

# Administration discusses task force at Jan. 9 meeting

by Hiep Vu

The University administration met with members of a number of student organizations last Thursday Jan 9 to discuss terms of reference regarding selection of individuals for a new task force.

The administration is setting up a planning committee to organize four new task forces to look into libraries, computer faculties, admission policies, and student life. The Student organizations were particularly interested in the task force on student life.

Student groups represented at the meeting with administration were the Student Union, CAMPUS, the GSA, International Students, and the residences.

Steven Strople, Planning Coordinator for the university, emphasized that they are only in the preliminary stages of setting up the task force.

The mandate of the task force is to be a broad ranging one, including social concerns, culture, health and welfare, housing, sports etc. Strople says that a similar task force is being discussed for UNBSJ.

Greg Lutes, Student Union president, met with the Student groups following the

meeting and discussed student representation on the task force. They submitted a proposal that would have one person from each represented group as well as one student-

at-large on the task force.

Mr Lutes is awaiting the administration's reply before any further decisions are made regarding membership of the task force.



## Crime of the week

Today, Crime Stoppers and the Fredericton Detachment of the RCMP would like your help to solve the following 1988 case.

During the night of November 27th, 1988, thieves backed up a vehicle to the residence of Richard and Kathy Kowalski, located on highway #101 in the village of New Maryland. Mr. Kowalski operated a television and satellite dealership and, as their home was being renovated, thieves took advantage of their absence to break into their home.

Forcing their way into the house through the patio doors, the thieves grabbed several satellite components such as polarizers, low noise blocks, actuator arms, receivers and other equipment. The property

was loaded into the vehicle and the thieves left the area. The Kowalski's lost \$13,000 of equipment and none of it has been recovered.

There is no doubt that more than one person is involved and others know who is responsible and where the stolen satellite components can be found.

If you are one of these people consider that:

Capital region will pay a minimum \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrests of the persons responsible for this break, enter and theft. If you have any information concerning this crime or any other unsolved crimes, call crime stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS. That's 1-800-222-8477. Only your information is important, not your name.

# City constructs walkway over Church St. tracks

by Erin Campbell

The City of Fredericton is currently constructing a walkway over the railroad tracks at the end of Church Street.

Many students take a short cut when coming to and from campus that crosses over the four railroad tracks. The students are not only putting themselves at risk, they are also causing problems for CN workers and train engineers. City officials say that the railroad personnel must be constantly looking for

pedestrians crossing the tracks as trains approach.

Transport Canada, who is responsible for maintaining a hazard-free railroad in Fredericton, investigated the site last fall. Although officials are not aware of any past accidents involving the railroad, the organization decided some measure had to be taken to ensure the students' safety.

One alternative that was suggested was to close off the area completely and force pedestrians to use a more

round about route via University Avenue. This idea was rejected by Transport Canada because the short cut has been in use by students for over fifty years. A more practical alternative was to construct a walkway over the tracks and a nearby ditch.

The walkway, started in the fall is a joint venture between Transport Canada, CN and the City of Fredericton. The walkway will be completed in the spring and then will be opened for the use of pedestrians.



Shown is the pedestrian walkway over the tracks at the end of Church Street

David Smith photo

# News Notes

## Advisory Council on the Status of Women

### Press Release

The Advisory Council hopes you will join them when they meet in Fredericton, next January 27.

A public discussion on incest is being organized by the Advisory Council on Monday, January 27, at 8 pm at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Fredericton. Therapist and university professor Susan Nind will speak on "Incest: Healing Ourselves, Healing Our Community". Nind has been recognized as an expert witness on child sexual abuse by the Court of Queen's Bench of New Brunswick. She does individual, marital and family therapy and also teaches at the School of Social Work of St. Thomas University. The new video on incest, "Sandra's Garden" will be shown at 7:15 pm, prior to the public meetings. Admission is free.

The need for public discussion and action on incest is great. We hope this meeting will contribute to a greater awareness of the problem and of the action needed to address it.

The Advisory Council on the Status of Women is holding its quarterly meeting in Fredericton on January 27 and 28.

## Diplomat to speak at UNB

### Press Release

Canadian Business Opportunities in Southeast Asia is the topic of a special lecture to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Local business people and the general public are invited to hear Daryl Copeland speak at 7:30 pm in Carleton Hall, Room 139. Mr. Copeland is a diplomat with External Affairs and International Trade Canada in Ottawa.

Sponsored by UNB's Centre for International Marketing and faculty of administration, the lecture is free of charge.

For additional information, contact professor Bob Greene at 453-4869.

## Unemployment Insurance Abuse

### Press Release

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) reminds employers and unemployment insurance recipients who admit to having abused the unemployment insurance program, that there is a policy in place for them. It would allow anyone who has abused the program and admits to it before an investigation is held, to be exempt from penalties and prosecution. Reimbursements will be required only of those who have received overpayments.

The CEIC protects the interests of all who contribute to the unemployment insurance system. Under a control program, one million investigations are held each year across the country. As a result, some 156 million dollars are recovered and prosecution commenced in 3,000 cases. In New Brunswick, 5 million dollars are recovered each year and about 100 cases are taken to court.

The Commission also remind claimants that it is important to advise the commission when they find work and that they enter any remuneration received on their report cards. Anyone who knowingly abuses the unemployment insurance program could be subject to penalties or prosecution.

For further information, contact your nearest Canada Employment Centre.

## Certificate of workplace communications

### Press Release

Effective communication is essential for personal and professional development. It inspires confidence, improves relationships, reduces misunderstandings, increases mutual respect and makes life at home and at work easier and happier. Effective communication is the vital link between a person and his or her goals. Without good communications skills, the development of many other skills and attitudes is often seriously inhibited.

This certificate program has been developed especially for people who work in government, business, the service sector and voluntary organizations who need to communicate effectively in order to fulfill their responsibilities successfully. Other people not currently in the formal workplace may also enrol in part or all of the program. They, too, will derive considerable benefit.

A total of ten courses of 160 hours, whichever is less, is required for Program completion. There are four compulsory courses and sufficient optional courses offered to enable individuals to adapt the Program to their own learning needs. The compulsory courses will be offered at least once each year. Optional courses will be offered periodically on a rotational basis.

Those wishing to register for individual courses without enrolling in the Certificate program may do so. Course cost will vary depending on the length of the course, equipment or supplies required, and other expenses. The average cost will fall within the \$100 - \$200 range.