

Just a thought...

Well, classes have started again. Many of you are still settling in, either to residence, or into apartments in the Fredericton area. I spent time recently helping my daughter, a university student, move to Halifax. I traveled with a chair on top of the car from here to there, and I think that it was the windiest day of the year! I was reminded of the time I did the same thing when I headed off to university (different car, different chair, but probably just as windy!). It was

exciting years ago and it was just as exciting this time.

It's the beginning of the school year. Perhaps you are here for the first time. I'd like to share a bit of advice. I know that it is important that you attend classes, hit the books, and study really hard. But I urge you to do other things as well while you are here. Get involved in other aspects of university life. This will help to make your experience the best it can be. Find out about the various

organizations which exist on campus and become a part of one. Meet new people. Attend a variety of activities. Participate.

And don't forget to tour the city. Fredericton is a beautiful place which has a number of interesting attractions.

If you have been attending UNB for several years, then, welcome back. I'm sure that you've already discovered just how busy and exciting life can be in a university town.

• Joanne Barr
Campus Minister

Missing family member makes Tuesday's tragedy hit home

Riley Mcdermid

Daily Mississippian

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. — I woke up Tuesday to our world exploding. At 8 a.m. the phone kept ringing. The machine started beeping and I knew something was wrong.

So, at the first sound of my best friend's voice coming out of that tiny little telephone speaker all the way from California, I steeled my heart and turned on the T.V.

I turned it on just in time to watch America falling apart.

For four hours my roommate and I sat there on our couch, our sights clouded by images of carnage so horrific that even

denial could not dull them, nor tears soothe away their impact. We took brief breaks for cigarettes and hot drinks — and during these breaks we kept trying to forget that this was even happening; we tried to pretend that today was just a dream and all the bodies merely phantoms.

And then, after hours of horror upon horror, it somehow got worse. My mother called.

She prefaced her message with the assurance that one of my cousins was safe, that one of them had made it out of lower Manhattan to the haven of a safer zone. She spoke to me in tones of comfort I had not heard since I was a child.

But no matter how delicately delivered or how gingerly announced, the message was still the same.

My cousin Brigida works in the World Trade Center.

And my cousin Brigida was missing.

She said she'd let me know when they knew anything. And right then I wondered, as I wondered all day, "Is it possible that there's anything left to know?"

I wondered what hope we had left.

The next few hours melted into surreality.

I cried in fits and starts, took a shower and finished homework at lightning speed. Around 1 p.m., my friend and I wandered up to campus.

We passed kudzu on our way up the hill that seemed blasphemous in its beauty, blooming on a day so perfect it made everything feel a thousand times worse.

We headed to the one place we felt we might be useful: the newsroom.

Before the minute was out I said the only thing I knew how to say:

"Just keep me busy."

So they did.

All afternoon I chased down stories. I called up locals. I wandered the Internet in search of obscure facts about international business. I cross-referenced a year's worth of gasoline prices. I wrote the same lead a million times.

Whether you are here for the first time, or you have been here for years, you are invited to attend the Welcome Service, Sunday evening, September 16, 2001 in Memorial Hall at 7:00pm. It will be an opportunity for you to meet all of the Campus Ministers at UNB. Come on along.

Clean up the Harbour

To the Editor,

The City of Saint John wishes for Ottawa to supply some money to clean the Saint John Harbour.

In my opinion, the city should first clean up the garbage on the shorelines of their own waterways before asking for money.

I know for a fact that lately, there have not been too many politicians in Saint John who have walked across the causeway.

One high-profile person asked me if it was the sidewalk on the left or right side of the causeway. Of course there's only one sidewalk in that area.

A few weeks ago while walking across the causeway, I noticed a lot of garbage on this connected route from East to Central Saint John. Don't blame it on the tide because I noticed the same debris that I saw during the same time period from last year.

There are old election billboards from Bob McVicar and Elsie Wayne in the rocks. The area is loaded with garbage. The question is this: who's in charge of cleaning the garbage on the causeway? The city or the province?

The area hasn't been clean in years and nobody seem too concerned about this dreadful site. Before the city lobbies Ottawa for some extra cash to clean up the Harbour, they should show the National Capital that they mean business by cleaning up their own shorelines. If you don't believe me, go for a nice walk across the causeway!

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How did Tuesday's events affect your life? Please write in and tell us how you feel about terrorism, international affairs, the nature of politics - we want to know what you think. Letters to the Editor are always welcome. However, The Brunswickan reserves the right to refuse any letter we deem inappropriate. Direct your letters to bruns@unb.ca or you can drop by the SUB, Room 35, for more information.

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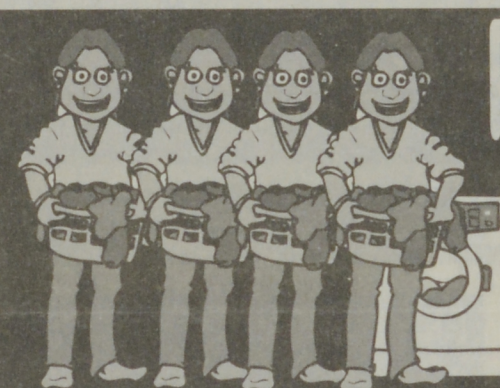
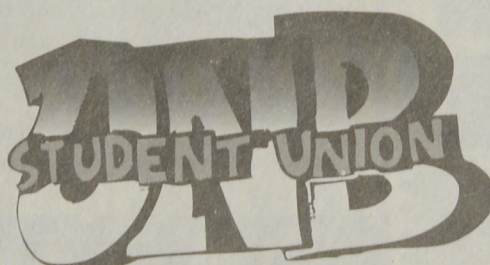
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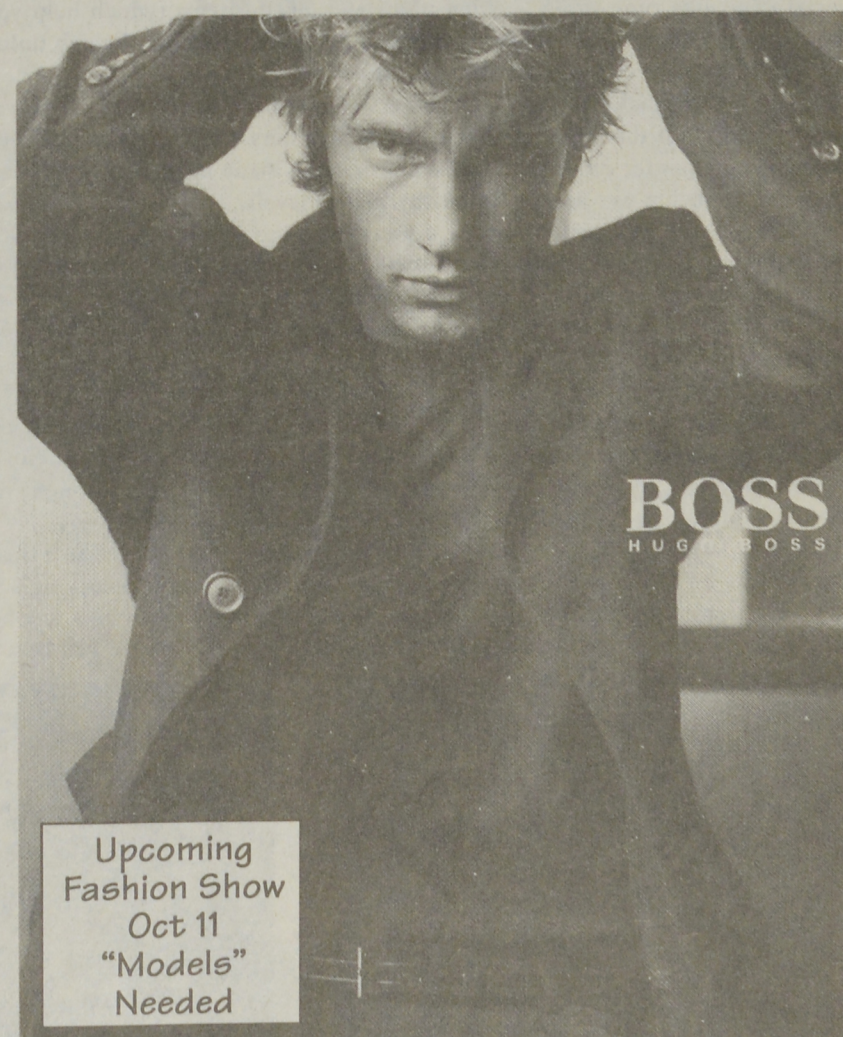
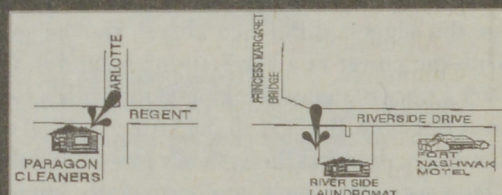
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