News Notes

EUS plans really fun weekend

by Bruce Nelligan

The Engineering Undergraduate Society is planning a fun filled weekend for all engineers. The highlight of the week is on Friday afternoon at 12:30 on top of Buchannan Field where senseless engineering students attach a set of skis to any type of chair and race down the hill. If you're not in it, make sure you're there to see it. The sign up forms are in room H-228. Get your entries in by Thursday at noon. Also planned for the weekend is a Ski Night on Thursday, Trekkie game Thursday night, Engineering night out at the Dock on Friday, a Brew-m-ball and Pool Tourney at the Chestnut on Saturday and a SMOKER Saturday night. For more details see the signs in the main lobby of Head Hall. Hope to see you all there.

Nino Ricci to read at UNB

(UNBPRI) Canadian writer Nino Ricci will read from his work at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 4:30 p.m. in the Art Centre Studio of Memorial Hall.

The reading is open to the public and free of charge.

Nino Ricci taught English literature and writing in Canada and abroad before settling down to a full-time writing career in Toronto. His first novel, *Lives of the Saints*, won numerous prizes, including the Governor General's Award for fiction. It has been published to critical acclaim in Canada, the United States and Europe and has been on the national bestseller list in the *Globe and Mail* for over a year. It was rated the number 1 bestseller for 1991. A second novel, *In a Glass House*, will be published this year.

For further information, call UNB's department of English in Fredericton at 453-4676.

Caribbean circle news

by Aurelius Gordon

Caribbean Circle ski trip to Crabbe Mountain: Saturday 27 February. Cost is $25/person and registration deadline is 20th February. Please contact Bassey Haynes - social activities director at 450-6638.
Volleyball Tournament and Caribbean Circle rematch with Caribbean Residents Association of Fredericton. Date: Friday 5 th February at the UNB Main Gym, 8:30 pm.
Movie Nite: Carelton Hall Room 332 (Spanish Lounge), Saturday, February 13 at 8:00 pm. The movie will be *The Gods Must be Crazy.*
General Meeting: Sunday, February 21 at 2:30 pm in room 103 of the SUB. Focus will be Caribbean Nite '93. Members are urged to attend.
Read the Caribbean Circle News in next weeks issue.

Aitken House 35th reunion

On February 5, 6, & 7, 1993 The Residence of Aitken House will be holding its 35th alumni reunion. All University of New Brunswick alumni, who lived in Aitken house during their years at U.N.B., are cordially invited to attend. The theme of this years reunion is making more memories.

Registration will begin on February 5 at 6:00 pm and will be followed by a social evening in the Aitken House lounge. There are various activities planned for Saturday and there will be a banquet that evening.

The committee has booked a number of hotel rooms for alumni returning from out of town. There will be a shuttle available to take alumni from the hotel to the events.

"This is an excellent chance for alumni that have not seen each other for a number of years to come together and talk about old times" says committee member Craig Young. He goes on to add that the committee has sent out over 1000 letters and is expecting between 150 and 250 alumni to return for the weekend of revelry.

If there are any alumni who have not been contacted and wish to attend please call the alumni hotline at (506) 450-6855 for more information.

For more information contact: Craig Young at 454-1782.

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UNB agrees with report's research recommendation

by Jonathan Stone

UNB and the provincial government are in accord with a recent recommendation contained in the Excellence in Education Commission's report on post-secondary education.

Recommendation 36 requested that the provincial government help with research funding for post-secondary institutions.

Frank Wilson, UNB's Vice-President of Research and International Co-operation, agrees, but stressed the importance of funding from the private sector.

"I think it's a reasonable recommendation; We need that increased government support, but we must also continue to accelerate our search for external funds. We can't expect government to be the sole source of that research support."

Vaughn Blaney, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, concurs.

"We cannot help but agree with a recommendation of that type. When you discuss the question of how important is research in the context of the total operation of a university, that's where others have to become involved in answering that question. I believe that research has its place, it must always retain a very high level of support."

But Blaney emphasized the need for more than just money.

"The private sector has to be totally involved now, and that means totally involved financially, and as part of the administration, and part of helping with curriculum and part of evaluating."

In identifying some of the positive exchanges between university and government, Blaney noted the work of Wilson and his research group in assisting with Trans-Canada studies.

"He and his group and his department have worked endlessly in assisting the province of New Brunswick with data that we could never be able to obtain any other way," he said, "It's a two-way street."

Wilson estimates that the university currently attracts approximately 15 million in external research support, from which the salaries of 100 staff are paid.

While Wilson admits this is a lot of money, he is working to increase that amount.

"We're not lacking in that area for a university this size, he said, "I'd like to see that moved to 20 million in the next three to five years."

UNB gains external research funds from numerous sources.

"We work with a number of industries, consulting firms, and people in the computing industry," he said.

Wilson has been in this position since September, prior to that, the research component was the responsibility of the Graduate School.

"I had been doing all of the research promotion for three years there, and as Dean of Engineering, I worked very heavily in that area," he said.

Now, his job covers the whole of UNB/UNBSJ.

Co-operation between UNB and the provincial government on the Trans-Canada has been "a two-way street."
— Vaughn Blaney

"My main task is to liaison with people in the university to determine their funding needs and try to assist the faculty to find links with industry and government in order to develop programs that will bring that external funding in," he said, "It's easier to get it in certain areas, it always is, but our priorities are for research support across the campus; we're pushing in every area."

Crime of the Week

Crimestoppers

Sometime during the week of December 4, 1992 a HITACHI VHS/VCR Serial No. 11014779 was removed from Martin Hall, Saint Thomas University. This VCR has a Saint Thomas University identification number "11" either on the side or back of the machine.

On Tuesday afternoon at around 3:15 p.m. on the 19th January 1993 a male bolted from the cashier's line and ran out the front door of the Bookstore carrying a number of soft covered books without paying for them.

This male subject had dark hair was about 5'5" tall and was wearing a green jacket (short in length) and a fancy ball cap.

Crime stoppers will pay up to $2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible for the above crimes. If you have information about this or about any other crime in New Brunswick, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-(TIPS) 8477. We want your information, not your name. If your tip leads to an arrest Crime Stoppers guarantees a cash reward.

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administration."

Langin does not see the lack of a strike fund as a detriment to the negotiations. He says he can find the strike funds if it becomes necessary, but it should not come to that, hopefully. "We hope to complete negotiations on a new contract as soon as possible." But in any negotiation it's extremely hard to set a time frame.

Langin seems to have no qualms about leaving CUPE. "For some employee groups, CUPE does very good work."

"But for our group and membership the majority just decided it was time for a change," Langin said.

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the Sizzler.

Cara Ltd. is also investigating the possibility of changing the Beaver Foods coffee shop outlets around campus to a "mall grade merchandising" format, called 'Roasters' which would be more like a gourmet coffee shop.

Patt explains that Lingers, the coffee shop now operating in the SUB Cafeteria was established experimentally two years ago to determine the viability of such a venue. He explains that the coffee shop location has "been so successful we've decided to take it one step further."

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student and one representative appointed by the university administration.

"We recognize the space limitations of the current SUB and we're prepared to show a level of commitment," Gibbs says. "Whether that means a spring student referendum is in the offing we'll just have to wait and see."

Gibbs says the Saint Thomas Student Union is "committed in the long term to the construction of a SUB on our own campus, but in the short term expansion of the current SUB is definitely in our interests."

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