

Newsbits

Giant Yard Sale Tomorrow

The College Hill Neighbourhood Association, in conjunction with all other neighbourhood associations in Queen's Ward, is organizing the Second Annual Giant Yard Sale, on Saturday, September 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (The rain date is September 16th, come rain or shine!)

The sale is set up to help university students get a head start on setting up housekeeping.

The area is bounded by Montgomery Street at the top and the Saint John River at the bottom, Regent Street down to Beaverbrook and York Street down to Queen Street on one side and Waterloo Row out to the Princess Margaret Bridge.

Frederictonians are urged to dig out any unwanted treasures which may be of use to students, such as dishes, towels, bedding, furniture, curtains, pots and pans, clothing, shoes, or milk crates. You can also sell chairs, tables, desks, dressers, and even Christmas decorations.

If you feel you don't have enough items for your own sale, get together with your neighbours and turn those unwanted items into cash. It would be great if there was at least one sale on each block.

Be sure to put up balloons so your sale will be easy to find!

While this Giant Yard Sale is aimed at students, the general public is invited to come and buy some used treasures.

People with student ID cards (from STU or UNB) will be given 10 percent off sale prices.

Local liquor sales among highest

The Prospect Street liquor store in Fredericton ranked third highest among New Brunswick Liquor's 111 outlets in total sales last year, pulling in \$10,114,512.

The Dieppe Liquor store led all NB Liquor outlets with total sales of \$13.7 million.

The Parkway Mall store in Saint John was second with \$10,141,241 followed by the Prospect Street store in Fredericton.

The other top stores were the Mountain Road Store in Moncton at \$10,111,301 in total sales and the Bathurst store at \$8,369,733.

The Brookside Mall store in Fredericton finished 7th overall in total sales with \$7,689,463 while the NB Liquor outlet on King Street in Fredericton ranked 9th overall with total sales last year of \$6,924,344.

Weekend Food service options

Students living in the UNB residence community will notice changes in weekend food service.

The university's food service provider, Beaver Foods Limited, is introducing alternative weekend continuous service.

At both brunch and dinner Saturdays and Sundays, residence students will be able to get a meal at either McConnell Hall or Dunn/Kidd/Tibbits Hall during set hours on a continuous basis.

For example, brunch served at McConnell Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. will then be served from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dunn/Kidd/Tibbits Hall, providing continuous service and allowing residence students to choose the timing of a meal as well as the choice of location.

The same type of continuous service would be offered at McConnell Hall and Dunn/Kidd/Tibbits Hall at dinner time Saturdays and Sundays, also allowing for choices on timing and location.

UNB's Director of Residential Life and Conference Services, Michel Ouellette, said the weekend food service changes continue a trend which began last academic year with the introduction of weekday continuous food service in residence dining halls.

"The continuous weekday service introduced last year proved to be quite popular with residence students," he said.

Ouellette also indicated that the introduction last year of pizza every day proved to be quite popular as well and the service will be continued in residence dining halls again this year.

He also indicated that on-going improvements and changes will be made in the quality of food being provided in residence dining halls as the situation warrants.

"The quality of food is always an on-going issue, not just at the beginning of the academic year or on special occasions. We will raise issues with Beaver Foods Ltd. from time to time and we expect them to respond," Ouellette said.

Old Arts Building Food outlet closed

UNB Faculty members accustomed to gathering for lunch at the former University Club on the third floor of Sir Howard Douglas Hall, (Old Arts Building) will have to look elsewhere this Fall.

The outlet operated by UNB's food service provider Beaver Foods Limited, will not be re-opening because it has not been a financially successful operation, according to UNB's Director of Residential Life and Conference Services, Michel Ouellette.

"We have provided this exclusive service to Faculty for several years but unfortunately, it has not been successful," Ouellette said.

In the alternative, Ouellette is hoping Faculty members will opt to frequent the Lady Beaverbrook Residence (LBR) Café, which began to operate as a cash operation this summer and which he has termed "mildly successful."

"We hope to continue the LBR retail operation this Fall as well as provide a dining hall for LBR residents," he said.

The LBR Café operated over the summer from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

Travel CUTS wants Xmas bookings now

Travel CUTS has launched a campaign to encourage students to book their flights for the end of first term break in December during three weeks in September.

"The dates between the middle of December through to the first week in January will pose a problem where flight availability is concerned," Robert Wooden, Atlantic and Ottawa Regional Marketing Manager wrote in a press release.

The seating crunch is partially due to consolidation of Canadian airlines resulting in a reduced seating capacity, the release continues.

Wooden also encourages students to book flights even if they don't know when their exams will be.

"Go ahead and book your flight in September," wrote Wooden. "If later you need to change your Student Class ticket due to exam scheduling, use the exam exchange coupon (given to you upon booking) and your International Student Identity Card (ISIC) to make one free date change to your ticket (pending space availability)."

There are terms and conditions which apply, so students are encouraged to contact the Fredericton Travel CUTS office in the SUB lobby at 472-2887.

LBR pool area could become food service outlet in the future

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The Brunswickan

UNB Residence Community officials are looking at the possibility of converting the area around a closed pool in the Lady Beaverbrook Residence (LBR) into a retail food service operation.

The pool was closed several years ago. Michel Ouellette, UNB's Director of Residential Life and Conference Services said since there are no plans to reopen the pool some thought has been given to alternative uses. Nothing definite has been decided at least for the remaining two years of the Beaver Foods contract with the university.

The LBR, located next to Head and Gillin Halls, is seen by many as an ideal location for food services operations and any new additions would

blend in with the existing LBR Residence Dining Hall and the LBR Café which began as a cash operation this summer.

As programs in the Head and Gillin Hall areas increase, coupled with a less than ideal food service outlet currently operating in Head Hall, Ouellette believes the expansion of food operations at the LBR might be an ideal way to capture the market in that area of the UNB campus.

"Our present food service outlet in Head Hall is not suitable to meet the needs of increased traffic patterns, there is very little space to display food, there is no seating available and there's no space nearby to provide for that seating or for expansion," Ouellette said. "If we are to capture the food service market in that area of the campus, then we need to provide something that might

be attractive to students, faculty, and staff."

"It is also unrealistic to think that those who work and study in Head and Gillin Halls and in the new Computer Science Building will come up to the SUB cafeteria," Ouellette continued.

If food service changes in the LBR become a reality, then an exploration of alternatives for the current Head Hall operation will also take place. "The actual operation in Head Hall might close down and what we would likely add would be upscale vending such as sandwiches, hot entrées, etc., that are working quite successfully at other universities," Ouellette said.

"In that area of the campus we would then have both a vending operation in Head Hall and an expanded food cash operation at the LBR," he said.

Annual Frosh fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis research Saturday is Shinerama Day 2000

First year UNB students will be canvassing the city of Fredericton tomorrow during Shinerama Day 2000.

Students are raising money in support of the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. There is no cure for Cystic Fibrosis, a fatal hereditary disease that affects mainly the lungs and digestive system. One in every 2,500 children in Canada is afflicted with this disease.

To help with fundraising two car washes will be taking place from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Kent Building Supplies on Fredericton's Southside and at the Nashwaaksis Superstore on Fredericton's Northside.

UNB has been involved with Shinerama since 1973 and to date, has raised a total of approximately \$350,000.

"We're really excited about this year's Shoe Shining Blitz," said Peter Grant, Director of Shinerama Day 2000.

A raffle is also being held for a trip to the Dominican Republic. Tickets will be available in the lobby of the Student Union Building on the UNB Fredericton campus on Shinerama Day, Saturday, September 9th.



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Amanda Upton shines the shoes of Fredericton Mayor Sandy DiGiacinto. (L-R) Adam Robinson, Erica Tyre, Peter Grant and Dan Waller.

Drug use down in teens, up among university-aged

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The Daily Texan

Although drug use declined significantly for 12- to 17-year-olds during 1997-99, it increased about 4 percent among the college-age population, according to the National Household Survey released in August by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The report shows that drug use increased from 4.7 percent in 1997 to 18.8 percent in 1999 in the 18-25 age group. The department surveyed about 70,000 people, ranging from age 12 to 25, from locations including households, dormitories and homeless shelters.

Nelba Chavez, administrator of the department's Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, said in a statement that more must be done to reduce

drug use among those ages 18-25. As a means of reducing drug use rates, Chavez stressed treatment as the solution.

"The need for drug treatment is real and growing people need to know that treatment can help people get off and stay off drugs," Chavez said.

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At the University of Texas at Austin, campus programs like the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program try to inform and prevent the use of drugs. This program holds workshops on campus educating students about the danger of drugs.

Because most 18- to 25-year-olds experience their first taste of

freedom in college, they experiment with new and different things, including drugs, said Courtney Cording, a licensed chemical dependency counselor and coordinator of Alcohol and Other Drugs Education Program.

Coupled with freedom and a sense of immortality, Cording said college

percent of the campus being regular users. Marijuana is the most popular illegal drug at the University, with 12 percent of UT students smoking the substance on a regular basis. A follow-up survey will be conducted in 2002.

Because drug use is illegal, Cording said she believes drug use is underreported. As a result, she said the survey's data is misleading.

Despite the best anti-drug campaigns and education efforts, Cording said some people will do drugs.

"I think there's always been curiosity in different drugs," she said.

But Darcy Herlihy, a history graduate student, said drugs shouldn't be an issue on campus.

"Students are coming here to get an education and they can't possibly learn while they're doing drugs on campus. It's just wasting money," she said.

UNB aims to curb woodlot trespassing and vandalism

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The Brunswickan

The illegal dumping of trash and debris and safety concerns have prompted the University of New Brunswick to take steps aimed at limiting vehicle access to its 1,540 hectare (3,800 acre) woodlot on the southern boundary of the City of Fredericton.

A chain gate has been installed on the woodlot entrance on the west side of the New Maryland highway, close to the new Trans Canada highway.

Painted with bright neon colours and well marked, the gate will be permanently secured.

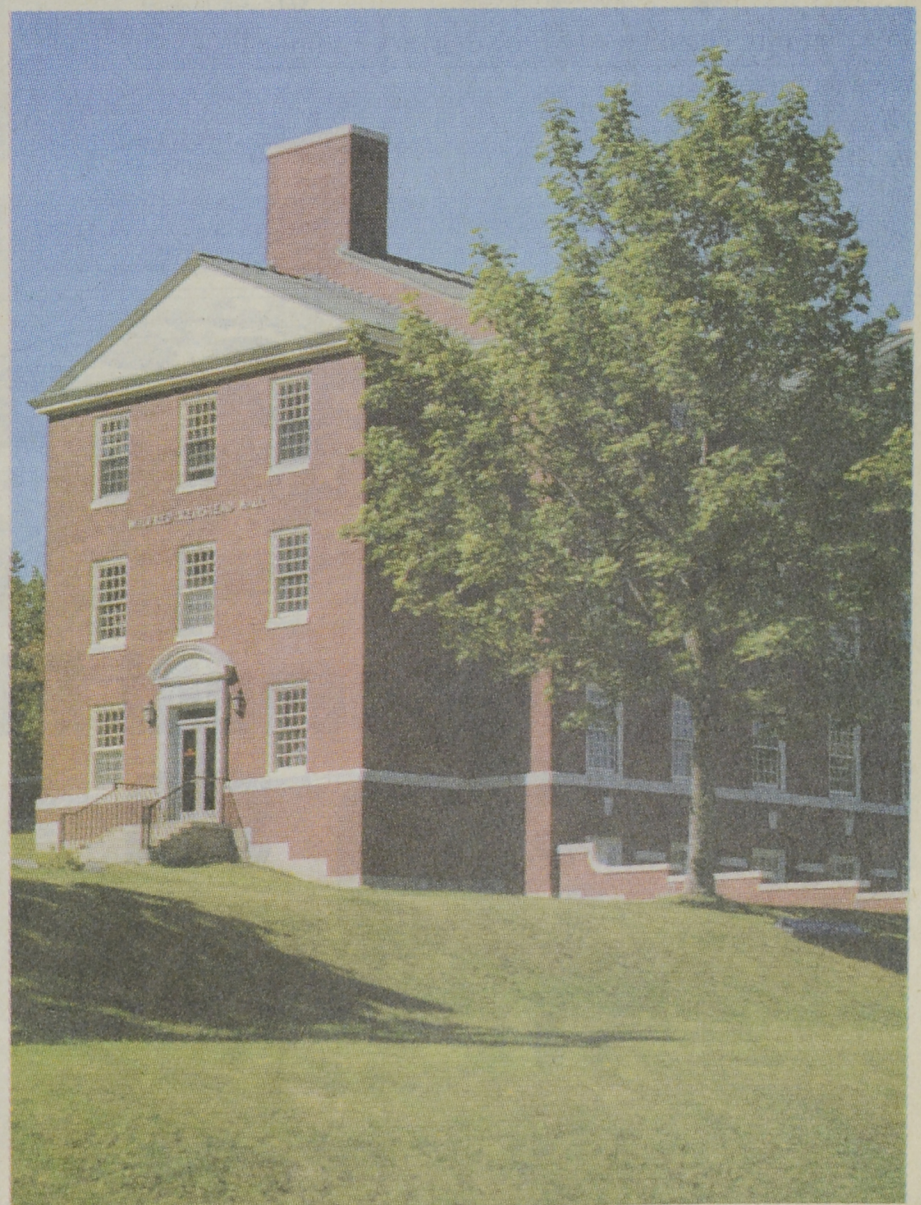
In addition to illegal dumping throughout the woodlot, which continues to pose a health and esthetic problem, the university has received reports of vehicles driving at excessive speeds on the roads in the woodlot leading to safety concerns and potential liability problems.

At present, several other entrances to the UNB woodlot are blocked with large boulders to prevent vehicle access.

In a news release, the university stated its long-term plan is to have a gateway arrangement for the four main entrances on each side of the woodlot to provide access for authorized vehicles only.

Over the next while, the new gate at the woodlot entrance on the west side of the New Maryland highway will be tested for its effectiveness in stopping vehicles before gates are installed at the other entrances to the UNB woodlot.

Currently, the university uses the large woodlot for teaching and research purposes by departments and faculties such as Forestry and Environmental Management, Biology and Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering.



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The days of summer are numbered, catch the sun while you can.