, PR Director for Fredericton's United Way office claims United Way is the "easiest way for people to support the community" involving over 500 volunteers in 23 agencies through Fredericton's United Way.

MacGillivray adds that donations from the faculty and staff can be made directly through payroll or through Fredericton's office.

## Red Cross commissioner spoke to UNB students on Wednesday

by Tabitha Bainbridge

Mr. Robert Goodwin, Commissioner of the New Brunswick Red Cross Society, spoke to a group of students Wednesday regarding the structure of Red Cross in Canada as well as internationally.

He informed the students of the four categories of services: blood recruitment, emergency services, health and community services, and international services.

He discussed international disasters and stated that last year Red Cross responded to 32 of these disasters, spending in excess of 40 million dollars. He said that Red Cross recognizes a need here in Canada but justified the out-

ward channel of funds by saying that the Red Cross would rather give "the opportunity to live over the opportunity to live comfortably."

In this regard he emphasized the society's principal of neutrality as being the most important as well as the most difficult to adapt to.

Mr. Goodwin stressed the need for getting young people involved with Red Cross and that the "opportunities are endless (for those involved) but that it takes time and commitment."

Red Cross wants "people committed to helping others "out of a need to do so and not for personal gain." Other programs mentioned included:

Tracing and Reunion which attempts to reunite relatives and friends separated in times of wars and disasters. He said that they average 30-40 cases per year in New Brunswick.

Mr. Goodwin also informed the students of a new educational campaign to be launched in January, encompassing 145 countries, regarding civilians as the real "victims of war." The session was ended with a question and answer period in which he addressed questions regarding financing and his personal experiences in Armenia.

Anyone interested in having a Red Cross Representative speak to their group or class, please contact the office at 458-8445.



United Way: So far the United Way on the UNB campus has reached 71% of their targeted amount, approximately \$36,000.

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