

Campus radio station will help get rid of your junk

## CHSR to hold yard sale

News Staff

The Brunswickan

Whether you've got an old Mac Classic kicking around your office, or you want to get rid of that eight track player collecting dust in your basement, CHSR has the perfect venue for you!

CHSR will be holding a yard sale in February as part of its annual FunDrive. Computer equipment, audio equipment, even office furniture... it's all going - and you can be a part of it! You can set up a table at the sale and sell off your stuff. There is a \$10 registration fee which goes toward FunDrive. All money derived from your sales is yours - we don't believe in commissions.

But what if you don't have enough for a whole table? Well, CHSR promises to take care of it for you. They'll set up consignment tables and your registration fee will be a percentage of the sale.

CHSR will even supply the sales people! Donations of equipment will also be greatly appreciated.

The CHSR sound system will be set up to provide entertainment to sale-goers, and plans are being made for

free coffee and finger food (for everyone!).

The registration deadline is January 24<sup>th</sup>.

For more information email Melissa at [chrsfund@unb.ca](mailto:chrsfund@unb.ca), call 452-6054 or visit [www.unb.ca/chsr](http://www.unb.ca/chsr).

## 17th Annual Eng Festival

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Atlantic Engineering Competition will be held at UNB Fredericton on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

The top two winners in each category are eligible to compete at the Canadian Engineering Competition in March.

Prospective engineering students, employers and the general public are invited to view the student presentations which will take place in Head Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information, contact competition co-chairs Julie Beaulieu 459-5349 or e-mail [d70xn@unb.ca](mailto:d70xn@unb.ca), or Tom Gilmore 461-9807 or e-mail [d4kn@unb.ca](mailto:d4kn@unb.ca).

## Jump in energy costs blamed Universities chose cheaper, dirtier fuels

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The Peak

Universities across Canada are switching to cheaper, more environmentally harmful, fuel sources in response to soaring natural gas prices.

Gerry Scott, director of the climate change program at the David Suzuki Foundation, said he's noticed that public and private institutions have moved to heating oil and even coal at an unprecedented rate over the past few months.

The switch back to dirtier fuels is having dire consequences on the environment both locally and globally, he said.

"We're in the 21st century and we're moving back to a 19th century fuel, which is a real concern," said Scott. "It's a reversal of many of the gains made in the last decade where people were going to a cleaner fuel and focussing on conservation."

Scott said the increase in dirty fuel burning would cause a significant upswing in greenhouse emissions, which have been linked to climate change, as well as increase the already significant amount of Canadians dying and becoming ill due to poor air quality.

One campus that made the switch is Simon Fraser University. The university's decision to go from natural gas to heating oil came last November when natural gas prices began to rise steadily.

According to Perrin Hayes, superintendent of mechanical services at the university, it was the only financially viable option for the university.

"We spend a bit less than a million dollars a year on heating the university," he says. "If we had stayed with [natural gas], the price

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would have been somewhere between four to ten million dollars per year."

This isn't the first time Simon Fraser University has had to fuel its heating system by switching from natural gas to oil. In the past, increased natural gas prices would force the university to use oil for anywhere between two and five days. An excess demand for natural gas in California, however, has kept the price of gas high for months and forced many large Canadian institutions to switch to oil indefinitely.

Scott said universities should consider other options to reduce their consumption of energy which in turn could significantly lower overhead costs and long-run environmental impact.

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"We also need some serious policy and regulatory steps from

government, as well as from institutions," he said. "The leaders of these universities who are flipping back to coal and heating oil are going to have to look in the mirror. I realize they have budgets, but we simply can't move back in these sectors, we have to move forward."

Scott said many institutions in Canada have begun energy efficiency measures and are now recouping original costs by saving millions a year in energy costs.

Hayes says Simon Fraser University has been taking several precautions in order to minimize the environmental impacts of burning oil. For example, the university has been burning diesel fuel, which has lower sulphur emissions than industrial oil. Hayes also says the well-maintained boiler system plays a significant role in reducing emissions.

"Oil isn't as clean burning as gas," says Hayes, "but we feel that by taking all these precautions, the net result is we're doing all we possibly can."

"As soon as the gas comes down to even close to the price of the oil, we will immediately change back to gas."

## CORRECTION

Former UNB Student Union Vice-President University Affairs, Joe Allen, is a Business student currently on a co-op work term, and not an Education student doing a teaching practicum, as reported in the January 12<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Brunswickan*.



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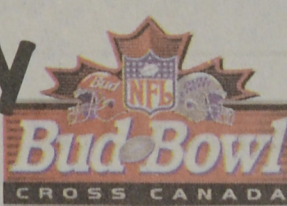
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