

Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

Three to receive honorary degrees

UNB Alumnus, Bill Stanley, considered one of the early builders of campus/community radio station CHSR-FM, will be awarded an honorary degree by UNB in Saint John at its Fall Convocation ceremonies, October 20th.

Stanley served as the first Chief Engineer at CHSR Student Radio, a predecessor to CHSR-FM, in the early 1960s.

He was awarded an honorary life membership at CHSR-FM during UNB's Homecoming 2000 Alumni celebrations last month.

Stanley has become one of New Brunswick's most successful entrepreneurs and for many years was the principal owner of Fundy Cable. Honorary degrees will also be bestowed upon Ralph Costello, former publisher of the *Telegraph Journal* and the *Saint John Evening Times Globe*, and Dr. Mohan Iype. Ninety-one students will graduate during the ceremony.

Dinner honors Dalton Camp

A tribute to well-known columnist, author, political advisor, and UNB Alumnus, Dalton Camp, will be held on October 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the gymnasium of the New Brunswick Community College in Woodstock, N.B.

Dinner speakers who are expected to attend will include Premier Bernard Lord; Conservative Senator Lowell Murray; Federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough; former United Nations Ambassador and NDP politician, Stephen Lewis; CBC Radio Host, Peter Gzowski; and *MacLean's* magazine columnist, Allan Fotheringham.

Proceeds from the dinner will be used to establish the Dalton Camp Canadiana Centre at the L.P. Fisher Library in Woodstock, in recognition of Camp's long commitment to literacy.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and can be purchased by contacting Gordon Porter at (506) 328-8957, fax (506) 325-2728, or gporter@nbnet.nb.ca.

Noted Yale professor to lecture at UNB

One of the English speaking world's most distinguished social historians, David Montgomery, will be presenting a lecture at UNB Fredericton, Monday, October 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. in Room 5 of Tilley Hall.

Montgomery is an editor of the journal *International Labour and Working Class History*, past President of the Organization of American Historians, and Farnham Professor Emeritus, Yale University.

His historical work reflects his background as a factory worker, union organizer, political activist, and university professor.

Montgomery's visit to Atlantic Canada is being supported by the UNB Department of History and the UNB Visiting Lecturers' Fund and the U.S. Consulate General Montreal, in collaboration with the Université de Moncton, Dalhousie and Memorial Universities.

All are welcome to attend the UNB Fredericton Lecture. A reception will follow the lecture.

UNB Colloquium next Thursday

The first Faculty of Education Colloquium on Research, Policy and Practice in Education for 2000-2001 will feature Mr. Eric Favaro, who will speak on the role of the Arts in our Schools.

The free public lecture will be held at UNB Fredericton October 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 261, Marshall d'Avray Hall.

Favaro is the Arts Education Coordinator for Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board and is currently working with researchers from Queens University and the Royal Conservatory of Music to study the effects of Arts instruction on student achievement in elementary schools across Canada.

A reception will follow and everyone is welcome to attend. For additional information on the Colloquium on Research, Policy and Practice in Education, contact the UNB Faculty of Education at (506) 453-4600.

STU names Alumni Affairs Officer

A graduate of St. Thomas University, Sheri Shannon, has been appointed Alumni Affairs Officer at STU.

A Fredericton native with provincial government and private fundraising experience, Shannon graduated from STU in May with a major in French after attaining standing on the Dean's list.

Shannon will develop alumni programs and manage the affairs of the University's Alumni Association, and annual Giving Campaign.

In addition, she will be responsible for communications with former students.

Ocean Mapping Chair appointed

John Hughes Clarke is the new holder of the Chair in Ocean Mapping and Director of the Ocean Mapping Group in the Department of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering at UNB Fredericton.

He has been a member of the internationally renowned mapping group since its establishment in 1991.

Province seeks recent graduates

The provincial government intends to hire up to 20 recent and upcoming university graduates under the Public Service Internship Program.

Recruitment begins this Fall for the two-year term positions, with work set to begin in the Spring of 2001. Specific internship positions and requirements are now posted in university career centres and are being advertised in newspapers. The jobs are also posted on the employment opportunities page at <http://www.gnb.ca/dept.htm>.

Applications close on October 27th.

Used Book Sale today and tomorrow

The 36th Annual Canadian Federation of University Women Used Book Sale will take place today (Friday) September 29th, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., and Saturday, September 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Fredericton Mall.

There are great prices on all genres of used books.

Proceeds from the sale go to the Canadian Federation of University Women Awards, Bursaries and Scholarships.

AIDS Walk raises \$5,000

More than 250 participants raised just over \$5,000 last Sunday in the AIDS Walk 2000.

The crowd, made up mostly of university students, walked from St. Thomas University to Montgomery Street to Smythe Street and back to campus via King's College Road.

As an incentive to participate, UNB residence students were offered an extra social function if their residence had the highest participation rate. The residents of Aitken House wound up with the extra social, while Holy Cross House had the highest participation among residence students at STU.

H.R. Stewart room opens next week

UNB will officially open the H.R. Stewart Exhibition Room in the Harriet Irving Library on the Fredericton campus next Thursday, October 5th, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

An official ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at 3:00 p.m., with a reception to follow.

UNB President, Elizabeth Parr-Johnston; Fredericton Mayor, Sandy DiGiacinto; and Professor Emeritus of Classics, Dr. Mary Ella Milham, will deliver remarks at the ceremony. Introductory greetings will be delivered by UNB's Director of Libraries, John Teskey.

Plans for move to Chalmers scrapped \$1M for Bio-Medical Engineering

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UNB intends to spend about \$1 million on an extension that houses its renowned Institute of Bio-Medical Engineering on the Fredericton campus.

It will more than double the existing research and teaching space currently being provided.

The Institute, famous for its development of myoelectric controls for powered prostheses, is expected to occupy the new three storey, 8,000 square foot addition to its

current building near the Bank/Bookstore by next summer.

Tenders close on Friday, October 6th, at 3:00 p.m. for construction of the new addition. "It would be our hope that we could get the basic concrete foundation in place before it gets colder and then the main structure would go up through the winter," said Michael Ryan, UNB's Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning and the senior official responsible for construction projects on campus.

The decision to build a new addition to the Bio-Medical

Engineering Building on campus effectively means UNB has abandoned plans to move its Bio-medical Engineering facilities to a proposed new wing at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. The Institute had hoped to join the Stan Cassidy Rehabilitation Centre at the Chalmers but stalled provincial government funding has put the proposed construction project on hold.

"The Chalmers Hospital extension does not appear to be imminent and yet the need in bio-medical engineering is there now, so we've sought the concurrence of

the funding partners in the bio-medical engineering project to allow us to do it here on campus," Ryan said earlier this week.

He noted that UNB received a financial commitment from the province for the bio-medical engineering project back when UNB's Venture Capital fundraising campaign was first launched several years ago.

"We have basically been sitting on the provincial funds waiting for the Chalmers Hospital project to take off, but since that does not appear imminent we have decided to proceed," he said.

Food kiosk sales earn Library \$9,000

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UNB's Harriet Irving Library is slightly over \$9,000 richer thanks to the buying habits of students, faculty and staff and an agreement with the university's food service provider.

When Beaver Foods Limited opened a coffee and sandwich kiosk near the main entrance of the library last Fall, the company agreed to donate a certain percentage of the total annual sales at the kiosk to the library.

Just about two weeks ago, UNB Director of Libraries, John Teskey, received the first annual installment.

"I'm pleased with the amount from the first year of sales, given that it took a little time at the start of the kiosk's operation for sales to pick up and the slow sales over the summer months," he said. "However, I'd be even happier if I was getting \$20,000," he remarked lightheartedly.

The money received will be spent on the Acquisitions Budget and the purchase of some new computer



laptops for student use in the library.

Under a pilot project underway at UNB, wireless antennas are being installed in the library.

Beginning soon, the library will make 10 computer laptops available for student use, which will be in circulation through the main desk.

In the same way, a further 10 wireless cards will be made available for students who own their own laptop computers.

Tenders are in, winner picked November new date for Cellar kitchen

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Food service could be available in The Cellar by November, according to UNB Student Union President Charles Goguen.

The construction of a kitchen in the UNB Student Union-owned and operated The Cellar Bar & Grill, will soon be underway following the completion of a tender process this week.

A total of four companies were approached and invited to submit bids for the construction. All companies submitted a bid for less than \$40,000 by the Tuesday September 26th deadline.

The lowest tender came from Red Wing Construction, at \$36,110. King Construction bid slightly more at \$37,260, A.L. Gullison was next with \$38,797 while Maverick Construction submitted the highest bid at \$38,985.

Goguen said he was pleased with the tenders, noting they were "competitive." He's also not surprised Red Wing came in with the lowest bid.

"Red Wing Construction is already on-site because they are doing the SUB elevator. That's probably one of the reasons their bid was a little lower than the other ones," he commented.

While a recommendation has been made to go with the bid from Red Wing, some paperwork needs to be completed with UNB Physical Plant before work can begin. Goguen said he expects the official green light by the end of the week.

The contract will have an October 31st deadline, which gives Goguen hope the kitchen will be ready to serve its first meals in early November.

Since receiving approval from the University Administration in June 2000, the Cellar kitchen project has been delayed twice. In July Goguen said he hoped to be up and running by the time Frosh came in September but in August, Goguen revealed that the original layout plan for the kitchen had to be changed to comply with the Provincial Building Code with respect to food preparation, pushing the date to the middle of October.

When the kitchen finally opens, the Cellar hopes to make a full menu available from 11 am until 8 pm and appetizers available until 10 pm.

Scott Duguay, SU Vice-President of Finance and Administration, has projected upwards of a 50% increase in revenue after the kitchen opens.

The kitchen was a key part of an overhaul of the Cellar announced over the Summer which was given a budget of \$85,000. In August, the UNB Administration lent the Cellar \$83,000 to finance the project after the UNB Student Union agreed to act as a third party guarantor, leaving it on the hook for the loan, should the Cellar fail to repay the university.

Goguen also anticipates using some of that money to pay for a new ventilation system which has recently been installed, on the grounds that the notoriously smoke-filled Cellar is not conducive to eating.

While the kitchen was the catalyst for renovations, the plan also called for the installation of new floor and ceiling tiles, which has already been completed at a cost of about \$2,500 for the floor and

\$3,000 for the ceiling.

The UNB Student Union has approached SUB Director Kim Norris to pay for the new tiles, but The Brunswickan has learned that he has turned them down arguing the SUB simply doesn't have enough money in its non-salary budget to cover the cost. A similar request for flooring from the College Hill Social Club four years ago was also turned down by Norris for the same reason.

Goguen said the matter has yet to be settled, and that the Cellar is still looking into the issue. He is clear, however, that the bill won't be paid by the UNB Student Union.

"It will come out of the normal profit and loss from The Cellar," he concluded.

The UNBSU has already sunk more than \$120,000 in non-interest

bearing loans, cash advances and write-offs since the licensed Cellar Bar and Grill opened in 1996.

According to figures obtained by The Brunswickan, there is just under \$2,000 remaining of the \$7,000 non-salary budget for the SUB in this fiscal year. Most of the money goes towards repairing furniture or fixtures such as windows and doors which have been damaged. Despite the purchase of hundreds of new tables and chairs for the expanded SUB cafeteria, there has been no additional funding for maintenance given to the building in the 2000/2001 budget from the University. It also appears that there has been no increase in the salary budget for part-time students who are employed as SUB Staff but Norris has not been available this week to confirm this.

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It is estimated that about half of the student population has chosen to opt out of the health plan administered by the UNB Student Union.

Exact numbers will not be known until next week.

Two changes were made to the plan this year. First, UNB Saint John voted to join UNB Fredericton because of the better coverage here at UNB Fredericton.

The second change was in insurance companies. For various reasons, including rising prices, it was changed from Imperial to Zurich.

Information on the health plan is available in the Beaverbook. As well, more in-depth information is available in a booklet called "Your Student Health Plan," available for free at the Student Services office, located in the SUB.

Forms relating to various coverage are also available at Student Services. These forms relate to prescriptions, vision care, dental care, etc. Some forms may have to be filled out prior to the use of a particular coverage, for example, prescriptions.

There is a Health Centre at the end of Dunn/Kidd/Tibbits staffed by physicians and nurses.

Coverage began September 1st, and Student Services suggests keeping all receipts from that date on in order to get reimbursed. Every graduate and undergraduate student has the option of this coverage, but part-time students are not covered.

Friday, September 22nd, was the last date to opt out.



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