

No free condoms on campus

by KATHERINE L. DINES

During the February 16, 1988 meeting held by the Fredericton Senate, one of the topics on the agenda was the UNB AIDS policy.

This included the following

three motions: 1) To request the installation of condom vending machines by both the student Union Building and the Residence system on an experimental basis; 2) Distribution of condoms through the University Health Centre; and

3) Inclusion of free condoms in the freshman's orientation pack.

The latter two of the these motions were defeated on a ratio of 3:1 and the first motion is being examined but will not be acted upon without a

further in-depth information search.

Many students have shown great concern on this issue and highly favour the first proposal. The AIDS threat and unsafe sex have been extensively discussed with people of various ages for quite some time now. The commonly shared opinion around campus is that both these problems exist to a certain extent in our environment.

After talking with different residence presidents about their thoughts on this motion in consideration of an estimated response by dorm dwellers, the outcome was unanimously in favour.

Neville House president Dan Steeves commented a brief but important viewpoint, "There are a lot of guy and girls who are too self-conscious to purchase prophylactics and

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Reach out and pay more

By DAVID PYE

The Feds have done it again! For those who enjoy reaching out and touching someone, the cost of doing so went up on January 1st of this year. Telephone subscribers have been asked to help Micheal Wilson battle his massive federal deficit.

What the Federal Government has done is to impose a federal tax on long distance phone calls in addition to the 11 percent provincial sales tax paid by all New Brunswickers on their phone bills. This has left NB Tel quite unhappy because the new tax threatens to reduce considerably the number and duration of long distance calls made by NB residents. As an example, one person showed this reporter his latest telephone bill which totaled \$83.38. Of this, the Feds collected a handsome \$5.47 tax for doing absolutely nothing.

In response to this situation, NB Tel proposed a decrease in the rates it charges for a number of services. For example, it proposed a 5% cut in the cost of long distance calls made within the province, a 5% reduction in rates charged to a single-line business, a lowering of \$10.50 of the maximum extra charge for touch tone telephones used by businesses.

However, in a decision made by the Public Utilities Board on Tuesday, the

telephone company withdrew its offer because the PUB would not agree to a delay in hearings related to the rate of return which NB Tel is permitted to earn.

Currently, NB Tel is allowed a return rate of 14.5% on its capital, but Lino Celeste, NB Tel president, has calculated a return rate of 14.62% for 1987.

The corn is green

By Karen Mair

Barriers were transcended and social injustice was overthrown in TNB's latest production, *The Corn is Green*. Written by Emlyn Williams in the late 1800's, the play focuses on a poor Welsh village that is the victim of rampant illiteracy and the full swing of the Industrial revolution.

Although surrounded by a surprisingly large cast of extremely talented (young and old) actors, Marigold Charlesworth leads the way in her role as the indomitable Miss Moffat. Moffat, a classy spinster, arrives in a backward Welsh community with plans to start a school that brings the children out of the coal mines and into the world of academic education.

The play is superbly performed. It combines a dramatic evolution of character (Morgan), with talented young New Brunswickers and two superb

David Nicholson, chairperson of the PUB justified the refusal to delay the return rate hearings scheduled for June by stating that there was no need for an immediate rate reduction hearing. In the meantime, for those who do not want to pay the federal long distance tax, there is always Canada Post upon which a person can fall back on.

lead roles (Charlesworth and Hume Baugh who plays Morgan). This show rings with lessons that are striking but true and to learn them through a staged production is both a credit to the actors' ability and a treat for any audience.

Check this show out...it is running until Saturday March 5, at The Playhouse.

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