

International Student Advisor's office

by Jane Simpson

The International Student Advisor's office exists for everyone, not just those students from abroad.

Many students are unaware of the fact that there is an International Students' Advisor on campus, or what the advisor, Kay Nandlall does to help UNB's students.

Firstly, the ISA office works as an information supplier for would-be UNB students, while they are still in their home countries. When they arrive in Canada, the ISA set up orientation programs which all the students can attend, and where there are several handouts given as practical guides for surviving in New Brunswick: how the banking system works, what to buy for food, how to dress, where to find Stompin "Tom Connor's album, and other items of indispensible information.

Secondly, it initiates programs for spouses of international students, helping the husband or wife of the student to find a job and to get to know people. The ISA involves Canadians in making the students feel more comfortable at UNB through

the Host Family Program, whereby volunteer families invite an assigned student to spend some time with them.

Nandlall provides counselling to both international and Canadian students on academic, financial, social, cultural and personal matters. For instance, if an international student is having problems with a professor or a landlord, the ISA will try to mediate for both sides in acting as a go-between for the student.

Canadian students wishing to access or to find information about a different country will also find the ISA office to be a big help and if you just want someone to talk with the advisor would be more than happy to listen.

Though the ISA office makes genuine attempts to contact all of the international students, it is inevitable that some are lost in the shuffle. Likewise, there are far too many Canadian students to contact individually in order to inform them of the ISA office and what it can do for them. Nandlall wants everyone, professors and students alike, to know that the ISA office exists.

In short, the International



Pat Fitzpatrick photo

International Student Advisor's office: (L-R) Kay Nandlall, International Student Advisor and Linda Anderson, Administrative Secretary.

Student Advisor's office is a liaison. To the international students, it acts as a buffer against a new and strange country (where else in the world do students go sliding

on Beaver cafeteria trays?). To the others who attend UNB, it is an opportunity to access different and interesting people and places.

The ISA office is located in

the Alumni Memorial Hall building, Room 18. Kay Nandlall's office number is 453-4860 and her residence number is 459-8030.

SU approves 25% honoraria increase

by Karen Burgess

Wednesday night's Student Council meeting, a motion introducing a 25% increase in Student Union sponsored honoraria was passed.

The increase, that will benefit the Student Union Executive, the editors of the Brunswickan, and executives at CHSR and the yearbook, will come from a projected surplus caused by increased enrollment.

Greg Lutes, SU President, who said that his increase will

be donated to university-based organizations, feels that the increase in honoraria is not inappropriate as Student Union Executives at other universities make far more than those at UNB.

The issue of honoraria changes was brought up last year when the SU sought to equalize their executives' honoraria with those of other student leaders.

Unfortunately, without raising student fees, it would have been impossible to raise student leaders' honoraria to

the level of the SU executives, so the executives took a cut.

Now that student enrollment has increased, the SU has \$7,500 of unexpected funds at their disposal, and it was proposed that a raise was in order to bring the executive's honoraria closer to par with those of the average Canadian university.

Even with the increase, which is retroactive to September 9, 1991, the UNB SU executive is still one of the lowest paid in the country.

Report from the Student-at-Large

by Jon Lazar

This will be the last week in which I will be the only Student-At-Large working for you, at your Student Union, because after the election on October 16th I will have a new colleague. Yes, once again I will remind all of the students in the Union to go out and vote next Wednesday, because if you don't nobody will do it for you. Voting is a simple, quick procedure which allows you to have a say in who will represent you on the Student Council, therefore questions or comments about the election process, or any suggestions as to how it can be improved, so that more people vote, please forward them to Troy Morehouse, CRO, Room 118 in the SUB.

This past week has been AIDS awareness week, during which time the Student Union and the AIDS Resource Centre were handing out condoms and spreading awareness to safe sex practices. I hope that everyone had a chance to visit any of the tables set up all around campus. If you have any questions about AIDS, safe sex practices, or any other pertinent inquiries, call 453-4642, or 453-7644, for more information.

The Student Union sponsored "Engineering Week", which took place from Sept. 30th to Oct. 4th, has been hailed as a great success. According to George Yousseff (VP External of the EUS) "all events turned out well, especially the 'field trip' to Moncton, which supported over 100

engineers highly promoting UNB." "I personally attended the mini-golf tournament which was held throughout Head Hall on Wednesday Oct. 2nd, and I must say that I am one very impressed Arts student. For all of those students who missed the golf extravaganza, picture each engineering department creating the most challenging mini golf course you can think of. It was quite an amazing evening.

Last week's sign off was supposed to be: *It's October*, so let's get out that ski wax 'cause the snow is on the way. I'm sure I've just cleared up a lot of confusion.

Thanks for reading.

Jon Lazar
Your Student-At-Large

New Affinity charge card for students and faculty

by Jodi Cruickshank

There is a new credit card to order, but this card is special. It's called an Affinity Card and is only available to UNB students, faculty and Alumni.

The Affinity Card is a Bank of Montreal Mastercard with the UNB flag on it and a blue background. Other universities have Affinity cards with buildings on them but UNB is the only university to have a flag.

What makes this card special is that it raises money for the university. A small

percentage of purchases made comes back to the University. This comes from the Bank of Montreal, not the card holder. The percentage that comes back to the university depends on the number of cards ordered. The lowest amount would be 1/4%, and this could increase with more cards ordered.

A launching campaign starts on October 21. Different student organizations will be marketing the cards. As well there will be a contest and prizes to be won. So order a card and support your university.

17th Annual coaster derby

by Erin Campbell

Two hundred people watched as the seventeenth annual coaster derby was held last Saturday.

Ten cars navigated the tricky course that started at the Aitken Centre and ended near the Lady Beaverbrook gym.

Entries in this race are gravity powered and are street-framed. The distinguishing feature of these cars, however, is that they have no engines. Despite this, construction of such vehicles can cost up to three hundred dollars.

The derby is sponsored in part by the Engineering Undergraduate Society and by local car dealerships. Donation of the prize money, which helps participants cover the cost of their cars, is split

between the two groups. Money is also raised by holding a barbecue near one of the course's more difficult turns.

Although anyone can enter the coaster derby, it is really a time when engineers can put their knowledge to the test. The event started as an exercise for those in the mechanical engineering programme but it has since encompassed the entire faculty and more. This year's race saw entries from the campus in Saint John, and from the vocational workshops in D'Avary Hall.

This year Trevor Neilsen, a mechanical engineering student, was the best of the field and won the derby. He was sponsored by Trans Canada Autohaus.