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Student wins scholarship

First year law student Karen Hamilton is a semi-finalist in an essay writing contest on the future of Canada. A former political science student at STU, Hamilton won a \$5,000 scholarship from Magna International Inc. and a summer internship at the company's headquarters. She will also receive top billing on November 23 when Magna announces the national winner.

The essay question was "If you were the Prime Minister of Canada, what would you do to improve living standards and unify the country?" Her ideas included "keeping Quebec in Canada, addressing some of Western Canada's concerns regarding regional alienation, and fiscal responsibility."

Five UNB professors emeriti

UNB will award the honorary designation of professor emeritus to four professors from UNBF and one from UNBSJ later this month. This distinction is awarded only to retired faculty members, whose recommendation is made by the president and approved of by the Board of Governors.

Martin Thomas will be recognized on October 20. He has been influential in the field of Marine Biology and has received many honours, including Honorary Life Membership in the New York Academy of Sciences, the 1993-94 Gulf of Maine Visionary Award, and two UNB Merit Awards.

Saad El Khadem, who has published extensively in English, German, and Arabic, will be recognized at the UNBF ceremony on October 22. He also has received two UNB Merit Awards, and has served the department of German and Russian as chairperson for 16 years and director of graduate studies for 12 years.

Friedrich Grein, who was elected a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada in 1981, has taught at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, and has received the Allan P. Stuart Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Donald MacIver, as Dean of the faculty of education for 10 years, reorganized and developed the faculty's graduate programs, shaped the four year bachelor's program, and reviewed the administrative structure of physical education. He also volunteered for nine years as international liaison officer, and was one of two people responsible for UNB's Kenya Teacher's College Project.

Robert Scott founded the Institute of Biomedical Engineering in 1965. He developed a control system that is now common in commercially available myoelectric limb prostheses. He has received Canada's Centennial Medal, and an honorary doctorate from Acadia.

PhD student wins fellowship

Susan Guravich is this year's recipient of the G.J. Jackson Memorial Fellowship. It is valued at \$15,000, and is awarded by the Steel Structures Education Foundation for graduate studies in structural engineering.

Guravich, who received bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from UNB, has also received a grant from the Steel Structures Education Foundation and a scholarship from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for her PhD research.

Activities Director appointed

Derek Ferlatte, Student Union Council Business Representative, has been appointed to the position of Activities Director, replacing Darryl Kent, who left the position to become interim manager of the Cellar Pub. Ferlatte's appointment could have been made last week, and would have been, if the five Councilors who opposed the motion to have a nomination period had had their way. The Activities Director has heavy responsibilities including all the "leg-work" associated with concerts and other events on campus sponsored by the Student Union.

Council calls for BOG reform

The Student Union Council has endorsed an amendment to the Board of Governors' Standing Policy and directed the student members of the Board of Governor's to support it. Essentially, the amendment would ensure that any search or review committee for the Office of the President or the Vice-Presidents would have a student as a member.

"The Board has been very conciliatory in the media and publically stated it would ensure students had a voice on the Presidential Search Committee. By putting this motion on the table, the Board has the opportunity to show this, and prevent this from happening again," said President Kelly Lamrock.

SU seeks Rentalsman input

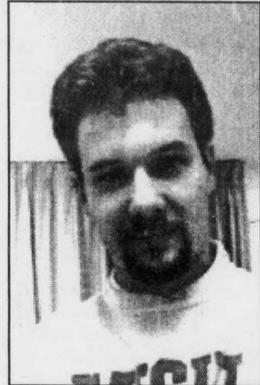
SU President Kelly Lamrock announced to Student Council, October 10, that the Student Union is actively soliciting student input on the rentalsman office. He reported that among the many cases dealt with by the Student Advocate, Ian Johnstone, landlord-tenant problems seem to be occurring frequently. Comparing the office to the United Nations, Mr. Lamrock said, "they'll come and watch atrocities, but often can't do anything about them."

The Student Union is hoping that enough students will come forward to allow for the formation of a proposal which could be made to the Minister of Municipalities, Culture and Housing, Ann Breault.

CASA director meets with Council

by Joe FitzPatrick
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Alex Usher, the National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations, emphasized the lobbying efforts of CASA at the UNB Student Union Council on Tuesday, October 10. UNB has been a part of this national student organization, committed to lobbying the government on post-secondary education issues, since its founding in January 1995.



Usher is here as part of a two-and-a-half week tour of the Maritimes, which culminates with a visit to Memorial University. While he is also fulfilling a CASA policy to meet with each member Council during his term of office, his main goal in coming to Fredericton was to talk with Council and New Brunswick

government officials about the comprehensive CASA policy paper, *Setting a Vision: Making Post-Secondary Education Work*. It contains a broad range of potential options for the continued health of Canada's post-secondary education system and has been circulated to what Usher refers to as the "stakeholders": all of the CASA member schools, federal and provincial governments, and members of the business community. The UNB Student Union Council endorsed the paper at its September 19 meeting.

Why come to lobby the government after having already sent the paper? Usher responds: "These days, everyone is writing policy papers. What distinguishes this paper, is the person-to-person follow ups I'm doing. I meet face-to-face, to work out difficulties, and clarify questions."

The paper has been met with "great interest" by government officials, including Bill Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Labour. "Governments are very interested now that there are student representatives willing to 'play ball.' The student movement has changed, much like the government's attitude has, and has come to realize that the problems in post-secondary education are of such magnitude that they need to be addressed by such a broad policy paper as this," said Usher. "Though important, there is more to accessibility than loans and tuition fees."

Asked about the validity of

characterizing CFS and CASA as "parallel," Mr. Usher replied, "we're both national student organizations based in Ottawa, and that's as deep as the comparison goes."

"CASA is very focused on lobbying the government on education, while CFS has taken a much broader approach to student representation. We're leaner administratively; we're cheaper; and there is a basic philosophic difference. While we believe in access above all, that talent and not wealth should be the entrance requirement, we recognize that somebody has to pay for the post-secondary education system."

Usher says he "doesn't mind" CFS-CASA comparisons, because CASA "comes out on top" in every category within its mandate. As to the recent CFS referendum victory at Memorial, the final stop for his tour, Usher stated "whether CFS is or is not at Memorial really isn't CASA's concern, we weren't even on the ballot. Memorial voted for services, which is not part of CASA's present mandate anyway."

The policy paper, which took nearly four months from its conception to the final version, grew from the policies passed at the first CASA General Meeting in May 1995. From there, the document was "fleshed out" and then passed to member schools. The final edit was done by the Board of Directors "line by line." Pat FitzPatrick, UNB SU VP External, sits as Atlantic Regional Representative on the CASA Board.

Degree program changes name

by Mark Bray
Brunswickan News

The International Development Studies (I.D.S.) program at the University of New Brunswick is taking steps to secure its future and provide new programs for its students.

The I.D.S. program at UNB is not new but simply Third World Studies under a new name. This name change is one of the preliminary moves of I.D.S. UNB to develop some continuity, co-operation and community among I.D.S. programs across Canada. With these goals and consistent funding Dexter Noel, program chair, believes that the program will develop to its full potential.

Connecting I.D.S. schools via internet and holding an institute planning conference in the summer are this year's plans. With adequate funding, Noel believes that the summer institute program should be in place for 12-15 students by 1997. The program institute and I.D.S. faculty will provide I.D.S. students with practical field experience. Noel hopes that the institute "will become an annual practice for students." He believes that these are "necessary preliminary steps," but contends that funding will be the determinant of I.D.S. development.

He has experienced the frustration of running a multi-disciplinary program at UNB, and stated that "the present situation is precarious because we rely on decisions of individual departments. The present weakness of the program is the conflict with established disciplines." Noel has witnessed growth in enrolment and interest among faculties other than Arts. He believes that this external interest may



lead to cooperation among departments and faculties, and suggests that more consistent funding and cooperation with other departments will provide a more consistent curriculum.

The I.D.S. society on the UNB

SU already \$16,415 behind

by Joe FitzPatrick
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SU VP Finance, Nahie Bassett, submitted the year-to-date operating report of the Student Union, and pointed out several areas which were "over budget." These areas, which include: insurance, CASA, and the Cellar, amount to \$16,415 in over spending.

Pat FitzPatrick, VP External and Atlantic Rep for CASA, said that the CASA line item, over by some \$3,100 could be explained two ways. First it is an "accounts receivable." FitzPatrick also noted that, pursuant to the motion passed by the Council on September 12, the account would be settled with CASA at year's end. As the agreement stands, expenses of CASA National, and of Pat FitzPatrick as Atlantic Regional Representative are accrued until the end of the year. In May 1996, the balance will be set against UNB's membership fees, which will be \$9,500, not \$7,000 as was budgeted for in March 1995.

campus held its first meeting this week. Later this month, I.D.S. will co-sponsor a lecture by local delegates who attended the United Nations Conference on Women's Rights in Beijing.

Shona Bertrand, Chair of the Board of Directors of SUBS, the company which oversees the operations of the Cellar, reported that the 1995-96 budget did not take into account outstanding purchase orders. The outstanding bills amount to approximately \$2,000.

The Insurance line item, said Bassett, is partially the result of "under budgeting" in last year's budget, and partially the result of the as of yet unsettled allocations for insurance from campus media budgets. In 1994, the Union signed an insurance deal with Frank Morrison and Son for approximately \$16,000. This figure was \$12,000 higher than it was in 1993. Yet the same policy, which had brought the Union's coverage "up to date," was allotted only \$5,026.

Given that the policy still covered the corporations, and the directors of the corporations of the Student Union such as *The Brunswickan*, CHSR Radio, and the Cellar Pub, it's difficult to see how last year's council believed the rates would fall by \$11,000 in one year.