

Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

Sentencing in assault on former UNB student

A 23-year-old Fredericton man, Dana Milbury, was sentenced December 15th, for assaulting former UNB law student, Robbie Peterson.

Provincial Court Judge Patricia Cumming sentenced Milbury to 90 days in jail, to be served on weekends.

He was also placed on probation for the length of time it takes to complete the 90 day sentence.

An 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. curfew was also imposed and Milbury is prohibited from using alcohol and other non-prescribed drugs. He was also taxed \$100.

Milbury was found guilty September 13th, 2000, following a trial before Judge Cumming on a charge of assault causing bodily harm.

City hearing on apartment bylaw changes

Fredericton City Council has set Monday, February 12th at 7:30 p.m. as the date and time to hear public objections and comments on a new draft plan that would limit the number of unrelated people allowed to occupy a single-family home.

A citizen's committee, representing the Southeast Hill neighbourhood, bordered by Montgomery, Regent, Priestman and York Streets, is proposing a plan that would see no more than four unrelated renters allowed to occupy a single-family home within the city.

As it currently stands, four unrelated people can live in the primary residence and three renters can occupy a basement apartment in a single-family home.

Limits on the size of basement apartments, not exceeding 15 square meters, are also included in the plan.

Student groups at UNB and St. Thomas are opposed to the plan which they say would make housing near campus and beyond harder to find and would drive up rents.

Homeowners and residents in the Southeast Hill area say the new restrictions are necessary because absentee landlords are renting single homes to unrelated people causing parking, noise and density concerns in the uptown area.

New marketer in President's office

Susan Mesheau has been appointed Director of Student Recruitment and Integrated Marketing at UNB Fredericton.

Reporting directly to UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, Mesheau will lead the development of a collaborative campus marketing and student recruitment team.

Mesheau previously worked with the provincial government in marketing and tourism.

Her appointment took effect on January 2nd.

UNB gets National Public Policy Award

J. Douglas Willms, Director of the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at UNB Fredericton, is the recipient of the 2000 Canadian Policy Research Award.

Presented by the Government of Canada's Policy Research Secretariat, the award recognizes "an outstanding contribution to research affecting Canadian Public Policy."

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A St. Thomas University Political Science Professor has received a \$27,500 research grant toward comparative studies on high court decisions and aboriginal policy.

The grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council was recently awarded to Dr. Gerald Baier.

Dr. Baier's study, "Aboriginal Politics and the Judicial Review of Federalism: Comparative Cases," looks at how court decisions on federalism and the division of power between governments affect aboriginal policy.

Boost for Alumni Scholarship Fund

UNB Alumni Homecoming 2000 last summer raised \$20,000 for the Associated Alumni Scholarship Fund.

The money contributed voluntarily by UNB Alumni will go directly to students.

Dean of Law joins local law firm

UNB's Dean of Law, Anne Warner LaForest, has joined the law firm of Stewart McKelvey Stirling Scales as Counsel.

A graduate of the UNB law school and Cambridge University, LaForest will be based in the firm's Fredericton office and will be available to clients in each of the firm's seven offices throughout Atlantic Canada.

SUB Expansion official opening

The official opening of the recently completed Student Union Building expansion has been tentatively set for Friday, February 2nd at 3:00 p.m.

The official opening comes just weeks after the installation of a new public elevator in the SUB, which is now fully operational.

The identity of an anonymous donor for the SUB elevator project will be revealed at the official opening.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, and several special guests are being invited to the opening ceremony.

No Cellar kitchen yet: now it's ventilation

The opening of the kitchen in the SU owned and operated pub, The Cellar, has been delayed again.

SU President, Charles Goguen, had hoped to have the kitchen fully operational this week but the latest problem is ventilation.

"Ground level ventilation was originally expected to be good enough but it appears that a ventilation duct must now be installed which goes up the side of the building to the roof," Goguen explained.

The extra cost of ventilation will be about \$2,000, which Goguen hopes will still be under the total estimated costs for the Cellar kitchen project.

Once ventilation is installed and one day or so is set aside for electrical installation, the kitchen is expected to be up and running.

"The whole project is now a day-to-day thing," Goguen said earlier this week.

UNB seeks Registrar

UNB is accepting applications for a new Registrar for the Fredericton campus with March 16, 2001.

Reporting to the Vice-President Academic, the Registrar supervises a full-time staff of 23.

UNB hopes to appoint a new Registrar by July 1st to replace Deanne Dennison, who resigned last summer to accept a similar position at Dalhousie University.

UNB's Associate Registrar David Hinton has been serving as Acting Registrar for the 2000-2001 academic year or until a new appointment is finalized.

When in Rome...study the Romans

Students at the University of New Brunswick are being offered the chance to experience the ancient city of Rome during the Faculty of Arts' 2001 intercession study tour.

For history professor Peter Kent of the Fredericton campus, who will be teaching during his fifth Rome study tour this year, the value of the experience cannot be overstated.

"It is one thing to learn about the ancient world from books and lectures, but it comes vividly to life when you are actually standing in the buildings, streets and squares where it really happened," Dr. Kent said.

Learning sessions are held in museums, churches, archeological sites, traditional classrooms and other points of interest in Rome.

"It is much easier to engage the material of study when you realize

you are standing in the same place where St. Peter, Michelangelo, Lucrezia Borgia and Garibaldi once walked," said Dr. Kent.

Marie Maltais, director of UNB Fredericton's Art Centre, took part in the Rome study tour in 1999. She agrees that the value of studying in historical settings is immeasurable.

"It's one thing to study art history from books and slides but it's another to walk through the crowds and traffic of modern-day Rome and suddenly come upon a little church and cross the threshold into another time," she said.

"To be inside and see the glimmer of golden tesserae on mosaics, smell the incense, hear the music of the choirs filling the space and the hushed voices of other visitors — the experience is completely sensory," Ms. Maltais said. "You realize just how

small you are. You have to be there for that."

Intercession 2001 classes in history, classics, English and Italian will be offered in two three-week sessions from May 7 to June 18.

The first three weeks will explore Rome as the capital of an empire, as the capital of the Christian universe and finally as the capital of a modern nation.

Courses offered in the last three weeks will be The Art of Imperial Rome, The Presence of Italy in 19th-Century British Literature, Contemporary Italy: Politics, Society and Culture, and Introductory Italian.

For registration information contact Lana Oldford at the UNBF Continuing Education Centre, 458-7704, or visit www.unbsj.ca/arts/classics/rome.html.

Bhutan presentation

Teachers and graduate students from Bhutan working and studying in New Brunswick will give a presentation on education in their home country on Thursday, January 25th.

Entitled "Education in a Himalayan Kingdom: Current Educational Trends and Issues in Bhutan," the presentation will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Room 261 of Marshall d'Avray Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the presentation and the reception which follows.

Since the mid 180s, Bhutanese students have been coming to UNB to pursue undergraduate and graduate degrees in education. More recently, teachers from very

remote parts of Bhutan have been paired with teachers in New Brunswick schools. It is these visiting teachers and graduate students who will discuss features of education in Bhutan, including social studies, science, elementary and teacher education.

The reception following the presentation will be a cultural affair with the visiting teachers and students in national dress. Bhutanese culinary treats will be served.

This presentation is the third in the UNB faculty of education's Colloquium on Research, Policy and Practice in Education.

For more information contact Alan Sears at 453-5178.

NBSalary disclosure

The province of New Brunswick unveiled the salaries of about 17,000 employees in hospital corporations, Crown corporations, government departments and schools, leading some observers to wonder why such disclosure does not include employees at New Brunswick's universities.

In other provinces, such as Ontario, provincial legislation discloses salaries in excess of \$100,000, including university employees. Manitoba has similar legislation.

Technically, however, grants to the universities in New Brunswick come from the Maritime Province Higher Education Commission, meaning all the provinces may have to agree to the disclosure.

"In New Vision New Brunswick, we pledged to make public the salaries of all Crown corporation senior management employees, including the CEOs of health-care corporations, under a new sunshine policy," Finance Minister Norman Betts, a former professor at UNB said. "The government has followed through on that commitment to provide

greater disclosure and more transparency."

The documents include the names of about 7,000 employees in Crown corporations, hospital corporations and other agencies who earn above \$40,000 annually for the calendar year 1999. It includes regular earnings, retirement allowances, overtime, bonuses, commissions and taxable benefits.

"It is the first time such data has been published in our province, and it will be done annually from now on," Betts said. "The new disclosure policy is a way to ensure responsive, accountable government."

Similar information on about 10,000 provincial government employees, including teachers, who earn more than \$40,000 annually, has been published for many years. The book also contains government expenditures for travel, vendors, grants and loan payments.

The material is filed with the Clerk of the Legislature by the provincial comptroller's office and is also available online by visiting the following Web site: <http://www.gnb.ca/ooc/> and choosing the section called Public Accounts 2000.

Pay per view library?

A private, for-profit company in the United States has obtained a quarter billion dollars in venture capital money for a pay-per-view internet library service aimed at university students.

Questia Media has more than 50,000 scholarly books and journals, with plans to triple the amount by 2003.

Subscriptions, starting at \$30 per month, will allow keyword searches, and electronic submission to an instructor (if they too are subscribers) with hyper-linked references.

The company says its service will help "time-crunched students" write their papers more quickly.

The Chronicle of Higher Education interviewed founder Troy Williams, a recent Harvard Law School graduate. He said the service's search-and-copy features will cater to the way students really do their papers. "They're not reading the books," said Williams.

Up to 135 publishers are reportedly willing to make some of their titles available through the service, but many of them will be out-of-print material.

Another company has traveled this road before, but netLibrary chose to end the sale of student subscriptions in favour of institutional licenses.

UNB students win scholarships, awards

Stephen Vaughan, a second-year student in Science at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has been awarded the Fessenden-Trott Scholarship from the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.

The \$9,000 scholarship recognizes outstanding academic achievement and community involvement. It is renewable for up to three years.

The scholarship is shared between the four major regions of Canada, and as a consequence, it is offered only once every four years in Atlantic Canada.

In addition, each university may only nominate a single candidate.

UNB picked Vaughan partially because, during his first year, he attained a 4.3 grade point average in his courses. He also has extensive involvement in the community. He works weekly as a volunteer at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in the emergency department and is active in campaigns to raise money for research in the treatment of kidney disease, mental health, diabetes and Alzheimer's disease.

He plans to attend medical school after completing a bachelor of science degree at UNB. His plan is to specialize in neurosurgery and conduct research into diseases of the nervous system.

The Fessenden-Trott Scholarship is one of four awarded annually in memory of the late Prof. Reginald Aubrey Fessenden and Helen May Fessenden (nee Trott). Prof. Fessenden was born in Canada in 1866 and was renowned for inventing electrical and radio equipment. He developed a system of wireless transmission — distinct from that

of Marconi and Lodge — and first tested it in 1900. Six years later, Prof. Fessenden effected the first two-way transatlantic wireless telegraph service. A pioneer in radio broadcasting, he is also known for inventing the oscillator, the sonic depth finder, and the wireless compass.

Meanwhile, two students in organic chemistry at UNB have been awarded \$2,500 awards.

Meredith Fairgrieve has been named the recipient of the Karel Wiesner Postgraduate Scholarship for 2000, and Dean Shannon has been given a Karel Wiesner Postgraduate Award.

Fairgrieve is a master's student working under the supervision of chemistry professor Cathleen Crudden.

Mr. Shannon is a PhD student working under chemistry professor Dave Magee.

The Karel Wiesner Postgraduate Scholarship is awarded yearly and was established to commemorate the late Karel Wiesner, a chemist at UNB from 1948 to 1986.

Distinct from the Karel Wiesner Postgraduate Scholarship, the Postgraduate Award is a one-time award offered occasionally as an incentive to an exceptional graduate student candidate.

Dr. Wiesner earned an international reputation for his work in natural products chemistry and received an Isaak Walton Killam Memorial Prize in 1986 for his outstanding research on a synthetic form of the heart drug

digitalis.

In other scholarship news, Jill Dewitt, a first-year law student at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has been awarded the Stephen R. Smith Memorial Scholarship for 2000-2001.

The \$6,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a first-year law student who, besides having a solid academic background, shows enthusiasm and initiative to help those in need, and strikes a balance between work and other aspects of life.

The scholarship is supported by a fund established by family and friends of Stephen Smith. Mr. Smith, a young lawyer from St. Stephen, died tragically in an automobile accident in January 1993.

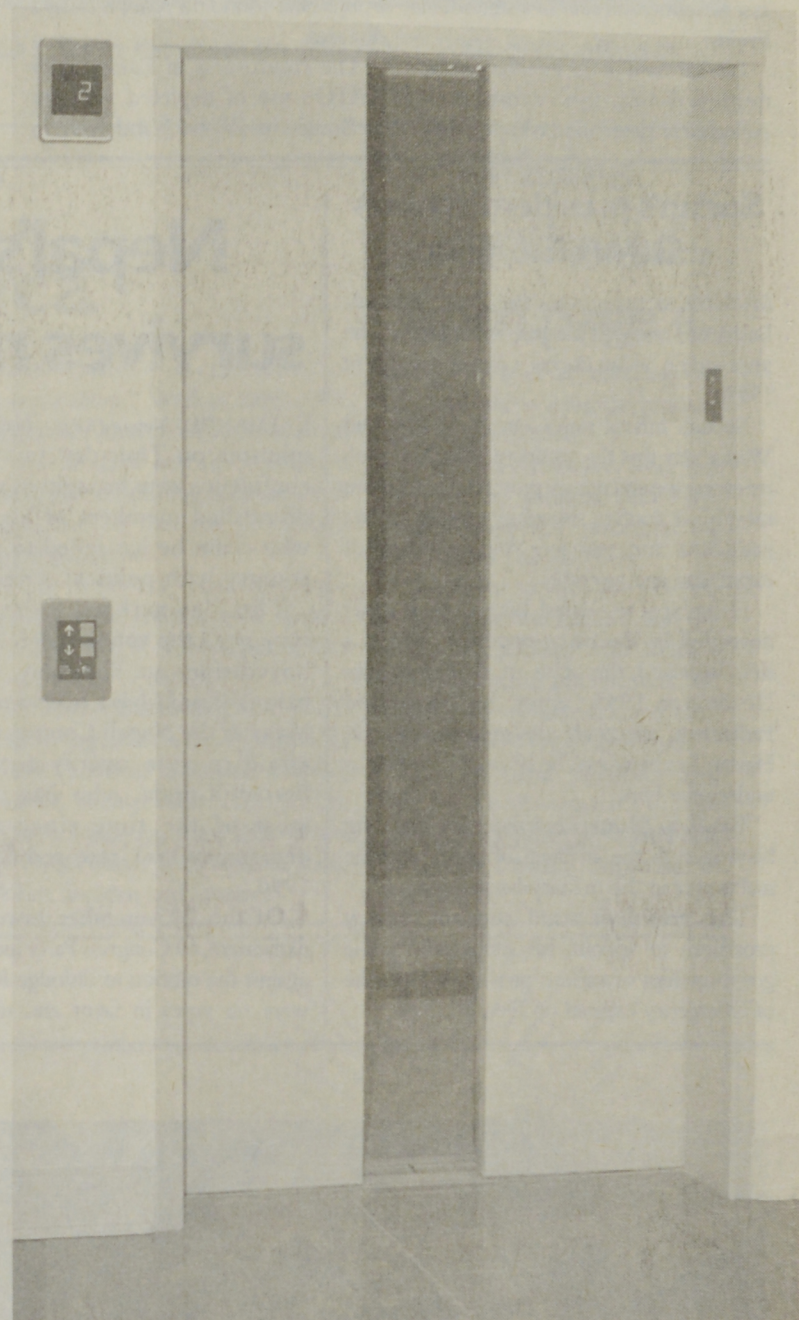
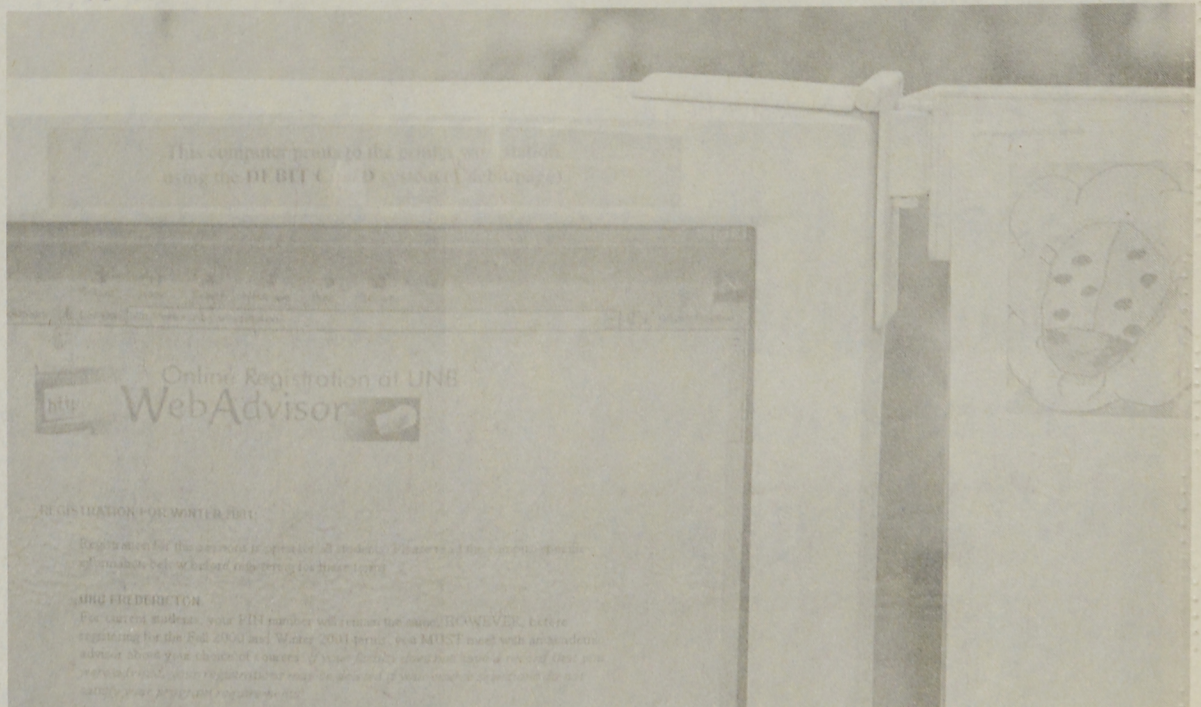


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An elevator at last! The focus of endless attention - the new public elevator in the SUB finally started pulling its weight.



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In the crunch to register for courses this term, the UNB Online Registration system hit a brief snag. A network outage left some sessions hanging, taking up available access points. Problems were experienced in connecting to WebAdvisor until the system was rebooted.