

Changing of the leaves: one season to rule them all



Emma Hutchman/The Brunswickan

"Almost at once, the whole tree, in fact, the whole park was transformed into a blaze of colour. There was hardly a green leaf left." - excerpt from 'The Fall of Freddy the Leaf' by Leo Buscaglia

Student strikes and safe crossings

by Jodi Magliaro

The upcoming "student strike" at the Université de Moncton was a hot topic at the Student Union Council meeting on Tuesday, October 8.

Next week students are planning to block all entrances to the campus, effectively shutting it down for the day. The reason: high tuition.

The Saint John Campus will be moving downtown within the next 15 years, according to information leaked by a city councillor.

Concerns over Windsor st. traffic conditions were raised by Forestry representative Brian Boucher.

Due to high student traffic and a lack of crosswalks, worries arise over safe crossing.

VP John Campbell will bring the concern to the university and the city.

Lights were suggested to deal with the problem, but are highly unlikely, as lights were not put in at the College Hill/Regent St. intersection until a horrible accident occurred, according to Campbell.

A debate resulted from the suggestion of extending the nomination period for the unfilled seats in the upcoming election. A bylaw states that the council can extend it for three days, but their was concern that it would be unfair to those who had their nominations in on time, and that it would leave the late nominees with less campaigning time.

A vote lead to 16-7 in favor of extending the nomination period for the unfilled seats.

Students are encouraged not to walk alone

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been paying special attention to the paths behind Aitken Centre and Chapman Field.

"We are patrolling these areas," said Jerrett. "My advice to students is whether you are male or female, refrain from traveling on these pathways after dark on your own."

The College Hill Task Force that was implemented last year focused on reducing sexual harassment and assault on pathways.

However, due to the fact no leads or tips had led to a suspect in that case, Constable Peter Vail informed the media during the summer that the project would be scaled back from three to one.

"Pertinent files related to this investigation have been sent to Ottawa to a criminal profiler with the RCMP who is going to review and analyze the information," explained Vail in June.

At press time, however, a member of Fredericton City Police Force could not be reached for comment regarding these recent circumstances.

Men and women are strongly encouraged by security to avoid secluded and unlit areas. Students should also be reminded that Safe Ride offers free transportation from the Student Union Building Sunday through Thursday, 7 pm to 12 am and Friday to Saturday, 8 pm to 1 am.

Safe Walk offers two escorts for pedestrians Sunday to Thursday from 7 pm to 12 am, and Friday and Saturday 7 pm to 2 am.

Campus Security can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 453-4830.

If you have any information about this crime please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

First Annual UNB Health Colloquium

by Jessie Davis

Friday, October 4th, marked the beginning of what will hopefully become an enduring tradition with the First Annual UNB Social Sciences in Health Colloquium.

The day-long conference, held in the President's Room of the Alumni Memorial Building, featured the presentation of twelve papers by social scientists from a number of disciplines.

Many of the presenters were faculty, graduate students, doctoral students, and alumni from UNB.

The presentations were followed by question and answer/discussion sessions, and focused on various aspects of health in our society.

Dr. Jacqueline Low, assistant professor in the UNB Department of Sociology was one of the organizers for the event.

"The papers presented at the colloquium raise awareness of the social factors and processes that impact on health and illness in populations," said Low.

"In a practical sense, among the members of the audience were individuals from the municipal government of Fredericton whose work involves health in the community."

These papers were grouped into four sessions, the first of which, entitled "Women's Bodies and Women's Health," featured papers on mental health and overcoming depression, motherhood in our society and understanding breast cancer.

The effects of breast cancer were also discussed during the second session "Lay Perspectives on Health and Health Care," along with therapies for Parkinson's Disease and smoking behaviour in New Brunswick's teenage-girl population.

The third session, "Poverty, Profit and Privatization," included "The Politics of

Mercy," which discussed the effects of privatization on clinical psychology and nutrition policies in public schools.

Rounding out the day were papers detailing the demands of nursing in rural communities, midwifery and coping strategies of single-parent families recovering from abusive situations in a session called "Women and the Health Care Professions."

"The colloquium ... promote[s] scholarship in health, an area of research the University is hoping to encourage," said Low.

"Furthermore, it [brought] together health researchers in the social sciences to share their work and forge collaborative research relationships as well as promoting the research of graduate students."

Overall, the unique colloquium was well attended and very positively remarked upon by the participants.

Dr. Mary McKenna, in presenting her paper "Conflicting Interests Affect the Development of Nutrition Policies in Schools," observed that the wide variety of disciplines represented were all related in their concern for health issues and that the varied backgrounds provided different perspectives on those issues.

This interdisciplinary approach to discussing the issues surrounding health and health care in our society, with "a breadth of research across a variety of departments" sparked a great deal of discussion that bodes well for future installments of the colloquium and for the improvement of the system at large.

"We hope to build on the success of this year's colloquium and have more participants [next time]," said Low.

Organizers extended their thanks to the Research Office and the Faculty of Arts for their support and funding of the project.

"It takes a community to raise a child"

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and listening to the bands play. There was always something going on through out the night."

Organizer Lisa Lesnicki considered this year's event a major success. The large turn out and the amount raised was helpful but what she believed the awareness accumulated was what made the event as successful. This included the participants as well as those passing by.

"It's important to reach into the community to let them know the issues because it takes a community to raise a child," said Lesnicki.

A particular event during the night that struck Lesnicki as meaningful was the initiative taken on by one homeless boy during the night.

"The boy entered Officer's Square and used the hours to begin a petition for a boys homeless shelter that the majority of the participants signed. It just shows how powerful awareness can be," described Lesnicki.

Prizes were also awarded for fundraising.

Stanley High School raised \$1200 and won for the team that raised the

most money.

The individual who raised the most money was Martine Dugays who fundraised over \$300.

The final total of money raised at the end of the night was over 15 thousand dollars.

Prizes were awarded for the most creative and authentic shelters.

First place for creativity was awarded to "Buckingham place" a cardboard shelter designed to look like a castle equipped with towers and a welcome mat.

The winning team for most authentic went to the family and friends of Junior Portier. The modest triangle shelter was built in memory of Portier, a homeless man who has recently passed away.

In addition various door prizes donated by local businesses were handed out.

12 homeless hours is an annual event and is one of the shelters biggest fundraising and awareness campaigns.

However, this is not the only event they hold.

"Honestly - no fundraising, no house," remarked Lesnicki.

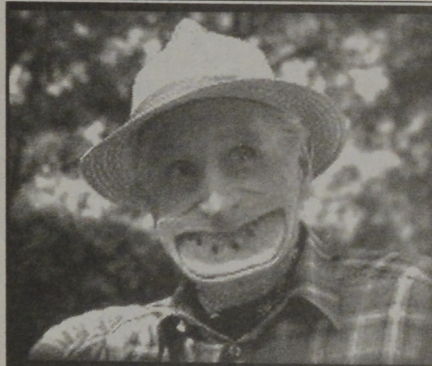
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Jeff Grandy
Arshad Mahmud Kazi

Business Representative (one seat)

Tyler Wayne