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Porter

Top ten New Year's Resolutions:
10. I will go to all of my classes.
9. I will go to most of my classes.
8. I will find out where my classes are.
7. I will figure out what faculty I am in.
6. I will understand the academic probation policies.
5. I will stop accepting the Social Club's mail which is addressed to occupant.
4. I will find out where my mid-terms are.
3. I will accept that Elvis is dead.
2. I will never drink that again.
1. I will stop procrastinate....



High-speed spinnin', like a 45 record. Forestry student Matt Methven on the slopes of Sunday River. For complete story see page 13. Photo by Mark Bray.

Locals on both sides react to anti-abortion shootings

by Charlene Deyarmond
Brunswickan News

The recent gunning down of employees at two abortion clinics in a Boston suburb has added yet another dimension to the debate between pro-choice and right-to-life movements.

On December 30, 1994, a 23 year old man named John Salvi killed two women and wounded five others during a shooting spree, both women fatally wounded were receptionists at the clinics.

Despite generalizations of these

actions as being part of the right-to-life movement, local individuals from both sides of the issue were quick to condemn these acts of violence.

Allison Brewer, of the Morgentaler Clinic, stated that she doesn't believe recent acts of violence being committed against abortion clinics and doctors in the U.S. is indicative of any right-to-life movements. She further commented that it appeared more illustrative of America's trend to violence in all aspects of its society.

A group of UNB students, self-

described anti-abortionists, emphasized that although they don't agree with the termination of pregnancy, one's moral convictions cannot be forced upon others, especially through violent means.

Although the debate may continue, Fredericton has been fortunate in practical terms. Ms. Brewer stated "We have received no threatening letters or phone calls since we've opened, in fact we've received a large amount of support. Any protests that have occurred outside the clinic have been peaceful."

Student groups speak out at green paper hearings

by Janice McConnell
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University and college students graduating in the top 10 per cent of their class should have 50 per cent of their student loan written off.

This was one of the suggestions put forward by the New Brunswick Student Alliance to the House of Commons standing Committee on Human Resources Development. Kelly Lamrock, chair of the Alliance and a first-year law student at UNB made the presentation to the Standing Committee at the Fredericton Inn on December 16.

"A lot of MPs said that it was the best presentation that they had heard," said Lamrock, commenting on the Committee's reception of the Alliance's recommendations. "They said that they hadn't heard a lot of policy ideas."

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), of which UNB is a member, maintains that it has not had time to develop any alternate policies, according to Lamrock.

However, CFS has not come forward to endorse "No More Smoke and Mirrors", the Alliance's position paper, although 30 student unions across the country have endorsed the position paper.

The Alliance quoted figures released by Tim Andrew, former chair

of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, that estimate that tuition fees in Atlantic Canada will range from \$5,000 to \$7,000 under the government's proposed plan.

They also suggested that the Atlantic region could suffer from a system based solely on tax points as the region has a smaller tax base than the rest of the country.

The Alliance suggested that the burden of financing post-secondary education should rest with all who have benefitted from upper education, not just with present and future graduates. They suggest that a graduate surtax of one per cent be applied through the income tax system to all graduates, present and past, with an annual salary greater than \$40,000, increasing to four per cent for salaries greater than \$250,000 per year.

They recommend that student loans be collected through the income tax system as well, with no interest accruing or loan repayment until the student achieves a minimum salary. They feel this will help reduce the number of defaulted loans.

The Alliance restated the suggestions made in their position paper, which included a national job corps which would employ fresh graduates at modest wages for programs, such as a widespread literacy campaign, that the government

cannot presently afford.

They also suggested that the private sector be responsible for sponsoring promising students who would then be employed by the business after graduation.

A year of venture capital loans were recommended by the Alliance as a funding source for newly graduated entrepreneurs, which could be implemented as an extension of their student loans.

They also recommended that bright high school students be encouraged to continue their education by giving bursaries equal to the amount of tuition to high school students graduating in the top ten per cent of their class.

The presentation was made by the

United Parcel Service to come to Fredericton, may mean jobs for students

by Janice McConnell
Brunswickan News

UPS will be bringing 370 customs and brokerage administrative jobs to Fredericton over the next 21 months. It will also be headquartering its accounting and customer services in Moncton with 500 positions with hiring starting this May.

It is not presently known how many New Brunswickers will be hired locally as UPS's present employees have the opportunity to relocate.

Susan Bortot, PR Manager for UPS, cited one of the best telecommunication environments in Canada, highly skilled and educated workers as well as a highly qualified, bilingual workforce to hire from as the factors that influenced UPS in choosing New Brunswick.

"The university community helped too," said Bortot, commenting on the choice of Fredericton for the customs and brokerage jobs.

She said that education plays a key role, especially with courses like telecommunications, in providing a competitive business environment.

UPS has not decided on a hiring date, but recruitment is beginning immediately. Students are encouraged to send their resumes to UPS's Human Resources department, P.O. Box 20048, Moncton, NB, E1C 1E0.

Bridge shooter sentenced

Brunswickan News

Robin Canney was sentenced to eleven years on charges stemming from the October shooting of STU student Trina Trecartin.

Canney pleaded guilty to the charge of aggravated assault for the wounding of Trecartin, a number of other weapons-related offenses, and possession of marijuana. Trecartin received wounds to her leg and shoulder in the shooting.

Superintendent Geldart of the Fredericton City Police said he agrees with the sentence.

"It is fair and justified in regards to the type of crime. The young lady was shot twice and very well could have been killed," said Geldart.

"The sentence will hopefully serve as a deterrent to others," he added.

The sentencing judge ordered that Canney serve half of the eleven-year sentence before becoming eligible for parole.