

Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

Student Development Co-ordinator resigns

After two years at UNB, Leanne French has resigned, effective November 8th, as Student Development Co-ordinator in the Student Affairs and Services Department.

She has accepted a new position as Manager, NSAC International at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro, Nova Scotia.

French has also resigned as Don of Jones House.

A search for her replacement in Jones House is now underway.

Residence Life Programming Plan released

UNB residence officials have unveiled a new five year residence life programming plan "Toward a Learning Community."

In reality, Residence Life Programmer, Christine Medford, indicates the plan is already in year two of its implementation.

The end goal of the plan is to build upon and complement programs already flourishing in UNB's Residence Community.

STU mourns loss of staff member

St. Thomas University is extending its condolences to the friends and family of Roger Arbeau, a member of the university's cleaning staff for 26 years. He passed away suddenly last week.

In particular, condolences are being expressed to Arbeau's wife Jeannette, who is a member of the University's catering staff.

In addition to his wife, Arbeau is survived by his son Joseph E. Arbeau of Douglas; two sisters, Vera Peterson of Fredericton and Marilyn Peterson of Fredericton; and a grandson, Dylan Eugene Arbeau.

The funeral service was held last Sunday, October 29th, at the Upper Blackville United Baptist Church. Burial took place in Upper Blackville.

For those who wish, remembrances to the Canadian Cancer Society, or to any charity of the donor's choice, would be appreciated by the family.

STU students and United Way team up

St. Thomas University and the United Way teamed up this past week to clean up Halloween mischief while gathering donations for a worthy cause.

Students visited many homes in the city as part of their fundraising efforts for the United Way.

Those who donated \$2 or more received a STU pin.

For a donation of \$5 or more, STU students showed up last Wednesday, November 1st, to clean up any mischief that might have occurred on a homeowner's property.

McLeod House food drive successful

Students and friends of McLeod House collected approximately 1,000 pounds of food Halloween night on their Fill the Void food drive. The residents of McLeod Houses wish to thank all those who participated and all those residents who supported the Fredericton Food Bank.

City seeks input on smoking by-law

Fredericton City Council is requesting written comments on Draft By-law No. S-12, a by-law respecting smoking in the City.

Written responses must be submitted to the office of the City Clerk by no later than the close of business on Wednesday, November 15th.

At its meeting of November 20th, Council will receive the members of the public who submitted written comments and who advised the City Clerk in writing of their wish to speak.

Each presenter will be limited to a maximum presentation time of five minutes.

The draft by-law is available from the City Clerk's office or can be viewed online at www.city.fredericton.nb.ca under the "What's New" section.

Noted writer Alistair MacLeod to read at UNB

Alistair MacLeod, a UNB alumnus, whom *The Globe and Mail* has called the greatest living Canadian writer, will present a reading at UNB Fredericton tomorrow, (Saturday) November 4th.

The reading will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Dugald Blue Auditorium of Marshall d'Avray Hall.

The reading is free of charge and open to the public.

Dr. MacLeod's 15 short stories and his novel, "No Great Mischiefs," (1999) have received international critical acclaim.

The novel has already won two Atlantic regional literary prizes.

Born in Saskatchewan and raised in Cape Breton, MacLeod received a Master's degree in English from UNB in 1961 and a Doctorate from the University of Notre Dame in 1968.

He recently retired as Professor of English and Creative Writing at the University of Windsor.

For more information on the reading and MacLeod's visit to UNB Fredericton, please contact Ross Leckie at (506) 458-7395.

Nunavut subject of Lecture November 7th

Dr. Denis St-Onge, past President of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, will offer an armchair tour of Nunavut in a lecture scheduled for next Tuesday, November 7th on the UNB Fredericton campus.

The talk will take place at 7:30 p.m. in MacLaggan Hall Auditorium.

St-Onge, a geographer who has studied the origin of Arctic landscapes for 40 years, has held senior management positions with the Geological Survey of Canada and the University of Ottawa.

His illustrated lecture will touch on major historic events, Inuit culture, the Nunavut economy, and some of the challenges facing a culture with both traditional and modern influences.

For more information contact Gary Whiteford, UNB Faculty of Education, at (506) 453-5182.

Viscount Bennett Lecture next week

His Honour, Judge David Arnot, will deliver the 2000 Viscount Bennett Lecture, next Tuesday, November 7th, at 4:30 p.m. in Room 2 of Ludlow Hall on the UNB Fredericton campus.

The lecture is entitled "Aboriginal Treaties as a Bridge to the Future: The Saskatchewan Model."

Arnot currently serves as Treaty Commissioner for the Province of Saskatchewan.

MacNutt Lecture set for November 9th

Dr. Priscilla Renouf, of the Department of Anthropology at Memorial University of Newfoundland, will deliver the 2000 W. Stewart MacNutt Memorial Lecture on the UNB Fredericton campus next Thursday, November 9th, at 5:30 p.m. in Tilley Hall, Room 102.

Her lecture is entitled "Ancient Cultures, Bountiful Seas: Five Thousand Years of Human Settlement on the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland."

All members of the university community are welcome to attend this free lecture.

Walter Learning to deliver Milham lecture

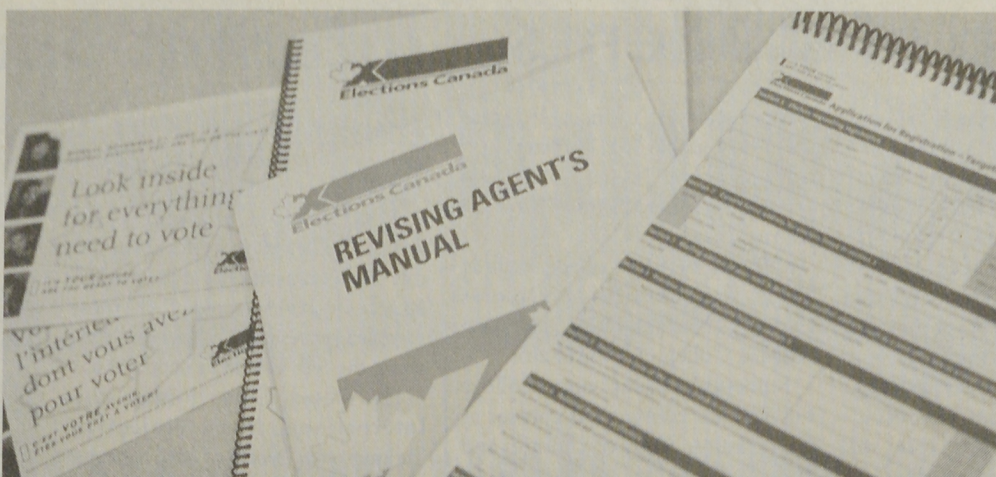
Walter Learning, Director, Playwright, and founder of Theatre New Brunswick, will deliver the 12th Mary Ella Milham Lecture on Wednesday, November 15th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre on the UNB Fredericton campus.

His lecture is entitled "One man in his time plays many parts - Alvin Shaw: An Appreciation."

Shaw served as faculty advisor-director of the UNB Drama Society for 22 years, during which time the Society won 43 awards in regional and national competitions.

All members of the university community are invited to attend.

Election polls in SUB



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There will be four polling stations located in the SUB on election day according to John Landry, Returning Officer for the Fredericton Elections Canada Office.

In addition, while there will not be door-to-door enumeration on campus or in the heavily student-populated College Hill area, agents from Elections Canada have been set up in the SUB since Wednesday, and will remain in place until this Saturday if students wish to get their names on the voters' list.

Students who are on the preliminary voters' list will receive a voter card in the mail from Elections Canada early in November. If that card does not arrive, calls should be placed to Fredericton Returning Officer at 452-2018. You may also fax the office at 444-6126.

Students may visit the office at 495 Prospect Street from 9am to 9pm weekdays, 9am to 6pm Saturdays and noon to 4pm Sundays.

Students may also call Elections Canada toll free 1-800-463-6868 or visit the website at www.elections.ca.

Students are poised to be a significant force in this year's Federal Election, should they exercise their franchise.

Owing to changes in the Elections Act, students no longer have a residency requirement to vote in the riding where they

attend school. Any student in the riding who is a Canadian citizen and 18 years of age or older on polling day may cast a ballot.

The vote on November 27th will be the first time since 1993 that an election will take place during the academic year, raising the chance that roughly 6,000 students could decide who they want as the next

Member of Parliament in the Fredericton riding.

Nationally, fewer than 50 percent of persons under 25 vote, according to Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer of Canada. The average for all age groups is 66 percent. To that end, Kingsley has authorized upwards of \$10 million aimed at encouraging voters under 25 to cast a ballot.

Four candidates for local riding

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Student voters will get to choose between four parties when they go to the polls on November 27th.

On Wednesday, the Progressive Conservatives were the last party to nominate a candidate in the Fredericton riding. They chose Raj Venugopal over Brian Harquail at the Fredericton Inn.

The incumbent, Liberal

Andy Scott, was acclaimed at a nomination convention last Monday night at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel.

Last Wednesday Allan

Neill was unopposed for the

Canadian Alliance

nomination while Michael

Dunn was named the

candidate for the New

Democratic Party.

"One out of every 22 Canadians is attending a post-secondary institution," pointed out UNBSU President Charles Goguen.

"You have to be weary about platforms around elections whether it's fluff or substantial," advises Goguen.

According to Elections Canada, the Fredericton riding has approximately 52,777 eligible voters, and turnout for 1997 was 62.7%. Liberal Andy Scott beat out Cleveland Allaby of the Progressive Conservatives by only 1,200 votes.

Fredericton has traditionally been held by members of the Progressive Conservative Party. Prior to Andy Scott's election in 1993, one needs to go back to the 1940s to see a Fredericton-area Liberal Member of Parliament.

Education should be a priority - EPJ

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The President of New Brunswick's largest university is hoping the November 27th federal election will raise the question of funding for post-secondary education.

"It is critical for the future of this province and this region. We have a situation where New Brunswick universities, on a per student basis, are receiving revenue which is the lowest in the country," said UNB President, Elizabeth Parr-Johnston.

"It's an issue if we want to educate stronger people for the future. We need to have the funding and the facilities to do so. It's all part and parcel of the knowledge-based society and we have to be leaders," she emphasized.

Parr-Johnston said UNB has been under cost pressures in recent years, forcing cutbacks, but the university is now at the stage where strategic additions are needed. "But we will be limited in what we can do unless we have additional funding," she said.

Last April, the UNB Board of Governors raised student tuition fees for the 2000-01 academic year by six percent, with additional fees being charged for certain academic programs.

In addition, tuition fees charged for international students increased by 10 percent.

Parr-Johnston said it is still too early to tell just where tuition rates will be set for the 2001-02 academic year.

NRC-UNB meeting

A group of UNB officials will travel to Ottawa in the next week or so to hammer out the details of the proposed National Research Council e-commerce facility to be located at UNB-Fredericton.

"We'll get into some real specifics about the building and determine what their needs are," said Michael Ryan, UNB's Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning.

Mike Ircha, Assistant Vice-President Academic, has been asked to coordinate the UNB team.

Other members of the team, are John McLaughlin, Vice-President Academic, Larry Armstrong, Director of the Centres for Entrepreneurial Leadership and International Business Studies, and Greg Sprague, Director of UNB Computing Services.

The project includes a 45,000-55,000 square foot building on a 5-acre lot to be located on campus. The estimated budget for the program is \$37 million over the next five years, which will be followed by an operating budget of \$7.8 million per year.

Three sites are being considered: near the Wu Conference Centre, in the woods above the SUB, and below Chapman field.

Air India bombing impact at UNB

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RCMP arrested two British Columbia men last Friday in the biggest mass murder case in Canadian history.

Ripudaman Singh Malik, 53, and Ajaib Singh Bagri, 51, were charged in the 1985 Air India crash off the coast of Ireland that killed 329 people, including a UNB Fredericton Electrical Engineering professor and the wife and two children of a Bathurst, New Brunswick doctor.

Police believe the plane was

brought down by a terrorist bomb.

The two suspects were also charged with an explosion at the Narita, Japan, airport that killed two baggage handlers.

Malik and Bagri are charged with first degree murder, conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder, conspiring to cause bombs to be put on an aircraft, and causing a bomb to be placed on an aircraft.

The RCMP allege that both bombs originated or were placed on respective flights originating from Vancouver, British Columbia, as a result of an alleged conspiracy taking place in part in the province

of British Columbia.

Fredericton resident, Madhu Verma, Vice-President of the women's section of the National Indo-Canadian Council, knew one of the victims of the 1985 Air India crash, Dr. Ramachandran Balasubramanian, the UNB Electrical Engineering professor.

He was a former student, then a colleague of her husband, Ram, also a UNB professor, who is now retired.

The crash also claimed the lives of the wife and two children of physician Dr. Rama Murthy of Bathurst.

Mrs. Verma told the New Brunswick *Telegraph-Journal* this week she is thankful for the arrests but said they were "long overdue." She said the Indo-Canadian community shares that feeling. "I think it was a concern that it took so long - 15 years," she said.

"It's very painful for the families to time and time again hear we are very close to catching these people and then years pass and nothing happens," she said.

Now that there have been arrests, Mrs. Verma said friends and families of the victims can hope to find justice and peace.

One of 18 winners from across Canada

UNB student wins scholarship, internship

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Colin Ryan, a UNB-Fredericton student in Business Administration, is one of 18 recipients of first annual International Studies Scholarships from Canada's Export Development Corporation (EDC).

"These outstanding students from across the country represent Canada's future business leaders in the global marketplace," said A. Ian Gillespie, President and CEO. "EDC is proud to encourage them to explore

opportunities in the field of international business."

The scholarship winners represent the top students in international business, international relations, economics and finance from across Canada. In addition to a financial award of \$3,000, the students are also offered a work term opportunity with EDC.

"We have been amazed by the applicants' qualifications and outstanding accomplishments," said Marie-Claude April, Project Manager, Education and Youth

Employment (EYE) Strategy. "Because of the program's success, next year we will be adding scholarships at the graduate level."

The International Studies Scholarship is one component of EDC's Education and Youth Employment (EYE) Strategy. In partnership with educational institutions and key stakeholders, the objectives of the EYE Strategy are to build an export culture in Canada and to foster employment opportunities for young Canadians.

The scholarship initiative was

administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada (AUCC). Selection of the winners was based on demonstration of leadership potential and initiative and an interest in learning additional languages.

EDC (www.edc.ca) provides trade finance and risk management services to Canadian exporters and investors in up to 200 markets. Founded in 1944, EDC is a Crown corporation of Canada.

Hatfield Scholarship

The Fredericton South Progressive Conservative Association has donated money to UNB Fredericton to set up a scholarship in honour of the late Richard Hatfield, Premier of New Brunswick from 1970 to 1987.

The Honorable Richard Hatfield Undergraduate Scholarship in Political Science, valued at \$500, will be awarded to a full-time student at UNB Fredericton who has declared a major or honours in Political Science.

Preference will be given to a student who graduated from a New Brunswick High School.

Selection will be made on the basis of scholastic attainment with consideration given to a student who has shown leadership qualities and community skills.

The scholarship was among several approved at a recent meeting of the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate.



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Construction began apace on the expansion of the UNB Bio-Medical Engineering building. Notice the lower doors and windows? They were all underground.