Downtown Fredericton

As unusual as it may sound, today's downtown Fredericton is very much that of yesteryear. A different yesteryear, however — not that of five years ago when it was nearly a waste zone used in urban renewal studies at UNB, but rather that of twenty, thirty, even fourty years ago when downtown was the hub of the city.

Whether the growth in downtown Fredericton is due to the efforts of the city, of individual merchants, of Downtown Development Fredericton Inc. or of some diety, what is certain is that the downtown core is once again becoming the social, artistic and cultural hub of our little town.

It's patently obvious to anyone who has been in Fredericton for more than one day that downtown is bar–central. The fine watering holes located at the foot of college hill need no introduction to most of you out there, so we'll simply skip them altogether. Instead, we will be presenting a rather solid case for skipping the malls alltogether and heading downtown the next time the shopping, coffee or food bug should hit you.

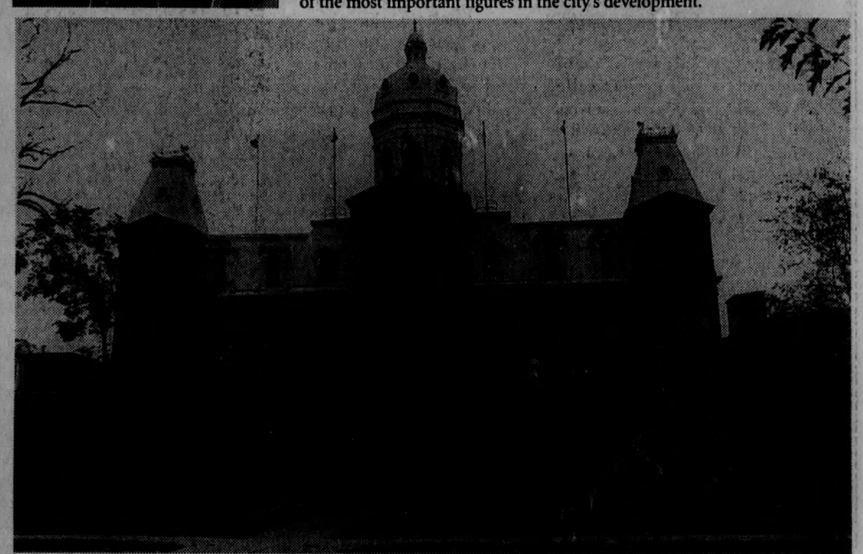
Of note, however, are a number of new business ventures, some solid standbys, fantastic scenery and, of course, the Boyce Farmer's Market. So, for your viewing pleasure, it is the pleasure of *the Brunswickan* to present you with the pictorial guide to Downtown Fredericton. Below, you will find more than you ever wanted to know about what's neat to see and visit, while on the facing page is a summary of businesses which are particularly cool and / or student friendly. Also, keep your eyes out for upcoming features dealing with student owned business — at last count, there were at least eight of them downtown.

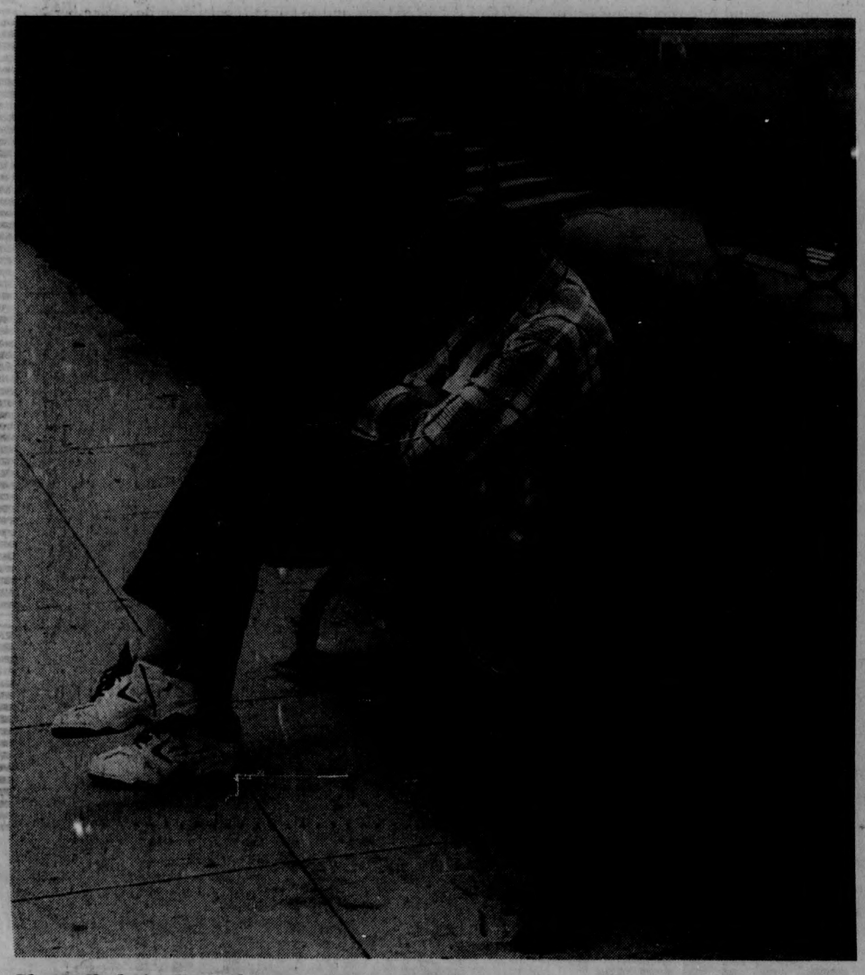


Maria Paisley Photo

Beavers, Beavers, Beavers… Beavers everywhere: Yes, there are a number of beavers in Fredericton. Ranging in size, shape and importance from these scuptures pictured above through to the Lady Beaverbrook Gym and the Beaverbrook Art Gallery — to say nothing of the assorted buildings on campus — Fredericton has been certain to pay homage to one Lord Beaverbrook, one of the most important figures in the city's development.









Photos Clockwise, From Above:

At Rest Downtown: One of the many advantages afforded shoppers in the downtown area is the plethora of park benches, green grass and shady trees. Particularly popular are the park at Officer's Square at Queen and Regent as well as The Green, which travels along the waterfront. *(Pat FitzPatrick Photo)*

Detail from the Guard: Detail for the Changing of the Guard Ceremony, run downtown all summer long by reservists. Although it is usually for the edification of tourists, students have been known to visit during the changing of the guard so as to make life "interesting" for friends pulling the duty. *(Pat FitzPatrick Photo)*

NB Legislature: The seat of all power in the province, the provincial legislature is located on Queen Street, directly opposite the Lord Beaverbrook Art Gallery, Lord Beaverbrook Hotel and the Playhouse. *(Maria Paisley Photo)*

Section of the Old Fredericton Military Compound: Part of the early fortifications of Fredericton, this section of the Military Compound has now been given over to space for crafts people of all forms, ranging from metal workers and wook turners through to various forms of painting and drawing. A fantastic place to visit if you are planning a piece of art for a Christmas gift. *(Pat FitzPatrick Photo)*

International Students Orientation & Reception

Thursday, September 26th, 1996
Alumni Memorial Building – Lounge
6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.
(Refreshments will be provided)

Meet the professionals who provide you with the essential information about their specific departments. Contact the International Student Advisor/ CIDA Coordinator's Office at 453-4860 for further information

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