

NEWS

News Editor: Vacant, Deadline: Wednesday Noon

Newsbits

Student Loan Recipients!!!

New Brunswick student loan recipients must submit their confirmation of earnings form immediately to the N.B. Student Aid Department at 548 York Street. Student loans and bursaries cannot be issued unless the forms, available at the Financial Aid Office (Room 109, Alumni Memorial Building), are submitted. For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at 453-4796.

Education and no snow

Students and faculty from UNB are preparing to explore trade, investment, and learning opportunities in the warm and sunny Caribbean, thanks to an agreement signed with a university in central Cuba.

"The University of Cienfuegos and the University of New Brunswick have signed an agreement to promote and encourage student and faculty mobility between Cuba and Canada," says Christiane Paponnet-Cantat, director of FOCAL-Atlantic at UNB.

Meetings with federal ministers, embassy officials, representatives of local governments and the industrial sector, as well as visits to agricultural, tourist and industrial research facilities are all on the program. During the last day in Cuba, the group will participate in the FOCAL conference at the University of Havana. UNB has undertaken this initiative to maintain the interest and exchange that have been taking place since May 1994.

Among the travelers will be the City of Fredericton's mayor, Brad Woodside. The governor of Cienfuegos approached Woodside in January 1995 to twin Fredericton with Cienfuegos.

Free computer software

UNB students will now have access to free computer software, thanks to a new site licence negotiated with Novell. This licence allows students on both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses to take software home to load onto their own computers.

"This is a big advantage over our previous agreement," explained Bonita Mockler, a programmer analyst with UNB's Computing Services. "Now students living off campus as well as those in residence can use their own computers to work on assignments, without incurring the expense of purchasing software and keeping it updated."

The free software also benefits students who don't own computers. "An increase in the number of students working at home should free up space in computer labs across campus," said Mockler. "Students simply borrow a copy of the applications they want on disk or CD-ROM from any of UNB's libraries using their identification-library cards."

Students can also download the software directly from the university's Novell network.

UNB grad wins scholarship

The Canadian Council of Professional Engineers (CCPE) announced Michael Myshrrall, P. Eng as one of two winners of the 1995 CCPE/MELOCHE MONNEX scholarship. The scholarship has a value of \$5000.

Myshrrall is a member of Professional Engineers Ontario. He is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration degree at Harvard. After receiving his engineering degree from UNB, he worked for a number of companies in the telecommunications sector.

The other 1995 scholarship was awarded to Rodney H. Klassen, P. Eng., who is currently working toward a Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Calgary.

Network Supports Workers

\$13.1 million in federal funding was allocated to the new TeleLearning Network of Centres of Excellence (TL-NCE), announced the Honorable Jon Gerrard, Secretary of State for Science, Research and Development last Thursday.

"The NCE Program is a unique Canadian initiative that links universities, industries and government in collaboration research activities across Canada," said Gerrard.

The Network supports a team of over 125 researchers from the education, social sciences, computer science and engineering faculties of 28 universities across Canada; public and private sector research organizations; and its varied client communities. The goal is to develop advanced telelearning techniques through the design, prototype testing, and evaluation of emerging technologies using computer-supported environments, artificial intelligence, high performance networks and multimedia/collaborative tools.

"Its effect will enhance current teaching tools," said Dr. Linda Harasim, Network Leader. "Crumbling walls will mean flexible learning at home and new access for working Canadians in non-traditional formats. It's survive or thrive for Canadian colleges and universities as other nations adopt this virtual learning technology - the threat of losing our students to other virtual universities is very real."

Student Union memory stolen

by Joe FitzPatrick
Co-News Editor

A memory board was stolen from a computer in the Student Union offices on Monday, November 20. It was not until the technician examined the computer on Thursday that the theft was discovered.

A 4-megabyte SIMM was stolen from the computer, according to Student Union staff.

"Even the technician was shocked," said Assistant Accounts Coordinator, Marlene Brewer.

If the theft seems unusual, it is not because it would have been difficult. "If you knew what you were doing, it's relatively easy," said Dwayne Dunfield, Cellar employee, and nearest computer guru.

The computer in question is one of only two IBM-compatibles in the Student Union offices. It is used for the accounting records.

As a result of this theft, approximately 40 checks were not issued last Friday. According to the Accounts Coordinator, Marlene O'Neill, these represented the accounts payable, not the payroll. Organizations affected included *The Brunswickan* and CHSR.

Barb Kirk, General Administrator of

the Student Union said the Union was reviewing its list of master key recipients to ensure none of the owners have had their keys recently stolen or had them go missing. "After a breach of security, it is always advisable to look at how the breach occurred and ways to prevent it."

Kirk said that the Union's insurance

policy may cover the theft, but the value of the item was approximately \$300, and the policy has a \$500 deductible.

This is not the first theft from the Student Union offices, according to Kirk. "One of our volunteers had a portable CD-player stolen earlier this term."

Honouraria down 30%

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The Student Union has awarded \$17,420.03 of honouraria this term, fully \$7,212.47 under its allotted budget. The Honouraria Committee, which consisted of Shona Bertrand and Anoushka Courage, met on Tuesday, November 28 to recommend a schedule to Council.

The largest differences between budgeted and awarded amounts occurred in Social Issues, SMART-PACC, Orientation, Elections, and Campus Safety.

Social Issues and SMART-PACC honouraria, at \$30 and \$25 respectively, of the allotted \$250, reflects the amount of activity in the

those areas, according to Bertrand. Because there is no Safety Commissioner, the Committee did not dispense honouraria to Campus Safety.

Orientation was allotted differently than in previous years. Normally, the Chair receives \$500. This year, however, the amount for the Committee was totaled and divided by the number of executives, leaving \$166.67 for each.

The Chief Returning Officer received \$125, and each of the Deputy Returning Officers received \$100. Last year, the CRO received \$250 and each DRO \$150 for the By-election.

The Committee based its decisions on submissions by candidates for honouraria.

Discussion on Family Violence



Participants at the panel discussion on Family Violence

photo by Mark Bray

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A panel discussion entitled "What Love is...and What Love Isn't" took place last Friday at Tilley Hall. The panel discussion on sexual aggression and dating violence was presented by the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research in conjunction with Family Violence Prevention Month.

The discussion panel participants included Linda Legere of the Fredericton Sexual Assault Centre, Larry Finkelman of UNB Counselling Services, the Centre's Associate Director Rina Arseneault, and a representative of the Peer Education Project for Men.

The Peer Education Project gives workshops to the campus residence community and attempts to surface

male attitudes toward women through discussions. It addresses false-myths such as that women invite sexual aggression by the way they dress, and attempts to demonstrate the line between sexual assertiveness and sexual aggressiveness.

A 1994 UNB student survey on sexual relationships revealed that during the academic year in off campus housing, sexual aggression occurs in ongoing relationships. Legere stated that rape by acquaintances of the victim is four times higher than rape by strangers and that rape occurs by "regular guys." She believes we need to destroy the false-myth that women trigger violent reaction of males, and that the cases of rape could be reduced with better communication.

Arseneault commented that we receive so much formal training during our lives

but no training in relationships and communication despite the fact that we have so many of them. Arseneault ended the discussion with the statement "We have to remember that we can only change ourselves...we need to question our attitudes and beliefs."

The panel discussion was held during the designated "Family Violence Prevention" month in New Brunswick. Statistics state that New Brunswick has above average levels of family violence, which includes abuse of children and youth, of the elderly, of partners, and of the disabled. Family violence creates widespread social, legal, health and financial problems for tens of thousands of Canadians every year.

If you have any questions concerning any of the issues discussed above, you can contact UNB Counselling Services at 453-4820 for more details.