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# Religion is still going on strong at UNB

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Religion is not dead at the University of New Brunswick.

There are people here of numerous religious persuasions and some groups have organizations on campus, offering a wide range of beliefs for students in Fredericton.

Baha'i is an independant world religion separated from Christianity, said David Daley of the Fredericton branch of the Baha'i organization located in downtown Fredericton. According to Daley, the religion, about 130 years old, has no church as such, meeting every Sunday etc., nor does it have a clergy.

The Baha'is are responsible for informing people about religion, ways of living, and prophesizing, said Daley.

They worship Bab (Persian for

The Gate) and Baha'u'llah (Persian for the Glory of God.) Their beliefs consist of a different set of social laws - it is their belief that social laws change with time - and punishment of world government.

The Baha'is have a club on campus which is open to Baha'is and Baha'i sympathizers. They have an annual meeting which is usually posted. This club receives no Student Union funds. Anyone can contact the Baha'is by phoning the downtown organization.

The purpose of the Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship "is to get to know God better ourselves and from that feeling help other people to know," said Alice Reynolds in a recent interview.

The club meets every Friday, normally at 7:30 p.m., in no set location. Though it is "Christ

centred" it is non-denominational said Reynolds. IVCF has various speakers; some of the topics of which have been Christ and your career, organizing your time, and repentance.

"And then we have meetings where anyone can say anything they want to say," said Reynolds. She added, "We have lots of singing and a good time."

There is no set membership for the club which has around 50 or 60 people in attendance every week, said Reynolds.

The Anglicans do not actually have an organization on campus, they are just starting, said Reverend Barry Hollowell when consulted on the matter. He stated, however, that a Eucharist is held every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. in the Old Arts Building and at 7:00 on Sunday in the Saint Thomas chapel.

Rick Sharpe is a witch. He stated that witchcraft believes in natural forces that come from the earth.

"Our group is trying to get back our senses" because of the onslaught of television etc., said Sharpe. He added that witchcraft is a peaceful religion and that it does not believe in the Devil which is a Christian god. He said that witchcraft may be considered to be a pagan religion.

Sharpe would not say specifically whether or not he believed in witchcraft adding that religion is one's own right and that discussion of religion leads to too many arguments.

According to Sharpe, witches cannot throw spells at just any time. He said that witches can only give as much hurt or love as has been given to them. If a witch tries to hurt someone more than that person has hurt him, it will come back at him. For instance, if a witch tries to kill someone without just cause, the witch will die.

Sharpe pointed out that witches do not pass judgement on people. They accept everyone as they are. He added that witches are a quiet group geared around the moon.

According to Sharpe, almost all witches' holidays are on full moons. One of the holidays, Hallowe'en, is a time for witches to reassure themselves said Sharpe. Sharpe remarked that 13 is not a superstitious number. He said that it is merely about the largest number of people that can fit in a nine foot circle.

Some other holidays are Candle Bath and May Day, which is the beginning of summer, said Sharpe. He said that Hallowe'en is the beginning of Fall and Winter.

Sharpe first became interested

in witchcraft as a fan and then realized there really was something there. He said that witchcraft never changes and there is only one coven, all witches are in one organization.

Muslim students of UNB held a meeting on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 in the Tartan Room of the STUD.

The constitution committee comprising of Mr. Saif-ul-Islam Saif (Chairman) and members Mr. Hamid Riaz, Dr. Hassan Dorrah, Dr. Ibrahim Ghanem and Mr. Zia-ul-Haque, presented a draft of the proposed constitution. After about two hours of deliberations, thirty member in attendance unanimously passed a resolution for adoption and implementation of the constitution.

The constitution of MSA of UNB consists of ten articles underlining various functions of the Association. Social, cultural, civil and educational activities are emphasized in the adopted constitution. The Association will also help to develop an understanding of Islam for all interested persons.

All students who are interested in the activities of the Association may please contact Mr. Massoud Partovi, Department of Computer Science for more information.

## 'Registration'

### Will next year be a hassle?

Will next year's registration be a repeat of this year's?

UNB registrar Brian Ingram plans for a task force to improve registration for the students. But in an interview, he said one had not yet been made up.

Ingram said although there would probably be representatives from faculties, comptrollers and hopefully students, he does not want a large group because of conflicting ideas.

One objective of the force would be to "capture" data required for courses to save a lot of trouble for both students and advisors. Thus advisors would be better supplied with information for certain course

and will be able to tell when the sections are full. They will be better able to put a student in a class where he won't have course conflicts. If the advisors are given enough information registration will go a lot faster and there will not be as much pressure put on the student or advisor.

They hope to be able to give the students a copy of the registration form so that they will know what the numbers of their courses are.

In previous years, due to tardy schedules, students were hindered in registering. The task force will attempt to keep this from happening in 1976 Registration.

## CHSR is to get tape logger

The Student Representative Council has reversed its decision and decided to buy CHSR the tape logger now held in transit by the customs office.

The cost of shipping the unit back would be in the range of \$300. to \$500, said Students' Union Comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita not including the shipping and storage costs.

In order to broadcast off campus in the future, the licence requirements include, that a tape logger be in service.

The cost to the SRC will be in the range of \$3,000.

It will be necessary to record tapes for a thirty day period, just to renew the present licence less than two years from now.

## D.R. Jonah gets appointment

Former Brunswickan editor, David R. Jonah, has recently been appointed Executive Director of the Canadian Community Newspaper association.

Serving as a campus reporter, then provincial general assignment reporter for the Telegraph Journal, Jonah got his start with the campus paper.

He holds a BA in Sociology from the University of New Brunswick. Following graduation, he esta-

blished the Bathurst Tribune and the Tribune Chaleur. The novelty of a newspaper surviving national competition, developing a circulation of 5,000 and its close link with community emergence, prompted CBC to do a short documentary on the area. This program included the manner in which the two papers reflected that development.

Among his other hobbies, Mr. Jonah enjoys politics as a spectator sport.

## Women go on strike

REYKJAVIK (CUP) - While Canadians were protesting International Women's Year October 25 in Ottawa by marching in front of the Canadian Parliament Buildings, the women of Iceland went on strike, leaving their worried menfolk wondering how to run the country without them.

Housewives, teachers, clerks, industrial workers and even nursemaids took the day off,

bringing Iceland to a virtual standstill.

The stike, in support of International Women's Year, had the backing of most of Iceland's women's groups.

The women - there are about 60,000 of them over the age 19 on the island of 215,000 people - staged their token work stoppage "to show how indispensable we are to our country's economy and national life".

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