

What lies beneath?

Editor fulfills dream of pretending to be Mario

by Chris Wilson-Smith

My parents used to say to me: "Neil, (close enough, I figured) take the dog out for a walk. Also, never go down in the tunnels beneath UNB—there are monsters and ghosts."

First of all, we've never had a dog, so I never took that suggestion very seriously. It was the second part of their sage counsel that stuck with me. Even if I couldn't tell whether or not my parents were making fun of me, I have always liked to believe that there actually are mysterious things going on underneath the campus.

Since my enrolment at this fine institution, I have learned that there are other people who know stories with similar mythological qualities. Stories involving alligators, mutant turtles trained in combat, and hermit people seem to be the most common. After hours of research (Ghostbusters), and with a lot of curiosity (beer), I set out to either prove, or disprove these tales.

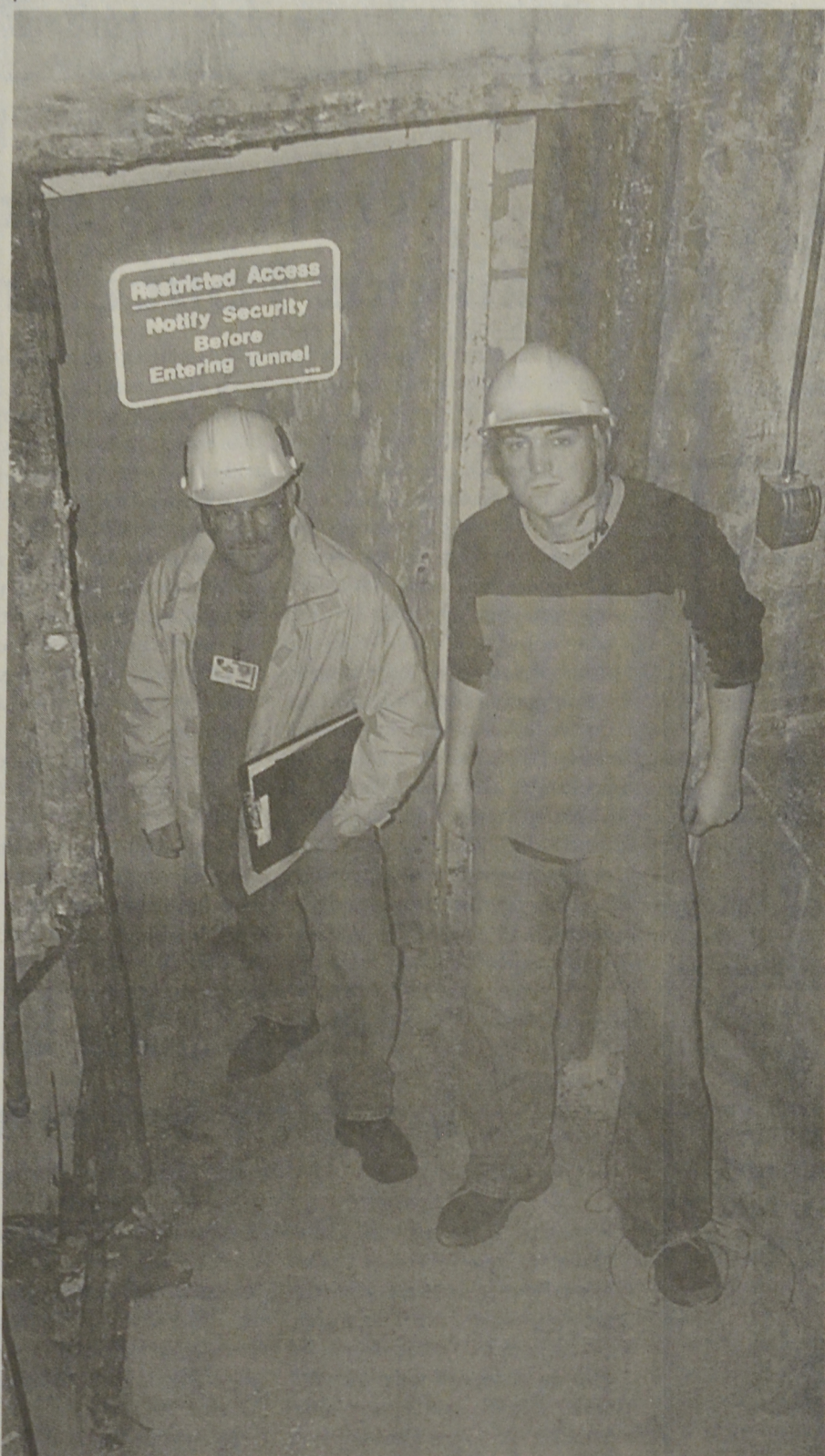
I was about to enter a manhole, when somebody approached me. He proceeded to tell me that if I got caught in the tunnels without permission, I could be expelled. Also, wearing clothes would be a good idea. Obviously, I was going to have to take a different approach.

My first step was talking to Allen Cogswell, the Maintenance Coordinator for the Physical Plant at UNB. According to Cogswell, the protocol that must be followed before entering the tunnels is becoming increasingly strict. The tunnels exist for servicing steam pipes and electrical wiring, among other things. Being down there creates a risk for people who don't know what they are doing.

This Wednesday past, Mr. Cogswell was kind enough to help appease my curiosity. Donning our hard-hats (the best moment of my life), we made our way underground. My anxiety-level increased as the SUB elevator delved deeper into the underworld. I was starting to have second thoughts. What if there are monsters? Will I ever see daylight again? Who did frame Roger Rabbit? I'm sorry, that wasn't funny.

So there we were: Mr. Cogswell, Patryk Reid (*Brunswick* Managing Editor turned photographer), and myself (T-Ball champion). Cautiously stepping out of the elevator, a wondrous world of misty tunnels and awesome pipelines unveiled itself before our eyes. The endless stream of ceiling lights seemed to continue for miles—giving dim light to the claustrophobic path that both intimidated and aroused curiosity. I also thought I saw an alligator, which turned out to be a crocodile—much to my disappointment.

Following Mr. Cogswell's lead, we



Patryk Reid/The Brunswickan

Allen Cogswell prepares Chris for the unknown...

ventured down the first tunnel. Already, my excitement build-up was at an all-time high. This was hard-hitting investigative journalism at its finest.

The temperature was high, the walking was slow, and I kept running into things. The tunnels were small enough that we had to crouch for most of the journey. The size of the tunnels varied; at some points high enough to stand, at others barely enough to crouch.

According to the inspector, the tunnels begin at the bottom of the campus, and run all the way to the Doctor Everett Chalmers Hospital. Any building on campus requiring electricity or heat is connected, making it possible to reach

any destination underground. It was a perfect environment for malcontented opera singers with white facemasks.

There were a few questions that I had to ask. The response I received was well rehearsed, probably from years of answering silly questions from people like me.

"No. There are no monsters, alligators, or ghosts. Just pipes."

When it was time to go, I took a moment to reflect on all that I learned from this escapade. Firstly, monsters are very skilled at hiding. Secondly, my career path should lead to something hard-hat oriented. Finally, pipes can be fun in more ways than one.

International News Bits

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EUROPE

FRANCE: Oil giant Total Fina Elf and five of its officials have been summoned to appear before a judge in November and could face charges for the pollution caused by thick crude oil when the tanker Erika was shipwrecked 65 miles off the coast of northwest France in 1999. A source said that an examining magistrate sent the summons to the company last week and had warned the company that she planned to place it under judicial investigation, the first step to formal charges, for "maritime pollution" and "collusion in endangering lives."

(Agence France-Presse) October 17, 2001.

ENGLAND: Muslims and other minority groups have welcomed a new government proposal to make inciting religious hatred a crime, but others worry that the effort to prevent bias attacks could stifle free expression. Civil liberties groups fear that the plan to expand existing laws dealing with incitement to racial hatred to make them include religion could dampen free speech. Supporters say it would help protect Muslims and other religious minority groups who have been singled out by misguided revenge-seekers since the Sept. 11 terror attacks on America. Home Secretary David Blunkett laid out the proposal in the House of Commons on Monday, as part of a package of domestic anti-terrorism measures. Mr. Blunkett told legislators that Prime Minister Tony Blair's government wanted to stop bigots from exploiting the current global crisis to stir up hatred. "Fair comment is not at risk, only the incitement to hate," he said.

(AP) October 17, 2001

AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA: Researchers unveiled a report Tuesday estimating AIDS could kill as many as 7 million South Africans by 2010, and said government officials disputing the findings simply did not understand them. The report, commissioned by the Medical Research Council, said AIDS would account for one-third of all deaths in South Africa this year and nearly two-thirds by 2010 without radical changes in personal behavior and more government action to fight the disease. It predicted average life expectancy would drop from 54 to 41 years in the country. An estimated 4.7 million South Africans are currently infected with HIV.

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THE AMERICAS

UNITED STATES: Citing a poor prison record, Oklahoma prosecutors Tuesday put off the release of a man who has spent 18 years in prison for a murder conviction that has been thrown into question by DNA tests. But prosecutors withdrew their agreement to release Albert Brown, 39, after learning of 44 prison infractions, including allegations he conspired with others in the stabbing of another inmate. A hearing was set for Oct. 30. "It's to make sure we have a program ready for him," prosecutor Dianne Barker Harrold said. "He's got some anger issues and authoritative issues." Prosecutors agreed to the release earlier this month after DNA testing showed that hair evidence used to convict him in 1983 wasn't a match. He remains a suspect in the 1981 slaying of retired Tulsa firefighter Earl Taylor. But prosecutors have requested six months to decide if enough evidence exists to retry him.

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PERU: Peru's highest military court overturned an amnesty law on Tuesday, opening the way for the prosecution of former paramilitary death squad members accused of committing two massacres in the early 1990s. The court made its decision in compliance with a Sept. 3 ruling by the Inter-American Court on Human Rights, a statement from the Supreme Military Justice Tribunal said. The amnesty law, which former President Alberto Fujimori pushed through Congress in 1995, had allowed members of the La Colina death squad to go free after they were convicted of kidnapping and murdering nine students and a professor at La Cantuta University. The Colina group is also accused of gunning down 15 people in 1991 during a barbecue at a Lima tenement building. That case was never resolved, but Peru's Supreme Court opened an investigation in March in compliance with a separate Inter-American Court ruling. The two massacres were believed to be strikes at sympathizers of the Shining Path, a Maoist insurgency that ravaged Peru during the 1980s and early 1990s with car bombings, sabotage and assassinations.

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ASIA

THAILAND: In a bid to improve police efficiency, Thailand's national police chief has ordered senior officers handling law enforcement duties nationwide to quit playing golf, even when off-duty. The directive from the national police bureau said golf was a time-consuming sport that high-ranking officers should not play, even in their free time. Such an instruction was justified "Because police who are assigned to police stations should be ready for unexpected incidents that might happen at any time," said the order issued Monday by new police chief, Gen. Sant Sarutanont. "Many senior officers are golfers, and while they are playing the sport, they usually put the burden of serving Thai citizen on their subordinates, which is inappropriate behavior," it stated. No penalty for disobeying the instruction was cited.

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AUSTRALIA: Australia announced on Friday a major cleanup operation at its main research base on Antarctica, saying the project should pave the way for other nations to remove huge piles of garbage from the icy continent. Federal Environment Minister Robert Hill announced an agreement between the Australian Antarctic Division and a French company to haul the waste back to Australia for disposal. Experts believe up to 300,000 tons (330,693 U.S. tons) of waste, the legacy of decades of exploration and experimentation by more than 40 nations, is lying on and under the ice, contaminating one of the world's most pristine environments. Hill called the agreement between Australia's Antarctic scientific research body and Vivendi, a French-based environmental services company, "a significant commitment ... towards protecting one of the world's most precious environments." Other countries operating on Antarctica, including France and South Africa, have already launched cleanup operations at their bases.

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CHINA: China has lifted Internet blocks on foreign news organisations, including Reuters, CNN and the BBC, in a move that coincides with a high-profile Asia Pacific meeting. Without any public announcement, Internet sites of news organisations that have been permanently blocked were accessible on Tuesday to Chinese Internet surfers. Reuters and the BBC are among media groups which have lobbied for their sites to be unblocked, until now with no success.

(Reuters) October 17, 2001

McAllister scholarship awarded

Klidaris-funded scholarship awarded annually to a geology student

brunswick staff

Ms. Nicolette Stanley of Prince Edward Island is the recipient of the Fred Klidas - A.L. McAllister Scholarship for Geology or Geological Engineering at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton.

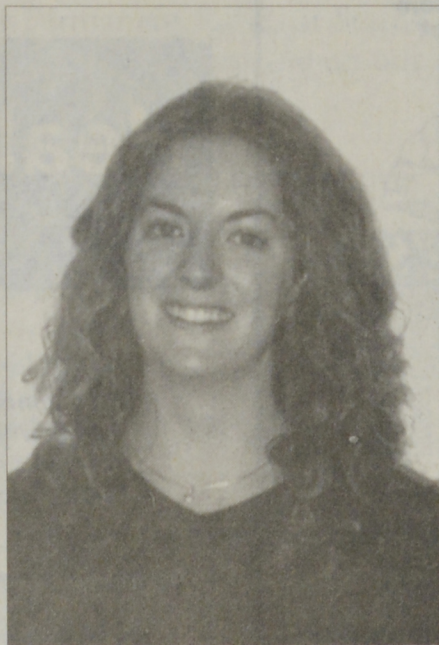
The scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time student of geology or geological engineering. Recipients must be in their final year of study, show scholastic achievement and be involved in extracurricular activities.

Mrs. Stanley is entering her fourth year in the Bachelor of Science (Environmental Geochemistry) degree program.

The scholarship is given in honour of Arnold McAllister, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Department of Geology.

The scholarship is funded by Fred Klidas, a former Chemical Analyst and Instructor in the Department of Geology, senior member of the Chemical Institute of Canada, honorary member of the President's Associates at UNB, and member of the Chancellor's Club. Mr. Klidas will be increasing the value of the McAllister Scholarship to \$2,000 in 2002.

Mr. Klidas also funds scholarships in memory of his parents, Catherine and Chris Klidas, in Greece for the students who achieve the highest marks in Chemistry, Physics and Geometry. In addition, he funds another scholarship in the Faculty of Philosophy at Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.



Ms. Nicolette Stanley was recently awarded the McAllister scholarship.

US CRISIS IMPACTS STUDENT CHRISTMAS TRAVEL

The impact of the US terrorism attack upon the travel industry has been devastating and all indications are that the crisis will impact students planning to travel at Christmas.

If you're planning to travel home at Christmas, we encourage you to book a seat now to make sure you have space saved on an affordable ticket.

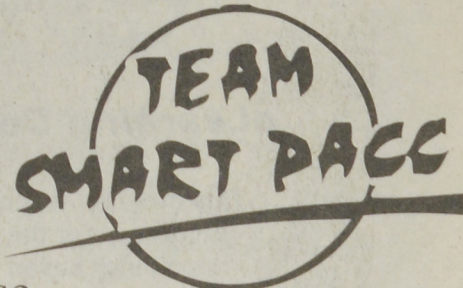
To help, Travel CUTS has initiated a Travel Request Register.

Register with our staff and we will determine suitable transportation options which you can take up at your discretion.

For more information or to register online, visit us at www.travelcuts.com.

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Committee Meeting
in preparation for
Alcohol Awareness Week!!
Oct 29-Nov 2



We'll be planning for:
Grub Crawl, Haunted House,
DD Night
Rowdy vs. Hogstar
Town House vs. Residence competition
And MUCH MORE!!

Stop by, have some Grub, and get involved!

Wednesday, October 24th
5:30pm in Rm 203 of the SUB

SEE YOU THERE!!