

Newsbits

Conference to focus on China next week

Fredericton's Lord Beaverbrook Hotel will be playing host to an exciting international historical conference on October 20th and the 21st.

The Historical Society for the 20th Century China (HSTCC), which is dedicated to a scholarly exchange about modern China, will host the year 2000 conference.

Founded in 1983, the society is also affiliated with the American Historical Association.

The theme of the conference is "Bridging 1949: Historical Continuity in 20th Century China." In 1949, the Chinese People's Republic was founded and this event was acknowledged as the beginning of a milestone in China's modern history.

The conference will showcase 23 scholarly papers which explore aspects of historical development during this era.

Thirty international scholars from the United States, Canada, China, Taiwan, Australia and many other countries, whose field is the history of modern China, will take part in the conference.

Dr. Timothy Brook from the University of Toronto, and Dr. T.K. Tong of New York City University, will deliver keynote speeches. Dr. Brook will deliver a speech entitled, "The Burden and Legacies of China's Occupation Regimes," on Friday, October 20th, and Dr. Tong will close off the conference with his paper, "The Chinese State: Its Historical Development and Modern Transformation in the 20th Century."

This is the first international historical conference on China to be held in Fredericton. For more information, please contact Larry Shyu at 459-8731.

UNB Web-based learning Conference

The foremost authority on the role of the Internet in education is coming to Fredericton.

William H. Graves will deliver the keynote address at the Sixth International Conference on Web-based Learning - NAWeb 2000. Designed for those developing and delivering Web-based education, the conference will take place Oct. 14-17 at the University of New Brunswick.

"This year's conference will feature wireless Web connectivity for delegates and speakers," says Rik Hall, conference chair and manager of UNB's Instructional Technology Unit. "Attendees who bring their laptop computers will be lent a wireless card that enables them to be connected to the Web anywhere in the Wu Conference Centre, without the need to be plugged in."

Among the topics to be addressed at the conference are courseware development, educational techniques and strategies for an online environment, and Web-based assessment.

The keynote speaker, Dr. Graves, has given hundreds of presentations and published more than 50 articles on all aspects of information technology in higher education. He has also served as a consultant for hundreds of institutions interested in the educational uses of technology. A recently retired professor of mathematics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Dr. Graves was the founder and director of the university's Institute for Academic Technology.

To register for NAWeb 2000 or to obtain more information, visit the conference Web site at www.unb.ca/naweb, e-mail naweb@unb.ca or phone Rik Hall at (506) 447-3018.

NAWeb2000 is sponsored by UNB with support from Silicon Graphics, TeleEducation NB, WebCT, Learn Stream, 3D Datacomm and the Government of New Brunswick.

Student computer lab server gets a boost

The primary computer serving student labs at UNB was given a boost over the Thanksgiving Break.

Warhawk, the busiest Novell file server on campus, was given both a hardware and software upgrade by UNB's Computing Services Department.

"This is a quantum leap in server performance with virtually every server hardware component 3 to 4 times as large or as fast," concluded a staff member at CSD.

The existing IBM Server 315 was replaced by a IBM Server 5100, while its memory was upped from 224MB to 764MB. In addition, the single large hard drive has been replaced by a faster series of drives arranged in a configuration called a RAID.

Though the old system is much slower by comparison, despite two years of continuous use, there were no hardware problems.

According to CSD, the upgrade went smoothly and was completed in about two hours with one more hour for testing.

Geology field trip seeks participants

The Geological Association of Graduate Students (GAGS) is planning a two-day field trip to the Acadian hub city of Bathurst and surrounding area for October 27-29. The field trip will be primarily oriented to those interested in the Earth Science topics such as local geology, environmental reclamation and mineral exploration; however, the trip will of interest to engineers, foresters, naturalists, junior hockey fans and outdoor enthusiasts, to name but a few. The trip is funded by the Graduate Student Association (GSA) through a "Special Trips" grant awarded to GAGS and is open to anyone interested in participating.

If interested please feel free to contact Chris MacDonald by e-mail (e9sn@unb.ca) or come by his office during working hours (104b Forestry and Geology building).

UNB Associated Alumni Awards today

The UNB Associated Alumni will bestow its most prestigious award on three active and dedicated alumni members today. Barbara Baird, Doug Beirsto, and Richard Clark, all of Fredericton, have been named to receive 2000 Alumni Awards of Honour for being instrumental in furthering the goals of the UNB Associated Alumni.

They will be recognized at a special ceremony starting at noon in the Wu Conference Centre on the UNB Fredericton campus.

Barbara Baird, a lawyer, graduated from UNB with a Bachelor of Arts in 1974 and a Bachelor of Laws in 1976. She has been involved with the Associated Alumni in many capacities including Secretary of the UNB Alumni Council, President of the Associated Alumnae for two terms, a member of the UNB Board of Governors for two terms, and as co-author of the 1989 report on the future of the UNB Associated Alumni.

Doug Beirsto began his involvement at UNB in 1969 when he became the volunteer Chief Engineer at the campus radio station, CHSR.

His other continuous UNB volunteer involvement has been with the Red 'n Black revue. Beirsto was Co-Director of the successful Homecoming 2000 performance of Red 'n Black.

Since 1994, he has been an active member of the Associated Alumni Council and is its longest continuous standing member.

Richard Clark graduated from UNB in 1964 with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering.

The Alumni Award of Honour was established in 1971 to recognize the important role played by alumni in promoting UNB and helping it to achieve and maintain its position of prominence among Canadian universities.

UNB SU By-election next week

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The Brunswickan

Nine students are vying for six seats on the UNB Student Union Council in next week's by-election; three seats will remain vacant.

Incredibly, five candidates are seeking to become a student-at-large representative: Stephen Cole, Seth Cain, Cliff Arnold, David McNairn, and Craig Murray.

Science students Sarah Caines and Becky Manley have presented

themselves for three seats on Council available for the faculty of science.

There are two candidates, Hope Leuehan and Nalini Iype, running to fill the two Arts representative seats open.

No students submitted nomination papers for two vacant seats in the Faculty of Education.

Other positions up for election include the student-at-large seat for the SUBS Inc. Board of Directors. Student Union Beverage Services owns and operates The Cellar Pub

and Grill.

Mark Donnelly and Dustin Washburn are seeking the approval of their peers to sit on the SUBS Board.

Only one student has presented for the Grad Class 2001 Executive. Christine Hawboldt is seeking the nod for Project Coordinator. President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer remain open.

Chief Returning Officer for the by-election, Paul Csazar closed the nominations on Wednesday, October

11th at 4:30 p.m. in Room 126 of the SUB.

Students go to the polls on October 18th, 19th and 20th. An advance poll on Wednesday, October 18th, will be open in the SUB from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Regular election polls will be open on October 19th and October 20th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the SUB and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at other polls located throughout the UNB Fredericton campus.

Student groups shuffle SUB offices Renovations for The Aquinian a priority

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Though the student newspaper at St. Thomas university has moved offices in the SUB, promised renovations in their new location have yet to take place.

"There's a question of moving a wall and whether it's structural," said Charles Goguen, President of the UNB Student Union.

As part of a compromise agreement reached last Fall, The Aquinian agreed to move its offices to the vacated "Beaver Wing" of the SUB, directly across the old SUB loading bay.

The new location features an increase in space and an exterior door, but the agreement calls for the conversion of an existing bathroom into a photographic darkroom, and, as a consequence, moving a wall.

"I feel a personal responsibility to do this," Goguen emphasized.

"We're looking at options in the budget to satisfy all what we agreed to through the SUB Board, and make sure The Aquinian is happy."

It took some doing to get things this far. When the UNB Student Union decided against converting the multi-purpose room (SUB 26) into a games area with an attached lounge, some thought other moves would no longer be necessary.

Moving the Aquinian became an option as a result of a sequence of other changes caused by the construction of a new public elevator in the SUB, which has yet to be completed.

The elevator construction forced the removal of the commercial unit rented by Flannery's Jewelry. The adjacent unit was rented by the UNB Student Union to house UNB Orientation, the student alcohol education group SMART-PACC and UNB Grad Class. But the SUB Expansion plan called for Flannery's to take over this same

unit, leaving the three student groups seeking other space.

Adding even more pressure was the relocation of Travel Cuts from its location adjacent to Room 103, to a commercial unit in the SUB lobby occupied by the UNB Student Union's Student Resource Centre rent-free.

The solution adopted was to move the four student groups into the first floor office wing of the SUB.

Before SUB Expansion, the UNB Student Union controlled only one room in the first floor of the SUB Office wing. Room 30 housed the UNB Yearbook, the student group AIESEC and at one time, the Board of International Students.

Next door, Room 31 was occupied by the St. Thomas yearbook and the New Brunswick Student Alliance.

The other room, Room 32, was occupied by the Aquinian and controlled by the St. Thomas student representative council.

Then, last fall, the NBSA moved its offices to Mount Allison University, leaving Room 31 largely vacant. For a short time, The Aquinian was given leave by the St. Thomas student representative council to use Room 31.

Soon after, however, the Aquinian was booted out of Room 31 to make space for the UNBSU's Student Resource Centre.

The moving day for The Aquinian was put off several times, including because the telephone was not connected.

The day-to-day deadline ended awkwardly last week, while the Aquinian trying to finish production of its latest issue as desks were literally being moved from around them. They have now settled somewhat into the "Beaver Wing" and UNB Orientation has a new office in SUB 32.

SMART-PACC has taken up shop in Room 30, but Grad Class is so far without an office.

While he admits the plans are not finalized, Goguen anticipates actual construction will only take a short time.

"[I want this completed] as soon as possible," Goguen said. "I can't see construction being more than one or two weeks."

If the timeline is in doubt, so is the financing. Goguen is hesitant to attach a dollar figure to the renovations.

"I'm not sure in terms of costs.

We are strapped for cash for SUB Expansion."

While he may be hesitant to say how much money may be involved, he seems to have an upper limit in mind. The renovations will occur, he said, "Unless something happens and its going to cost \$20,000 to do, but I don't think that will happen," he concluded.

At press time, Aquinian Editor-in-Chief Dan Schnare was not available for comment.



Kevin Forneris Photo / The Brunswickan
Colourful, mysterious and serene. Qualities which describe this photo, but not the Photo Editor.

Appearing on campus next week Canadian student newspapers launch magazine

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The Brunswickan

Students will soon be seeing a national student-written student-focused glossy magazine produced in partnership with student newspapers across Canada.

Canadian University Press (CUP), a national collective of approximately 70 campus newspapers, of which *The Brunswickan* is one, voted overwhelmingly this summer to

publish a quarterly national student magazine beginning in October 2000.

As a result, *Agent* will appear as an insert in student newspapers across Canada, including *The Brunswickan*, starting next week.

This magazine is designed to provide a true service to students across Canada, replacing the current array of marketing magazines with a student-owned publication that aims to become highly respected.

According to CUP President Jeremy Nelson, the content will be geared toward building community and providing genuinely useful information.

"A lot of the stuff out there is just distraction-based writing," he said. "It's interesting, it's fluffy, but it's not that useful."

Agent will distribute 125,000 copies, as inserts in student newspapers, and in those copies of *The Globe and Mail* that go to student subscribers.

The project has set high standards for itself, including "higher editorial quality, better distribution and the most-competitive advertising rates of any student-focused publication in the country."

Advertisers can buy ads in *Agent* on its own, or as part of a package that also includes student newspapers. *The Globe and Mail* has signed on, as has Adobe, which provides software, training and design support to the students running the magazine.

STU Social Work lecture Tuesday

The St. Thomas University Social Work Department begins its 2000-2001 Colloquium Series next Tuesday, October 17th.

From noon until 1:30 p.m., Elizabeth Radian, Ph.D. (Social Work) will discuss how ideology in social work practice affects undergraduate curricula.

On leave from Red Deer College, Dr. Radian will make a presentation entitled "Social Action and Social Work Education: Does Ideology Make a Difference?" The presentation will be held at the Holy Cross Conference Room at 845 Montgomery Street.

Dr. Radian recently completed her Ph.D. from the University of Calgary. Her research focussed on social action and Canadian social work education. Tuesday's presentation will discuss findings from her studies involving the social action activities of BSW graduates.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact the St. Thomas Social Work Department at 452-0540.



Kevin Forneris Photo / The Brunswickan
UNB's alcohol education student group, SMART-PACC, brought a wrecked car on campus this week and filled it with empty beer cans to dramatically illustrate the dangers of drinking and driving.