

Students get chance to live and study in Rome

## Intercession in Rome: 2001

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When in Rome, do as the Romans do.

Sixty-six University of New Brunswick students will be doing just that this summer when they partake in the Intercession in Rome program. There will be two sessions, the first from May 7 - May 28 and the second from May 28 to June 18.

Students will have the option of living in Rome for the full six weeks, or just for one of the three week sessions.

Courses offered for the first session include "A History of Rome: From Ancient Times to the Present" and a course in Introductory Italian. The second session will offer courses on the "Art of Imperial Rome", "The Presence of Italy in 19th Century British Literature", "Contemporary Italy: Politics, Society and Culture" and another course in Introductory Italian.

The total cost for this experience is \$3,500 for one session, and \$5,000 - \$5,900 for both sessions. Cost includes round trip airfare, shared accommodations, two meals a day, bus tours of Rome, and tuition fees.

Intercession in Rome offers students a chance to live like citizens of the city, while experiencing its history, art and culture.

Students will receive instruction on how to get around the city ordering food and drinks and on how and where to shop. Classes will not only be held in classrooms, but also in museums, churches, archaeological sites.

Students will be able to get credits for



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A shot from Intercession in Rome two summers ago.

their degree, while at the same time, experiencing Rome in its fullest capacity.

Optional tours of Pompeii in the first session or Florence and Venice in the second are available for a surcharge of \$100.

Dr. Peter Kent, a contact for the program, is very happy with the amount of people signed up for this year's trip. "I am delighted and amazed to have so many people interested this year."

This is also the first year that students are offered the chance to stay for a six week session. This allows for students to apply for student loans for funding and

for more variety in course selection. More staff can also be involved.

This is the fifth year for the program, which offers students the chance to visit Rome every second year. On the off year, the Classics Department offers trips to Greece and Turkey, which are based upon the same lines.

Unfortunately, the deadline for applying for this year's Intercession has passed, but if you are interested in participating in future trips to Rome, you can contact Peter Kent, a professor in the History Department at kent@unb.ca for more information.

## Representative from Sierra Leone visits campus to raise awareness about suffering

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Sierra Leone. A country torn apart by war. Children as young as six and eight years old abducted from their families; the boys used as combatants, the girls to service the soldiers.

This week, José Tenga of the Sierra Leone office of CAUSE (Christian Aid for Under-assisted Societies Everywhere) and Canadian Carrie MacLeod, who just returned from assignment in Sierra Leone, visited the UNBF campus.

The purpose of their visit was three-pronged; first to raise awareness of these children so traumatically affected by war; second, to inform us of the innovative Canadian initiative which makes use of interactive theatre to rehabilitate and reintegrate these child soldiers back into Sierra Leonean society; and third, the goal to inspire Canadians of all ages to actively work towards improving the plight of children everywhere. People will be encouraged to increase tolerance within their communities; use their unique skills to help children locally and globally; support government policies which assist children affected by war; and support projects designed to assist these

children.

The CAUSE Canada Sierra Leone Program works directly with displaced children, amputee children, and former child soldiers, helping them overcome the atrocities they have experienced as well as assisting them in preparing for the future.

Most recently CAUSE Canada coordinated the pilot project of Peace Theatre in Sierra Leone, using theatre and conflict resolution skills to prepare former child soldiers to return to the community. The traditional methods of helping people live through such trauma, such as psychotherapy, does not work for these children; Peace Through Theatre, however, appears to be meeting with some success.

CAUSE Canada has worked on a number of projects; including providing emergency assistance for West African refugees and displaced persons since 1991. This work was undertaken in partnership with The United Nations' High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Program (WFP), UNICEF and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

For further information regarding CAUSE, contact Jon Weaver of CAUSE Canada Atlantic by e-mailing cause@nbnet.nb.ca.



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Jose Tenga (l), representative from the Sierra Leone office of CAUSE visited the UNBF campus on Wednesday to deliver a very important message. Shown here with Jose is Carrie MacLeod, who just returned from Sierra Leone, and Jon Weaver, Fredericton representative of CAUSE Canada

## Tuition hikes this fall

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"I am happy that universities will get a two percent increase in their operating grants but it is not enough."

"Tuition is just going to continue to go through the roof," he maintained.

"Unless there is a major infusion of funds from government, the trend towards tuition fee hikes is likely to continue unless the university decides to stop it and cut their expenditures in several areas."

Goguen said until the issue of proper funding is sorted out the finger pointing will continue.

"The provincial government is pointing the finger at the federal government saying the Canada Health and Social Transfer (CHST) to the provinces has been cut since 1995," he said.

At the same time, Goguen said universities say our funding is not there from the provincial government so we have to increase student tuition fees.

"It's just a vicious circle," Goguen emphasized.

The UNB SU President also serves as a student representative on the university's Board of Governors and the Board's Finance Committee, which is meeting next week.

He intends to push for the smallest tuition fee increase possible in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, Goguen said three tax provisions introduced in the provincial budget this week may be beneficial to students.

He described as "helpful" a provision which will eliminate provincial taxes for individuals who make less than \$10,000 annually and for families who earn under

\$16,000.

The educational tax credit which will double for full-time students from \$200 to \$400 per month and for part-time students from \$60 to \$120 per month is described by Goguen as "good news."

The provincial tax exemption on scholarships and bursaries looks like it will also increase.

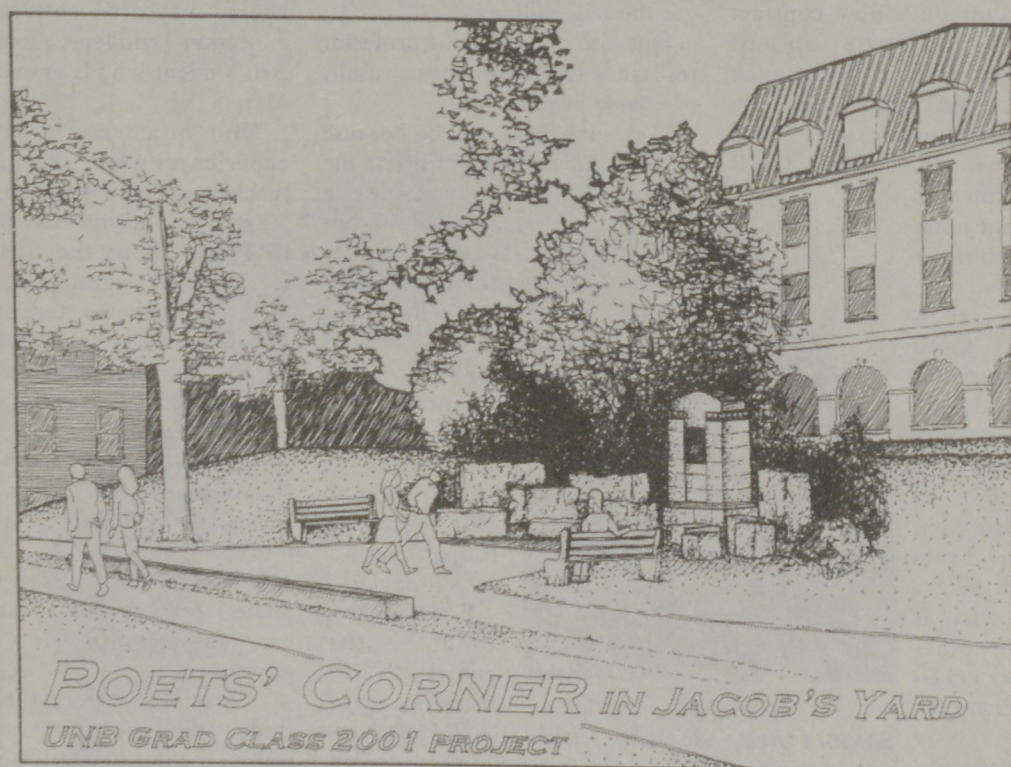
Goguen is disappointed that nothing to improve provincial student aid was announced in the budget this week.

"I'm trying to stay optimistic on provincial student aid because the Premier's Committee on Accessibility to post-secondary education should be issuing a report in a short period of time."

"Hopefully, we will see some money injected into bursaries to help students reduce their loans and debt," he emphasized.

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| Education              | 7  |
| Alumni & Faculty/Staff | 15 |

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The class of 2001 is taking on the challenge of revitalizing Poets' Corner—a national historic site located in Jacob's Yard just below the Harriet Irving Library. Students, Faculty and Staff are invited to participate and/or honor a friend or colleague by contributing \$25 towards this important initiative. All donors to the project will have their name engraved on a handsome Jacob's Yard donor recognition wall.

The class executive, faculty representatives and other volunteers will be contacting all 2001 grads in the near future to secure your support for the project. We hope your response will be positive.

For more information, drop in to the Grad Class Office, Room 32 of the SUB, e-mail us at unbgrad@hotmail.com or call us at 453-4622.