

Briefly, the News

Notice to students

All residential dining halls will be open serving regular meals on November 11th. Harvey's at the SUB market will be open 7:30am. to 10pm. Head Hall Café will be open from noon until 5pm.

Every location will observe two minutes of silence at 11am.

Lest we forget

With Remembrance Day just around the corner, it is time to reflect on the sacrifices made by those who have lost life and limb in the pursuit of peace.

In his Remembrance Day message, Premier Lord stated: "We must remember those who gave their lives and show our gratitude to those who survived to help build the Canada we know and love. Our veterans know the cost of war; let us never forget their sacrifice. I invite each of you to take part in Remembrance Day ceremonies in your community and to honour these men and women by wearing a poppy."

Lieutenant-Governor Marilyn Trenholme Counsell asks New Brunswickers "to cherish November 11, 2002, as a time to tell stories to our children - stories of war against evil, and stories of triumph over wickedness. Young and old, let us wear a poppy and attend Remembrance Day services so that we will never forget. We must keep the faith for those who died. Each of us can be a peacemaker."

Silent Witness Rally

A first of its kind in Canada, four community groups in association with the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre launched the "New Brunswick Silent Witness Project" on November 7 at a rally on the grounds of the Legislature.

The project is a family violence awareness initiative. It features an exhibit of life-size red silhouettes representing women murdered in domestic violence.

People interested in the project can get further information by contacting the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research.

Trick or Eat brings in 4000 lbs.

On October 31, a number of UNB students took part in "Trick or Eat" to collect food items for area residents in need.

Teams of volunteers, competing to collect the most food, canvassed Fredericton neighbourhoods and collected a total of more than 4000 lbs of food for the food bank. The first place team collected 714 lbs of food, the second place team 251 lbs.

The event was coordinated at UNB by Mandy Smith as part of Meal Exchange's nation-wide initiative. Meal Exchange is an organization that promotes student solutions to hunger problems across Canada.

{UNB:SPAM?} Friend, lower mortgage rates for you...today!

On November 4, Integrated Technology Services and the Senate Technology Services Committee implemented SpamAssassin, software that scores email messages originating outside UNB and tags those messages it determines to be spam.

At UNB, if an email scores seven or higher on the SpamAssassin scale, its subject is modified to include the tag {UNB: Spam?} in order to aid users in filtering unwanted messages out of their inboxes. ITS will not delete messages based on scores generated by the software.

More information can be found at www.unb.ca/its/students/email/spam.htm

Pedestrian sent to hospital after collision on Kings College

An NBCC-Fredericton college student was sent to hospital on Wednesday evening after being struck by a vehicle on Kings College road near campus.

The student is suffering from a lower-leg injury and head injury from hitting the pavement but remained conscious.

No further information could be gathered at press time.

Arson on campus

In the early morning hours of November 1, an unknown person or persons set fire to the outside of the Employee Association office.

Thanks to the quick response of both Student Campus Police, who spotted the blaze, and Campus Security, who were able to keep it contained until the fire department arrived, damage was minimal. Fredericton City Police are investigating.

Compiled by Jessie Davis

Ontario students attack the FTAA

Hargrove urges students to keep on fighting

by Chris Wilson-Smith

TORONTO (CUP) — Hundreds of Toronto-area students with painted faces, masks of George W. Bush, and black costumes spent last Thursday afternoon handing out candy to strangers, but it had nothing to do with Halloween.

For those students, their reason was just as scary.

"The FTAA [Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement] means tuition will increase because of deregulation, so we'll have to mortgage our futures," said Aaron Gibson, a visual arts student at Ryerson University.

"We're just doing whatever we can to make sure people understand that the FTAA is NAFTA [North American Free Trade Agreement] on steroids," he continued.

The FTAA proposes a massive free trade zone that encompasses the entire western hemisphere, excluding Cuba.

As students across the Americas protested the FTAA, the rally in Toronto was marked by a snake-like progression through some of the city's busiest streets - prompting the city to send out over 100 police officers.

Much like a group of trick-or-treaters, the protesters marched from

Ryerson University, to the Liberal party's national headquarters, the provincial legislature, and finally a Board of Governors meeting at the University of Toronto, where they weren't allowed entry.

While there was a speech at every stop, covering topics from "the negative effects of global free trade" to "America's military presence in Iraq," the unofficial keynote speaker, Canadian Auto Workers' Union president Buzz Hargrove, was waiting at the last stop - on the steps of the building the students weren't allowed to enter.

"I think it's wonderful that the students are taking an active role to expose the fallacies of free trade corporations," said Hargrove. "If you don't fight back, you can't win anything."

And while the Anti-Free-Trade cheerleaders chanted "Pompoms not bombs," Canadian Federation of Students Ontario Chairperson Joel Duff was emphatic:

"This isn't just about free tuition," said Duff to the throng of students. "This is about every group that is oppressed by free trade."

"All our problems are linked," he continued.

The CFS was the main organizer of the rally, which brought together students from University of Toronto, Ryerson, York, and the Ontario College of Art and Design.

SFU cheaters punished

Students handed suspensions of up to four semesters for plagiarism

by Stephen Thompson

VANCOUVER (CUP) — Forty-four Simon Fraser University students who committed plagiarism are now receiving punishment almost one year after being caught.

Students from a business and economics class held last fall have been suspended for up to four semesters on the recommendation of the University Board on Student Discipline. Currently, five students are appealing the decision to the senate committee on disciplinary appeals.

This began last year when the economics department received a warning to keep their eyes open for similar-looking projects for a BUEC 333 course. The tip came from a faculty member at the University College of the Fraser Valley who became concerned when he discovered versions of the completed project on an employee's computer.

After a large number of suspiciously similar projects were submitted for grading, an intensive investigation began that involved 47 students, one of whom has since been exonerated.

The accusations of plagiarism caught a lot of local and national media attention. At Simon Fraser, the administration became extremely concerned.

"A couple of things happened as a result of this episode," Roger Blackman, acting dean of arts said. "One [of which] was a renewed attention to the issue of academic dishonesty in courses."

A task force was established by the administration to examine the issue of academic honesty and integrity and how to further educate students to avoid cheating. A report is due this semester.

"That report will help guide us in ways in which we can take a more concerted approach...and reduce the incidents of academic dishonesty," Blackman said.

Another result of the BUEC 333 case was renewed interest in the university subscribing to a web-based service called Turnitin.com. The service detects plagiarism by comparing students' assignments and projects to sources on the Internet and in its database.

Since the school's subscription to Turnitin.com began in the summer, it has only been used in a few classes. In each case, students have been alerted to its use in hopes of deterring plagiarism.

FTAA graveyard

by Adam Grachnik

OTTAWA (CUP) — Halloween celebrations had nothing to do with the makeshift graveyard students encountered at Carleton University on the afternoon of Oct. 31.

The "FTAA Graveyard" was set up by Carleton University Student Association as part of the International Day of Action against the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

The FTAA's goal is to become massive free trade zone stretching from Chile to Canada-excluding Cuba-currently under negotiation at the seventh ministerial meeting in Quito, Ecuador.

Activists linked resources and joined forces across the Americas Oct. 31 to launch this day of action. In Canada the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) headed up the initiative.

"The call was put out [by the CFS] for the day against the FTAA. We're responding to that call," said Melissa Armstrong, a student association executive member, who was responsible for organizing the event.

Armstrong strongly believes in the cause she is fighting for.

"It's difficult to rap your head around what these trade agreements mean," she said. "The state of public post-secondary education is a bit rocky. Tuition is way up and privatization is happening on campuses."

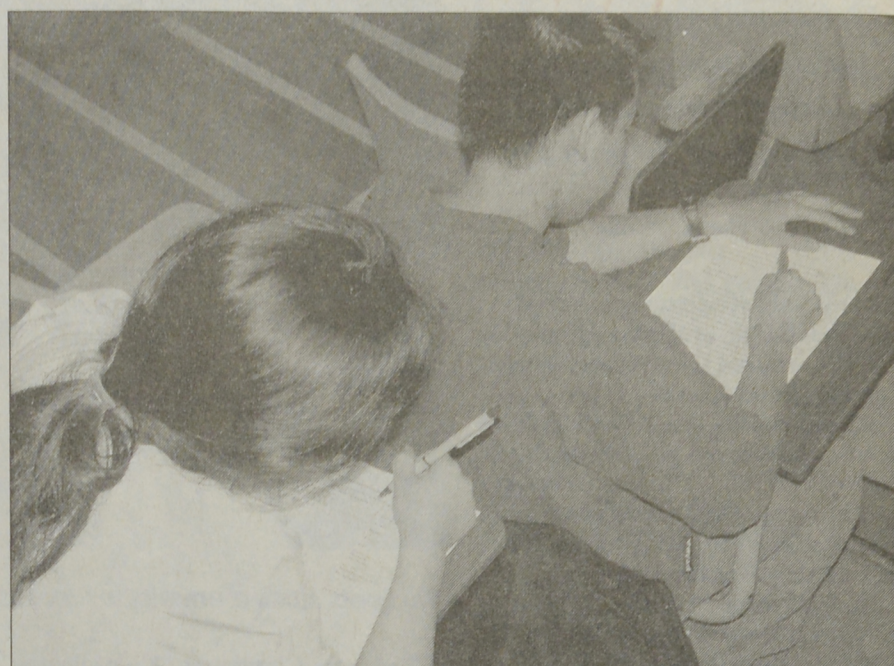
The negative affects of the FTAA are clearly evident at Carleton, according to Armstrong.

"Students can't afford to pay tuition [fees]. There is not more financial assistance, students are busting their asses and getting poorer and poorer," she said.

"All the research done here is corporate," she added. "Corporate funding research has influence over our curriculum and the Student Association is opposed to that."

Other than the graveyard, the Student Association, along with OPIRG and the Graduate Student Association, set up five "zones", dealing with public post-secondary education, health care, labour rights, human rights and the environment.

"These are all areas that will be seriously affected by the agreement," said Armstrong.



Josh Devins/The Peak

SFU subscribed to an anti-plagiarism service after last year's BUEC 333 cheating scandal hit the fan.

"I think if students know that their work is going to be submitted to Turnitin or a service like that, they are much less likely to succumb to the temptation to plagiarize," Blackman said. However, it is yet to be seen if Turnitin.com will catch on.

Computing science instructor Russ Tront has used Turnitin.com in his classes. "I find it disappointing that even in fourth-year courses people are sometimes caught cheating," Tront said.

He calls the software a deterrent and screening mechanism. It is a deterrent because students are supposed to be informed on the course outline or in the first week of classes that the service will be used. However, the instructor maintains that it is not a silver bullet

solution to the problem as it will not catch all kinds of plagiarism. And even with students detected by the service, Tront stressed that teachers must still investigate each individual case for validity.

Although worries about academic dishonesty continue, the situation with the BUEC 333 students has been resolved.

The hope is that this situation will give students the message that there is zero tolerance for academic dishonesty, but also that "they will take some support from this strong action because it must be extremely frustrating for those honest students to see a small number of fellow students taking an unfair academic advantage," Blackman said.



NOVEMBER 11

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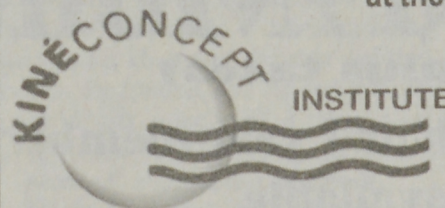
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