

Why be in line, when you could be on-line



Waiting around like your folks to register?

by Janice McConnell
Brunswickan News

Good news. You do not have to wait in line to register for your courses like your parents did. Now you can register for your courses on-line.

The university has worked on the system since last fall in conjunction with the Computing Services Department (CSD).

Students can dial-in from the luxury of their own homes or use the

computers on campus to register or withdraw from courses. However students still must consult with their faculty advisor to obtain their personal identification number (PIN) to access the registration system.

Priority for course selection will be given to upper year students nearest to graduation.

The time saved is immense, however, students will still have to line up to pay fees, get their student IDs and change their local addresses.

AIDS Quilt coming to campus

by Chantale Walker
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The Canadian National AIDS Quilt is arriving in Fredericton on September 13, 1995. It will be on display for only four days, until September 16. Four days just doesn't seem to be enough time to show everyone in Fredericton and other New Brunswick areas the impact that AIDS has had on our country. *Brunswickan News* recently spoke to the President of the PLW HIV/AIDS Network of New Brunswick, Ted Gaudet, a person with AIDS who recounted the first time he had seen the Quilt.

Ted had been living in Toronto for ten years when he found out he had contracted the AIDS virus. He later moved to Vancouver where he saw the National AIDS Quilt on display for the first time. The museum where he saw it was three stories high and structured in a way that the spiral staircase leading down the centre of the building gave a dome effect. Perhaps the atmosphere created by the dome effect gave the Quilt an other-worldly image. However, it seems unbelievable that the Quilt would need any type of specific surrounding or atmosphere to create the enormous effect it is known for, since it manages to create one all on its own. As Ted wandered through the museum, travelling from one province of Canada to the next, he finally arrived at the Ontario display. It was not until this exact part of the display that he realized the actual magnitude of the entire AIDS Quilt. He had arrived at the display of his own province, and seeing quilts of people he knew and had been acquainted with shocked him tremendously. It was only at this point that he began to realize the tremendous reach of the AIDS virus.

This is the effect that is well-known by those who have come in contact with any part of the AIDS Quilt. As Prof. Grace Getty has said, "We quote AIDS statistics everyday, however, sometimes we don't fully realize that each number is a person, someone's child, husband, partner, or wife. The Quilt brings that reality into focus clearly."

The idea for a national Quilt began in 1987, when people in San Francisco started making and exhibiting personally-designed cloth panels in memory of loved ones lost to AIDS, so that their names would not be forgotten. Soon after this event, the Memorial took the form of a giant Quilt, and two years later was turned into the AIDS Memorial Quilt that toured the United States and Canada.

This year, the Quilt display will open on Wednesday evening, September 13, at the Aitken University Centre, beginning with official opening ceremonies including dignitaries reading the names of persons lost to AIDS, and the submission of panels made in memory of New Brunswickers. It will remain open until early Saturday evening, September 16, 1995. If any additional information is required, please call 1-800-561-4009.

Orientation: a tour to gay Fredericton

by Alan Wong and Katie Wright
G.A.L.A. Representatives

You may not have noticed any signs of a lesbian (lesbian, bisexual and gay) community here in Fredericton but rumour had it that this city has the second largest per capita lesbian population in North America. This has not been proven, of course, but what we can tell you is that, yes, there is a lesbian community in Fredericton.

We represent G.A.L.A. (Gay and Lesbian Association), an organization that looks after the interests of lesbian students at U.N.B. and S.T.U. Lesbians come from a variety of racial, social and cultural backgrounds but we all have something in common that binds us together — our sexual orientation. By this we do not mean to emphasize our sexual preferences — there is more to our identity than with whom we choose to sleep. Lesbian identity is

also about self-acceptance and falling in love with someone you just happens to be of the same sex.

G.A.L.A. is not a meat market, although you can meet other lesbians from the university and greater Fredericton communities. We are also not a recruitment agency — only you decide what your orientation is. We can provide you with counselling, social activities, information on cultural, political and health issues, and a forum through which you can voice your concerns. It's up to you how you would like to become involved.

If you would like to see what we are all about, you are welcome to come to our first meeting on Friday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. For information on the location or if you have any other questions regarding G.A.L.A. or the lesbian community in Fredericton, please call the Gayline at 457-2156. See you there!

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