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Prof in Internet Hall of Fame

A UNB professor is one of the first five inductees into the Canadian Internet Hall of Fame.

David Macneil is the director of computing services and a professor of computer science at UNB. His induction, which honours his extensive involvement with organizing computer networking in Canada over the last 15 years, took place at the ninth annual Canadian Networking Conference, Net95.

Macneil is a founding member of the board of directors for the Canadian arm of the worldwide Internet, CA*net. He has also served as its vice-chair and as executive secretary of the Canadian university computer network, NetNorth. He is a member of the NATO Science Committee Advisory Panel on Computer Networking, the Canadian delegate to the North American Coordinating Committee on International Research Networking. He served on the National Research Network Implementation Committee, and has been UNB's representative to the NB/PEI Educational Computer Network since 1981. He is also a founding member of the board of directors of CANARIE Inc., and a member of New Brunswick's Public-Private Advisory Council, and of Premier Frank McKenna's Task Force on the Electronic Information Highway.

The Canadian Internet Awards and Hall of Fame were inaugurated in 1995 to honor the best in Canadian networking.

SE, Music societies get reprieve

Council has reversed two of its previous decisions regarding budget cuts.

The Survey Engineering Society and the Music Society were both cut 10%, rather than "straight cuts" where a dollar figure was cut.

According to Duncan Fulton, Acting Vice-President Finance and Administration, the cuts were the result of errors. "We thought that they had not spent this money, when in fact they had."

The mix-up is the result of basing the decision to cut on a print-out of the Student Union account which contained transactions up to November 20. The cuts were made on December 5.

See, Roly's not so bad

Issued by Advanced Education and Labour Minister R.J. (Roly) MacIntyre: Over the last few years, the New Brunswick government has worked closely with universities to keep tuition fees at a reasonable level, and has implemented measures to make sure that student aid is sufficient to meet the needs of those students least able to afford post-secondary education.

By working with the province's four universities and maintaining reasonable levels of provincial operating grant support, tuition increases have been kept to a minimum.

... New Brunswick has the lowest average tuition rate in the Maritimes. Undergraduate arts and sciences tuition levels are, on average, \$3,153 in Nova Scotia, \$2,820 in Prince Edward Island, and \$2,555 in New Brunswick.

Significant changes have also been made in student aid. At the beginning of the 1990's, the greatest problem in student aid was that the poorest students were unlikely to be able to get enough money to make it through a full year of studies. ... In 1992-93, the most needy students could get up to \$6,270 for a 34-week university term, although a year at university for a student who had to live away from home generally costs in excess of \$8,000. The highest-needs students can now get up to \$10,540 for a term of this duration.

Helping students make the transition from school to the work force continues to be another priority of this government. Our student employment programs provide work experience, foster entrepreneurship, strengthen linkages with the private sector and offer wage subsidies to help graduates build their careers. ...

These efforts to keep tuition reasonable, improve student aid sufficiency, and provide effective employment programs have helped to improve access for all New Brunswick university and college students. We will build on these successes and continue to assist New Brunswick students.

Microwave stolen from SUB

Sometime between 12:15 am and 1:00 am on December 14, 1995, person(s) unknown removed a microwave oven from the Student Union Building.

This microwave oven, which was located at the back of the SUB in the location of the vending machines, was forcibly removed and may have some damage from the screws that were used to fasten it in place.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this crime. If you have information about this crime or any other crimes please 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.

NB Crime Stoppers gets \$10,000

The Mounted Police Foundation donated \$10,000 to assist the New Brunswick Crime Stoppers program. The funds will be put towards the cost of a new van. It will be used by Crime Stoppers personnel to travel throughout the province, visiting local chapters, giving presentations, and filming the Crime of the Week feature.

SU to survey CHSR



Photo: Mike Dean

by Joe FitzPatrick
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The UNB Student Union believes that a student survey is necessary before deciding on some large capital expenditures for CHSR.

CHSR, which recently celebrated 35 years of Broadcasting, has an aging FM transmitter, on top of MacGee House at the top of campus. It was transmitting at 50-Watts until late last term, when it diminished to 26-Watts.

Acting Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Duncan Fulton, will chair the committee which will administer the survey.

The committee is composed of three council members and three CHSR members.

Fulton, Derek Ferlatte, and Blair Saulnier will sit as councilors. Shane Heath, Music Director, Barb Fairweather,

Spoken Word Coordinator, and Stacey Brown, Chair of Executive Committee, will sit as CHSR members.

"We were afraid that if [the committee] was all Council members, it would be biased against CHSR. We were also afraid that if it were all station members it would be biased in favour. This was the middle ground," said Fulton.

The purpose of the committee is to determine the listening wants and habits of the UNB Students. It will also hopefully provide some direction for programming.

No date has been set for the first meeting.

While UNB was going ahead with a survey idea, UNB SU President Kelly Lamrock was discouraging the St. Thomas Student Union from doing the same.

"There's a reason [a professional]

survey costs \$25,000 - it's because of the effort in getting representative samples, among students, over time, and throughout the week," he told St. Thomas.

Lamrock outlined his rationale behind a survey initiative from the UNB SU.

"I remember when I was at that end of the table [a St. Thomas Executive] and we said [to CHSR] 'look, we really want changes here,' and they said 'okay, we have \$110,000 budget, \$5,000 of it's yours.'"

"So, now that we hold the bigger end of the purse strings, I suspect it's worth doing something."

Station Manager Jeff Whipple recalls the Student Union has done such surveys in the past.

"They tried one in 1991, but they only got a form together, it was never used," he said.

MacDonald fifth to resign

by Cynthia Kirkby
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Steve MacDonald is the fifth resignation from the Student Union this year.

For a short period of time, Steve MacDonald was deputy chair of the Finance Committee.

Other members who quit were Nahie Bassett, VP (Finance), Pat FitzPatrick, VP (External), Troy Woodside (Chief Returning Officer), and Keith Loukes (SMART-PACC coordinator).

One of the more active non-Councilors on the Finance Committee, he initially objected to the appointment of Duncan Fulton as interim-chair.

In his letter of resignation, MacDonald wrote that "several problems in the UNB SU [had] forced [him] to withdraw from service as Acting Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee."

These problems arose after the resignation of former VP Finance Nahie Bassett. "First of all, the SU bylaws indicate basically that the VP Finance & Administration or a council member shall be Chair and Deputy Chair of the Finance Committee," MacDonald wrote that he was concerned "that instead of calling a by-election to ELECT a new VP Finance,

once again a 3rd party, was appointed (as in the case of the VP-external) from some back-room politics that did not serve the interests of the student body.

Second, recently I have heard of some instances where Mr. Fulton knew very well of certain events or deals before going to Council to recommend cuts, and then said he had no clue what these line items were for i.e., CAMPUS. Although I don't want

to speculate I think more questions need to be asked before the '95-'96 budget is closed up, and since I am only volunteering my time I have no interest in getting sucked into this mess."

His final concern was of a personal nature. "At the last Council meeting before Christmas... Duncan went on like

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Davidson: \$1,000

by Joe FitzPatrick
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The SU Vice-President Student Services, Trish Davidson, will be getting \$1,000 to investigate a better opt-out procedure for the Student Union health plan. This will be in addition to the \$1,500 honouraria she receives in second term as Vice-President.

Davidson cited financial hardship as the principle reason for the salary.

"I would have to get a part-time job to support myself [this term,]" she said.

The Health Plan falls under the Student Services portfolio.

"It is impossible to do this without being paid," she told Council.

"She's being very generous [with her

time] to do this for \$1,000," said Duncan Fulton, Acting Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Davidson will have earned over \$2,500 this term as VP. The next closest recipient will be the SU President at \$1,720.

By the end of the year, Davidson is expected to receive \$8,500 for her service to the Union during her term as Vice-President.

Council approved the expenditure on January 30. The money will come from the Administrative fee already collected by the Health Plan, and will be paid every second week.

The proposal which recommended this amount, claims Davidson will put 270 hours into this endeavour by term's end.