

# Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

## UNBSJ separatism advanced

Saint John Mayor Shirley McAlary believes the Port City is ready to support its own separate university instead of a campus of the University of New Brunswick.

But before she climbs aboard Enterprise Saint John's campaign to establish the current UNB Saint John as a separate free-standing university, McAlary wants to be sure the province is ready to help pay for it.

Stephen MacMackin, Enterprise Saint John's Chair and CEO, is asking Greater Saint John Area mayors to lead a crusade for UNBSJ's independence from the UNB Fredericton Campus.

MacMackin wants all municipal councils, Boards of Trade and Development Commissions from St. Stephen to Sussex to join in.

Meanwhile, prominent Saint John lawyer John Barry is supporting the independence drive for the current UNBSJ saying the Saint John campus can't compete against the UNB Fredericton campus for government funding or programs, while the Fredericton headquarters makes all the decisions.

## Report advocates Online education initiative

A report by a federal government advisory committee for online learning is recommending a more accelerated and co-ordinated effort be made by governments, investors, colleges and businesses to offer online post-secondary education.

The report also recommended that the Internet be made more accessible and affordable, university faculty be trained to make better use of educational technology in teaching, more quality Canadian content be developed and research be increased in both traditional and on line learning.

The report also concluded that the use of online learning must also meet individual needs, incomes, languages and learning styles.

UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston was one of 19 members of the advisory committee that was established last July to advise governments and learning institutions on a co-ordinated approach to online post-secondary education in Canada.

## UNB seeking VP Research

Advertisements are now appearing in several newspapers inviting applications and nominations for those interested in being UNB's new Vice-President Research.

Applications and nominations are being accepted until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston is chairing a Search Committee that hopes to nominate a candidate for approval by the university's Board of Governors before July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Geology Professor, Joseph White, is currently serving as Acting Vice-President Research.

## STU seeks Director of Student Affairs

St. Thomas University has taken out advertisements in provincial and national newspapers seeking candidates interested in becoming Director of Student Affairs.

The closing date for receipt of applications is Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

The university hopes to have a candidate selected no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The position becomes vacant later this month with the resignation of Ron Byrne, who is moving to set up a Student Affairs unit at the Higher Colleges of Technology in the United Arab Emirates.

## Pacey Lecture focuses on Taxes

Robert G. Evans, a professor at the Centre for Health Services and Policy Research at the University of British Columbia, will deliver the 2001 W.C. Desmond Pacey Memorial Lecture on the UNB Fredericton campus next week.

The presentation is set for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Wu Conference Centre.

Evans' talk, "A Debt to Machiavel: Death, Taxes and the Distribution of Income" focuses on the central issue in Canadian political economy today-to what extent should the state carry out income redistribution and what are the consequences of that redistribution?

## Law School hosts international competition

The UNB Law School is hosting the Canadian Round of the prestigious international Jessup Moot Court Competition.

Students from 15 law schools will begin the competition starting at 9:00 a.m. today and continuing tomorrow morning at the provincial and federal courtrooms in Fredericton's Justice Building and Federal Building.

The top four teams will compete in two final moots tomorrow afternoon, followed by an Awards Banquet tomorrow evening at the Fredericton Sheraton Hotel.

The public is welcome at the competitions.

The winners will participate in the World Jessup Competition in Washington, D.C. in April.

A series of events is taking place at Ludlow Hall next week as a part of Law Week 2001, with the theme "Sexuality and the Law."

Bruce Ryder, an Associate Professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, will deliver a speech entitled "Spouses in the House: Legislative Responses to M. v. H.," on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

A panel discussion entitled "Equality, Freedom and Sexual Expression," will take place on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

Teams of students, faculty and practicing lawyers will compete in the annual Citation Race on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

Later Wednesday, UNB law students will present their arguments in the annual Harrison Shield Moot Court Competition.

Law Week 2001 wraps up on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. with a speech by Halifax lawyer Janet Stevenson entitled "Prostitution: A Legal and Social Discussion."

For more information on Law Week 2001 events, please contact the UNB Faculty of Law at 453-4669.

## Minister joins Campus ministry team

Joanne Barr, Minister of the New Maryland United Church, has been hired on a part-time basis until June 2000 to complement the work of Protestant Chaplain John Valk on UNB's campus ministry team.

She joins Valk, Rabbi Yochanan Samuels, Father Monte Peters and Rev. Wilfred Langmaid at Campus Ministry, located in the Alumni Memorial Building.

# GSA Executive accepts Grad House Business Plan - ball now in UNB's court

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The UNB Graduate Student Association's (GSA) Executive committee has accepted in principle a business plan put forward by MBA Students for a proposed Grad/Faculty House that, if approved by UNB officials, would be located at 676 Windsor Street on the Fredericton campus.

The plan will be revealed to certain UNB graduate students in the next few weeks by e-mail before a question and answer forum on the proposal is held at the next regular GSA Council meeting slated for Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual GSA Conference on Student Research began yesterday and continues today at the J. Harper Kent Auditorium in the Wu Conference Centre on the Fredericton campus.

A keynote address will be delivered tonight by History Professor Dr. Marc Milner, with a wine and cheese reception and Awards Ceremony also taking place.

After several last minute revisions and a few communication glitches, the conference has attracted presentations from some 32 graduate students in the Humanities and Sciences.

GSA President Alain Murphy reported that securing a new seat for graduate students on the university's Board of Governors does not appear to be in the immediate offing. Murphy said a subcommittee of the Board's Nominating Committee, of which he is a member, is reviewing the rules for undergraduate student elections which will also hopefully allow graduate students to vote for two existing student seats on the university's Board of Governors.

Undergraduate general elections take place next month on the UNB Fredericton campus for terms of office during the 2001-2002 academic year.

The GSA Council held a 40 minute debate before defeating a motion that called for graduate courses to be more widely advertised by professors before being offered each semester.

Graduate student Jose Rodriguez and several other students complained about a practice which allows professors to offer graduate courses simply by calling up the UNB Registrar's office to obtain a Course number.

Rodriguez described a situation in which some graduate students must go to the Saint John campus or other universities to take courses



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Standing (L-R). Diane Reid, Administrative Assistant; Alex Wills, Vice-President Administration; Alain Murphy, President; Michael Sutherland, Vice-President External. Seated (L-R) Chris Sheehy, Vice-President Communication; Erin Budd, Vice-President Finance.

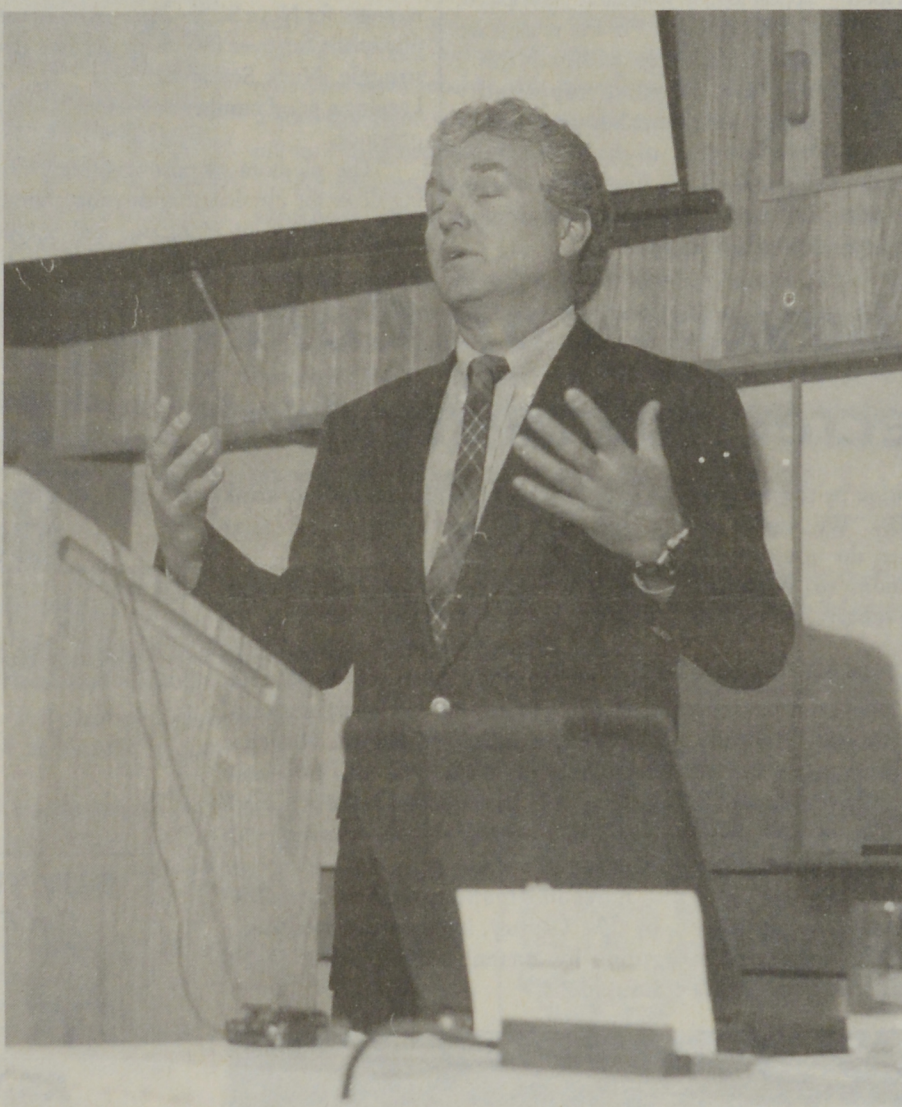
offered, but not widely advertised by professors, on the Fredericton campus.

Other graduate students argued that both the freedom and flexibility to take certain independent studies courses might be jeopardized by extra approvals and bureaucracy if

the current system is changed.

GSA President Alain Murphy argued there was little that the GSA could do to correct the current system, instead preferring to refer graduate students with concerns to the departments involved or to the School of Graduate Studies.

# NB Rivers Institute



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UNB has announced the establishment of the Canadian Rivers Institute which will undertake basic and applied research on river ecosystems for the purposes of protection, conservation and habitat restoration. Cunjak will serve as Director.

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UNB has also announced that the first Fellows of the new Institute will include Allen Curry, DNRE-Cloverleaf Professor in Recreational Fisheries at UNB Fredericton and Deborah MacLachy, a Biology Professor at UNB Saint John.

Joseph White, UNB's Acting Vice President Research, who served as emcee at the official announcement, noted the role of the Institute in the university's evolving strategic research plan.

"The Canadian Rivers Institute is but the first of several new world-class multi-disciplinary, bi-campus initiatives," white said.

"We are committed to making the research carried out at UNB of the highest quality and relevance."

To achieve this objective, UNB is working to educate government and the community about the critical role of research.

"We are aggressively pursuing research

funding opportunities, such as the Canada Research Chairs program," he emphasized.

"We are striving to provide seed funding for new researchers, and we are developing appropriate research niches in which to excel."

White praised the work of Fredericton M.P. Andy Scott.

"His role was vital in possibly helping UNB secure up to 18 Research Chairs," he said.

Joanne Gibson, Executive Assistant to Scott, attended the announcement this week on behalf of the Fredericton M.P. who was unable to get away from caucus and parliamentary duties in Ottawa.

The Honorable Brad Green, Provincial Minister of Justice and Fredericton South MLA brought greetings on behalf of the Lord government.

Fredericton Mayor Sandy DiGiacinto also attended the announcement.

# Planning to travel to another university?

The Atlantic Scholarly Information Network (ASIN) borrower's card is available for you.

The 17 members of the Council of Atlantic University Librarians/Conseil des directeurs(trices) de bibliothèque des universités de l'Atlantique (CAUL/CDBUA) are introducing this new service to all faculty, staff and students at participating institutions.

The ASIN card is acceptable at all CAUL/CDBUA institutions in the Atlantic provinces. It will allow holders to borrow materials from the library they are visiting and return materials to any of the participating libraries. All card holders will be expected to abide by the lending institution's circulation rules and regulations.

To apply for your ASIN card and to receive further information about this service, UNB and STU faculty, staff, and students, should go to their Circulation Desk at the Harriet Irving Library between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Participating CAUL/CDBUA libraries are: Acadia U, Atlantic School of Theology, Dalhousie U, Memorial U of Newfoundland, Mount Allison U, Mount St. Vincent U, Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Saint Mary's U, St. Francis Xavier U, St. Thomas U, Université de Moncton, Université Ste-Anne, University College of Cape Breton, University of King's College, University of New Brunswick (Fredericton and Saint John), and the University of Prince Edward Island.

# Rally of hope day at Poley Mountain

Poley Mountain Resorts is proud to announce the Rally of Hope Day, scheduled for today, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

A portion of every lift ticket sold today will go toward the Rally of Hope's fund raising program.

Since 1986, the Rally of Hope hospital foundation has been able to collect \$6,612,262 from pledges and was contributed to the pediatrics, neonatal, cardiac and ICU services for the Saint John Regional Hospital.

In 2000, \$702,159 was raised to go toward the Integrated Intensive Care Unit to purchase monitoring systems. This new PC-based monitor system will record all patient information electronically, allowing staff to observe all patients from a central area without having to go to each bedside to record the critical patient data, which currently must be recorded manually on a chart.

Two portable units will increase the safety of the patient when they must leave the ICU for testing in other parts of the hospital. These units have specific alarms to alert the staff of a patient's problem immediately.

Support the Rally of Hope and come to the Mountain of Fun to enjoy skiing, snowboarding and tubing today!

For more information, contact Jennifer Folkins, Rally of Hope, (506) 648-2153; or by fax at (506) 635-5608; or Kara Wiggins at (506) 433-7651; fax (506) 432-1009. You can also e-mail poleymtn@nbnet.nb.ca for information.

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## Snow Odyssey 2001 winner declared

Students in the Faculty of Engineering were declared the winners of the UNB Student Union-sponsored Faculty Cup presented at the conclusion of the 2001 Snow Odyssey competitions held for the first time on the UNB Fredericton Campus Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>.

The Spirit Cup was presented to students in the Faculty of Administration.

## Kinesiology Society garners SU grant

The Kinesiology Student Society has been granted \$1,000 by the UNB Student Council to attend an event in Toronto from March 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. SU Vice-President Finance and Administration Scott Duguay said the grant will help defray certain expenses, including the bus trip to Toronto.

## UNB SU ups Health & Dental Plan fees

The UNB Student Council has decided to recoup certain administrative expenses by increasing the cost of the student health and dental plan by \$1 each, effective September 2001.

The student health plan in September will cost \$97 annually, while the dental plan fee will be \$79.

# ELECTION



"Fifth time's a charm. If this meeting isn't inquorate that is."

— Sharkey