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Newsbits

Rummery to give 1995 Dineen Lecture

Scientific and Engineering Research – Who Needs It? is the topic of the 1995 Dineen Memorial Lecture. Terrance Rummery, science advisor to Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., will give the lecture on Wednesday, March 22 at 8 p.m. in the Dineen Auditorium, Head Hall. He will also give a technical lecture at 2:30 on the Development and Application of a Wet-proofed Catalyst.

His lecture will examine the role and importance of science and technology research and development from its origins to the present day, as well as Canada's record in this area and what it may mean for the future.

Rummery is a past president of AECL Research and holds an honorary doctor of science degree from his alma mater, Queen's University.

The Dineen Memorial Lectures began in 1980 and honor former engineering professor and UNB president James O. Dineen. The lectures focus on technology and its impact on society.

Computer Science faculty renames degrees

The faculty of Computer Science has adopted new names for its degrees.

"The change makes the names more concise and less confusing," said Uday Gujar, acting Dean of Computer Science. The Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (BScCS) has become the Bachelor of Computer Science (BCS). The graduate degree has been correspondingly changed to a Master of Computer Science (MCS) from the Master of Science in Computer Science (MScCS).

This spring's computer science graduates will be the first to have the new names on their parchments.

UNB has the first faculty of Computer Science in the country. The faculty currently has nearly 500 students enrolled.

Mount Allison Students leave CFS

Mount Allison have just overwhelmingly voted to terminate their membership in CFS. Eighty-eight per cent of the ballots cast voted to withdraw from CFS.

On a separate question, students voted to remain members of CFS-Services, the separately incorporated and non-political student services cooperative which provides services like Travel Cuts.

Ecofeminism lecture topic at STU

Ecofeminism will be discussed by a guest lecturer next Tuesday, March 21 at STU. Heather Eaton, a feminist theologian from St. Michael's College, Toronto School of Theology will speak on "The Ecofeminist Challenge" at 8 p.m. in Room 201 of Edmund Casey Hall.

Ecofeminism is an interdisciplinary discourse and international movement, based on the many layers of connections between women and the earth. Ecofeminist theologies challenge religious traditions to recover a religious sensitivity towards the earth.

Aitken House wins Blood Drive Award

Aitken House has been awarded a Red Cross Blood Donor Trophy as part of its Residence Challenge for donating the most blood at the recent clinic held by the Red Cross. Aitken had 61 donors while Lady Dunn ran a distant second at 30.

Corrections

In a story which appeared on the front page of the March 3rd Edition of the Brunswickan under the headline 'SU Administrator to receive pay hike'. We should point out that the \$41,000 annual cost to the Student Union includes Kirk's Salary, benefits and certain other pay roll costs. We should also point out that the salary and benefit hike took effect on January 1st, 1995, not effective May 1st, 1995 as we originally indicated. All other SU employees received pay and benefit hikes on January 1st, 1995.

In a story which appeared on the front page of the March 3rd edition of Brunswickan concerning the SU 95-96 budget—second reading of the budget takes place on March 22nd, not March 15th as we originally reported.

New health plan being considered

By Gordon Loane
Brunswickan News

A new health plan being considered to replace the current plan would cost less, increase coverage, and substantially reduce administrative red tape.

But to achieve that goal, the plan provided by the Canadian Federation of Students and SunLife, would have to be dumped after just one year, and a move made to a new health plan offered by Morneau Associates and Blue Cross of Atlantic Canada.

The plan would cost \$95 in 1995-96, down \$5 from this year. Coverage would remain the same as this year with two new additions. Chiropractic services to a maximum of \$250 would be provided and physiotherapy coverage would increase to a maximum of \$500 yearly from the current \$250.

All other services would be maintained, including prescription drugs with a pay-direct card, oral contraceptives, vision care, medical equipment and supplies, certain paramedical services and accidental death and dismembership.

But administrative services under the plan would substantially increase. Blue Cross of Atlantic Canada offices on Prospect Street in Fredericton would be a main centre for direct line inquiries and quick pay-get-your-refund-immediately service Monday to Friday.

This would eliminate the CFS mail claim service that takes up to six weeks.

In addition, students would receive health care cards by October 10, 1995, instead of a November time frame. Rebate cheques would be available at the same time. Claim forms for Blue Cross

Services would be more widely available through local doctors, pharmacies, opticians, the Blue Cross office or the UNB Student Union.

The pay-direct card, providing 80% off the price of prescription drugs would remain in effect, similar to this year.

Administrative headaches with the current CFS health plan abound, according to Alward's report.

"Administrative support under the CFS health plan was severely lacking all year long," he said.

While acknowledging that certain problems do exist, SU presidential candidate, Kelly Lamrock, who is running unopposed in next week's general student

election, urged council to exercise caution before approving a switch in health plans.

"I would like to know a little bit more about the track record of Morneau Associates," said Lamrock, who wonders why the company has only attracted business from about six student unions despite five years of courting student groups.

Lamrock said he would like to see the SU draft a services contract with a default clause, which would ensure promises made are adhered to.

Council, after considering the proposal for well over an hour, voted to table a motion approving the Morneau/Blue Cross plan until next Wednesday night.

U of A SU helps out the hard up

By Gabriel M. Fantino
Gateway News

As part of this year's University of Alberta Students' Union elections, students voted 59% in a referendum to create a fund that would benefit needy students.

U of A students will be levied an extra ten dollars a term on their Students' Union fee, raising \$500,000 a year for the Access Fund.

"The purpose of this is basically because of rising tuition. It is our way of doing what we can to help ensure that post-secondary education is kept accessible," says Peter Cahill, University Affairs co-ordinator and organiser for the vote "yes" side.

Five per cent of the fee will go to administrative costs, another five per cent to students who are expected to opt-out, and ten per cent of the money will go into an endowment fund every year. The remaining \$400,000 or so will be awarded to students based solely on

need. The average bursary will be about \$1600, according to Cahill.

The fund will help not only students from low-income families, but those that don't qualify for student loans.

"What if you have been living on your own since you were 16 and you don't even talk to your parents and they have no intention of giving you money?" asks Cahill. "This fund is not for people who bought too many CD's, it will be for people who simply can't afford to come here."

He says the fund will be run by the SU.

"We want to be one of the first schools to do this, not one of the last. There are two other schools in Canada, UBC and Dalhousie, except there it is done through their university administrations," explains Cahill.

The vote passed by a relatively close margin, with 2985 students in favour of the fund and 2093 opposed.

Project hopes to prevent aggression

by Janice McConnell
Brunswickan News

Preventing sexual aggression among students will be the focus of a new project being initiated by Counselling Services. The project will involve male students from UNB and STU in educating other men about sexual aggression.

Counselling Services is presently recruiting volunteers who would be trained as peer educators for the 1-2 hour educational program. The training program will take place at the end of the summer and will provide peer educators with knowledge about sexual aggression, as well as provide them with an opportunity to examine their own attitudes and behaviour. After training, the student volunteers would work educating their peers approximately two hours per week throughout the academic year.

"Our hope is that through the recruitment drive we'd get a core of men who then can begin to educate other men next year," said Larry Finkelman, project coordinator.

"I am hoping that we get a cross-section from many different faculties," said Finkelman.

A survey done by Counselling Services in 1992 found that a third of female students reported experiencing one or more unwanted sexual experiences in the preceding year. In the same survey, 96 per cent of female victims reported

their aggressors were known to them, and only 4 per cent were strangers. The aim of the current project is to help men examine their attitudes and values about women in the context of romantic and social relationships.

The program hopes that as the numbers of men who participate as peer educators increase, the numbers of men who find sexually aggressive behaviour unacceptable will also increase, and that over time, the program will help reduce the incidence of unwanted sexual experiences among women.

"We are not trying to specifically target men that are sexually aggressive, we're trying to target all men," said

Finkelman.

The volunteer peer educators should be male students who will be returning next year and have a GPA of 2.0 or better.

Counselling Services is hoping to get a Challenge grant over the summer to hire a student to help in researching and finalizing the project implementation. The project has received funding from the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation and the Saint Thomas Student Union.

A five-member committee will assist Counselling Services in running the project. A male student from each university will sit on the committee.



Prof. Dwight Scott, Larry Finkelman, and Rev. Neville Cheeseman are organizing a peer education project on sexual aggression.
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