

Newsbits

by Gordon Loane

Local residents oppose sale of land

A group of local residents will appear before Fredericton City Council next Monday to oppose the sale of a piece of land located near the UNB Fredericton campus.

Currently zoned for a park, the City proposes to sell land just off University Avenue behind the Lady Beaverbrook Rink to a local developer.

The developer plans to build a parking lot on the land in conjunction with the construction of a 90 unit apartment building, which has already been approved for 360-380 Church Street.

Several residents feel the land should instead be preserved to create a Y intersection for the city's southside trail system.

Wood to seek re-election to Council

Fredericton lawyer Andy Wood, who has represented University Ward 11 on City Council since 1998, is planning to seek re-election in the May municipal election.

Wood has worked closely with neighbourhood associations, in the UNB-east end Ward during his tenure.

With UNB and St. Thomas University and four distinct residential areas in his ward, Wood intends to work on a mix of issues if re-elected, including downtown renewal and heritage preservation.

Provincial budget set for Tuesday

All eyes will be on New Brunswick Finance Minister Norm Betts next Thursday as he brings down the provincial budget for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Students, faculty, staff and administrations at UNB and St. Thomas University will be particularly interested in provincial funding for universities, a key component as university budgets and student tuition fee decisions for the next academic year are made in the coming weeks.

Building to be erected in Knowledge Park

Fundraising is well under way aimed at constructing a third building in the Fredericton Knowledge Park, located on UNB-owned land near the Regent Mall. The Greater Fredericton Economic Development Corporation, which is spear heading the Fredericton Knowledge Park development, has already secured statements of intent worth about \$600,000 for the building.

Some \$1.2 million from the private sector needs to be raised for a downpayment on the estimated \$3.3 million cost of the construction project.

UNB student wins national competition

Kirsty Williamson, a second year UNB Mechanical Engineering student captured first place in Explanatory Communication at the 2001 Canadian Engineering Competition held recently in Victoria, B.C.

It marks the second year in a row that Williamson has placed first at this prestigious competition.

With the theme of "Challenging the Leaders of the Future," the competition brought together approximately 175 engineering students from across Canada to show case their talents in Corporate Design, Entrepreneurial Design, Editorial Communication, Explanatory Communication, Team Design and Extemporaneous Debate.

Four students represented UNB in the competition including Matthew Lewis (Corporate Design); Kirsty Williamson and Rajan Verma (Explanatory Communication) and Raman Verma and Rajan Verma (Extemporaneous Debate).

Free public workshop today

Those interested in creating electronic learning materials for the Internet might want to attend a free public workshop taking place today, organized by TeleEducation New Brunswick and the Electronic Test Centre at UNB Fredericton.

Entitled Meta data, online education and the Can Core Protocol, the workshop is being held today from 10 am to 3 pm at the Wu Conference Centre.

Johanson, Rebick keynote speakers

Sue Johanson and Judy Rebick are the two keynote speakers at the 12th Annual Nurturing Ourselves Conference, being sponsored by the UNB Faculty of Nursing.

Ms. Johanson, the host of WTN's Sunday Night Sex Show, will speak about sexuality throughout the human lifespan.

Her talk gets underway at the Playhouse tonight beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the Playhouse Box Office.

Ms. Rebick, a well-known author, journalist and social activist will speak tomorrow at 1 pm at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, about the relationship between personal healing and social activism.

African cultural night set for tomorrow

The African Student Union at UNB Fredericton is holding an African Cultural night tomorrow beginning at 6:30 pm in the Student Union Building cafeteria. Numerous African dishes followed by cultural performers will be featured, all designed around the theme "African Reflections".

Tickets are Adults (\$12) and Children (\$5).

They can be purchased at the Paper Trail in the SUB, the Culture Boutique or from the International Student Advisor's Office.

Federal NDP leader at UNB

Federal NDP leader Alexa McDonough will speak about the upcoming Summit of the Americas Conference in Quebec City when she appears at UNB next Monday.

McDonough will address members of the university community in Lecture Hall 2 of Ludlow Hall (Law Building) beginning at 7 pm.

For more information contact Bruce Logan at 458-5828 or Shea Tompkins at 455-2132.

Education Colloquium next week

The UNB Faculty of Education is holding a fourth Colloquium on Research, Policy and Practice in Education next Monday, March 26th at 7:30 pm in Marshall D'Avary Hall, Room 261.

Entitled Connecting Home, Community and School - A Program of Research and Development for Continuity and Coherence in Early Literacy Education, this Colloquium session will be a panel discussion of ongoing research.

For more information, contact Alan Sears at 453-5178.

Zundel gets teaching professorship

Pierre Zundel, a professor in UNB's Faculty of Forestry and Environmental Management and at Renaissance College is the recipient of the first University Teaching Professorship.

The award is limited to faculty members who have attained the rank of associate professor or higher and demonstrated a consistently high level of teaching excellence and teaching related activities.

Recipients may hold the designation for up to five years and will receive an unrestricted grant of up to \$1,500 per year toward teaching-related activities.

Those holding the appointment shall continue to engage in teaching duties but these will normally be reduced to allow more time for scholarly work.

Scent-free buildings should be a priority at UNB says Dean of Nursing

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UNB's Dean of Nursing, Cheryl Gibson, together with professors and students in the Faculty of Nursing, are trying to convince top UNB administrators to declare all university buildings "scent-free."

"A lot of students do have allergies and are highly sensitive to perfumes, shaving lotions and hair products," Gibson said.

"There were students in class the other day who were having a hard time breathing because that is how it affects them."

"Their eyes may water and get puffy, noses run but also a cough develops and they can't breathe," Gibson maintained.

"We would like to promote scent-free buildings on campus to promote health so that people that do have allergies and sensitivities are not at risk."

"When people get sick they can't learn and can't work," she said.

For three or four years now, MacLaggan Hall that houses

UNB's Faculty of Nursing has been "scent-free."

Professors in the Faculty of Nursing have also included a scent-free message on their course outlines distributed to students.

While Gibson believes MacLaggan Hall is the only building on campus that has gone "scent-free" she is hoping to convince Vice-President Academic John McLaughlin and Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning Michael Ryan about the issue.

Gibson has already spoken to McLaughlin and intends to speak shortly with Ryan. "All university buildings have been non-smoking for several years." "Scent-free buildings because of concerns about allergies is another item we need to pursue," Gibson said.

The Dean of Nursing has also fielded complaints from both students and professors about the scent from certain cleaning products used in MacLaggan Hall.

"In general, first year students in particular are becoming more vocal on this entire issue," Gibson said.



Rachel Moore/ The Brunswickan
Dean of Nursing, Dr. Cheryl Gibson wants a scent free atmosphere for students, faculty members, and staff at UNB.

Scarcity of candidates in UNBSU election

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Only one of five executive positions at the UNB Student Union will be contested when students go to the polls next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the Fredericton campus.

In a two way race for SU Vice-President University Affairs David McNairn, a first year law student will face Clint Fitzpatrick, a third-year Business student.

The four other SU executive positions including President, Vice-President Executive, Vice-President Finance and Administration and Vice-President Student Services have only one candidate each, necessitating a yes/no vote in the upcoming election.

Scott Duguay, a fourth-year Business student, and current Vice-President Finance and Administration faces a yes/no vote for President as does Kate Whitefield for Vice-President Executive.

Whitfield is a fourth-year Geological Engineering student who successfully applied for the position of SU Vice-President External and was appointed to the post by the Student Council earlier this term.

Sarah Caines, a third year Science student, also faces a yes/no vote for Vice-President Finance and Administration as does Maria Barret-Morris, a third year Philosophy and Law in Society student vying to be Vice-President Student Services.

Meanwhile, it's a four-way contest for three seats in Business on the UNB Student Council among Misty Wade, Mandy Arseneault, Craig Murray and Stephen Banks.

A five-way race is shaping up for four Engineering seats on Student Council.

The candidates include Melissa Dawe, Zoe Walker, Matthew Clark, Raman Verma and Jason Kellock.

In Science, three students are after three seats on council and will face a yes/no vote in the election.

Craig Moore, Lindsay Cameron and Chris Folkins are looking to be the Science Representatives for the 2001-2002 school year.

For two Student-at-Large seats on Council, two candidates have emerged and will face yes/no votes including Jeff Flanagan and Brian Crothers.

In Arts, Leah Anderson was the only candidate for four open seats and will also face a yes/no vote.

The three open seats in Arts will be filled in the 2001 Fall by-election.

A similar situation has occurred for the Education seat on Council where a shortage of candidates has left two seats open.

The third seat in Education will be filled by Nadine Cormier, if she emerges as the winner of a yes/no vote.

Three other seats on Council will also be contested in the 2001 Fall by-election since no candidates stepped forward for two seats in Computer Science and one in Nursing.

One seat in Forestry and Environmental Management is also open while Seth Cain will attempt to win a yes/no vote next week for the other Forestry seat on Council.

Rounding out the candidates for seats on Council are Cliff Arnold in Kinesiology and Trina Simms in Law, who both face yes/no votes as well.

At the close of nominations, five candidates submitted their names for four one-year student seats on the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate.

The candidates include Justin Keddy, Trina Simms, Craig Murray, Clint Fitzpatrick and James Ryan. A two-year seat on the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate remains open since no candidates filed their nomination papers by the deadline.

Lori Rand is the only student who applied to be Valedictorian in Ceremony "A" for UNB's 2001 Encaenia ceremonies to be held in May.

Rand will face a yes/no vote, as will Adrian London for Valedictorian in Ceremony "C."

A two-way contest has developed for Valedictorian in Ceremony "B" between Angie Whitehead and Nalini Iype, the current SU Vice-President University Affairs.

Dustin Washburn, who is the only declared candidate for a seat on SUBS Inc, the company that owns and operates the Cellar Pub and Grill also must win a yes/no vote to gain that seat for 2001-2002.

Last week, when nominations closed for two student seats on the UNB Board of Governors, five candidates threw their hats in the ring including Scott Deschenes, who will be an Engineering graduate student next Fall, Brian Crothers, a second year law student, Scott Duguay, a fourth year Business

student, Stewart Sarchfield a first-year Science student, and John Campbell, a fourth-year Computer Science student.

Full-time undergraduate students, part-time undergraduate students, and full and part-time Graduate students are eligible to vote for candidates seeking student seats on the UNB Board of Governors.

Chief Returning Officer Jonathan Webster has also announced that all candidates in the student election can appear for a speeches and question and answer sessions slated for next Tuesday, March 27th at 12 noon in the Student Union Building Cafeteria.

UNB students are reminded that polling stations will be open in the advance poll Wednesday, March 28th from 9:30 am to 7 pm in the Student Union Building upper and lower floor area only.

Regular polls are open in various locations around campus from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm on both Thursday, March 29th and Friday, March 30th.

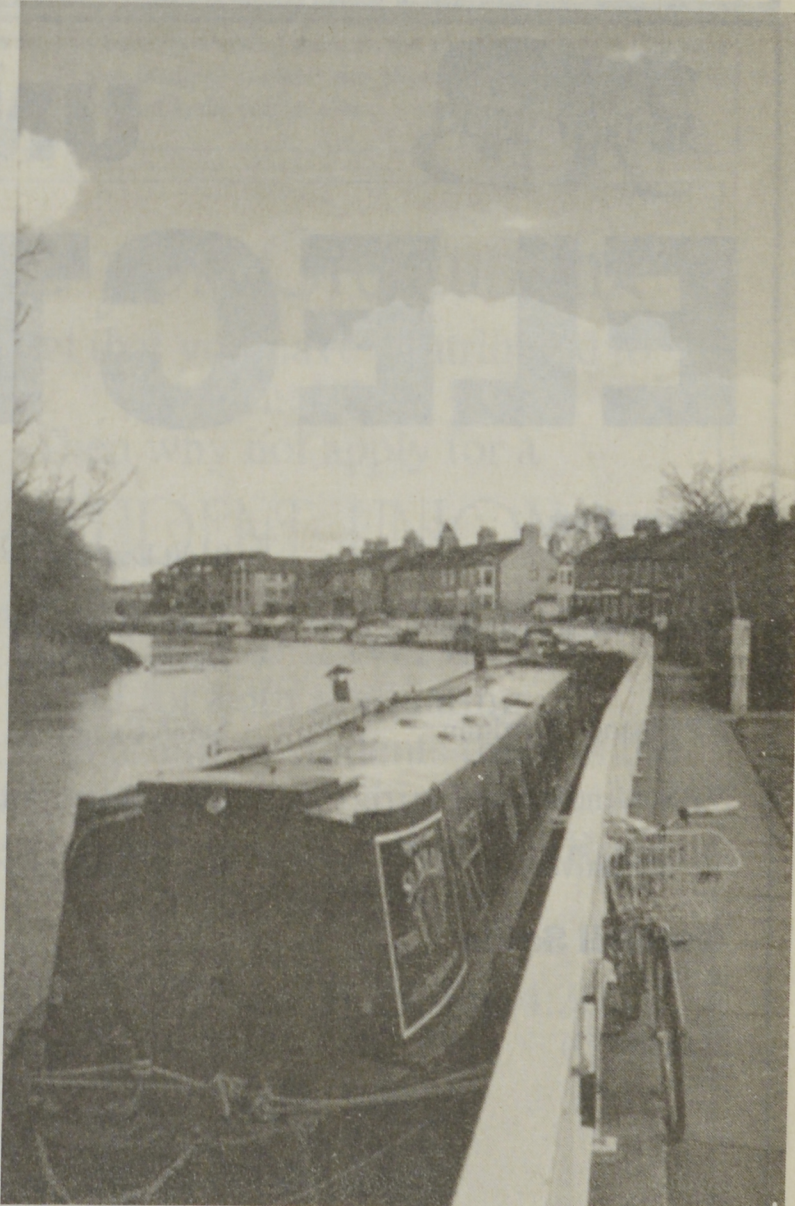
The SUB polls in the upper and lower floor areas will be open from 9:30 am to 7 pm both Thursday and Friday.

Polls will also be open in both Dunn/Kidd/Tibbit's Cafeteria area and McConnell Hall from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and again from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on both Thursday and Friday.

CRO Webster is being assisted by Deputy Returning Officers Leanne Finney and Paul Caszar.

Webster is also still looking for pollworkers to help with the election.

Applications for these paid positions are still being accepted by the UNB Student Union office until Tuesday, March 27th.



Submitted/ The Brunswickan
Cambridge, England: picturesque, and not a bad place to study either. UNB student, Erin Breen is currently studying at Anglia Polytechnic University through UNB history's exchange program

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great exhibitions, to beautiful churches, Cambridge is a great place to study history."

Breen is also being affected by the outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Europe.

"The news on television and in the newspapers constantly show us images of mass destruction of animals. It is a horrible sight to see and the devastation is affecting the lives of everyone. Of course this also affects the tourism industry, and consequently myself, as most footpaths and hiking trails have been closed."

Overall, Breen is enjoying her stay at APU in Cambridge.

"I am enjoying my courses at Anglia and I am able to study

areas which I otherwise would not at home."

Three more UNB history students will be experiencing life in Cambridge next academic year. Natalie LeVeille will attend APU for the fall term and Greg McMullen and Kevin Plummer will be in Cambridge for the winter term next year.

To qualify to participate in the exchange program with APU, students must be in good academic standing, particularly in history. To participate, students can contact Professor Peter Kent, at kent@unb.ca or through the department of history.

Further information about Cambridge can be obtained from the APU website at www.anglia.ac.uk.

Arbuckle new CASA National Director

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Liam Arbuckle, the President of the St. Mary's University Students' Union, has been elected the next National Director of the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

He will begin his one-year term as National Director on May 1st, replacing current National Director Mark Kissel whose term of office will have expired.

Arbuckle, a 23-year old native of Amherst, Nova Scotia, will graduate in May from St. Mary's with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in marketing.

He was instrumental in bringing

the St. Mary's Students' Union into the CASA organization in 1999, after being involved with the union for three years.

"The members of CASA have made a fantastic choice in Liam Arbuckle," said Mark Kissel.

"He has experience, knowledge and know-how to lead CASA to the fore in post-secondary education lobbying."

"I look forward to our transition time together and to the future of CASA with Arbuckle at the helm," he said.

Arbuckle was elected in the first round of balloting last week as

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