

Small office, wide range, huge possibilities

The Student Info Centre has grown in leaps and bounds
by Patryk Reid

Helping students find jobs and volunteer positions has seen student usage of the UNB Student Union Information Centre increase significantly.

According to Information Centre Coordinator, Jason Burns, this has occurred as a result of changes made last year, with respect to the centre's name, location, and the addition of several valuable services.

Last year's move of the Centre, previously called the UNB Student Union Resource Centre, from the bottom floor of the SUB business wing to the more accessible Paper Trail office, (by the main doors of the SUB) has greatly increased its visibility.

Expanded services of the Centre was another major factor in the increase of student interest.

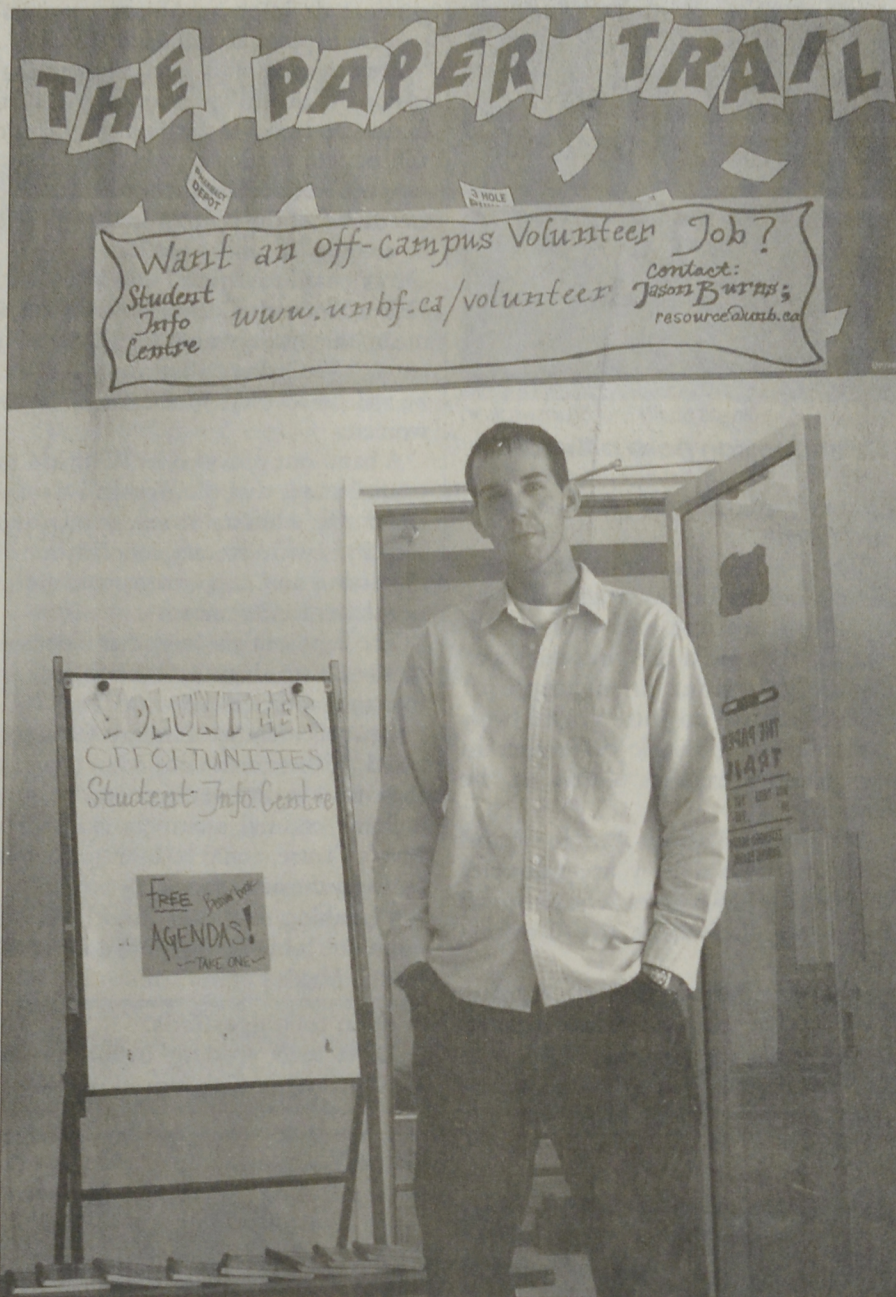
Prior to 2001-2002, the Centre focused on providing students with information on the logistics of student life. It continues to offer literature and help in such areas as the various services and organizations available on campus, and sexual and gender issues.

In September 2001, the Centre added to its mandate the goal of enhancing the employability of UNB Students by helping students to get involved with volunteering and odd jobs and offering various job related workshops.

The Centre collaborates with the UNB Volunteer Service to help UNB students find local, national, and international volunteer opportunities. The main tool for this function is the recently launched UNBVS website: <http://www.unb.ca/volunteer>.

The Centre also helps students find extra cash and expand their resumes by assisting them in searching for odd jobs as well as coordinating workshops meant to further the skills UNB students develop in class.

Last year, the Centre held workshops on effective letter and resume writing, and these workshops will be offered



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Information Centre coordinator Jason Burns taking a little time out from his busy schedule

again this coming January. The Centre also held a 'Lend a Hand' Income Tax Workshop in conjunction with Revenue Canada, last Spring. Participants learned how to prepare simple tax returns and, consequently, they volunteered their time and skills at tax clinics located off-campus which catered to citizens with an annual income of less than \$20,000.

Students interested in any of these programs are encouraged to drop by the Centre between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or contact Jason Burns by email at resource@unb.ca.

Those interested in the UNBVS should contact Alex Chernoff, UNBVS Director at v51u8@unb.ca.

Throne speech, recycling box

by Brendan Doyle

Was Jean Chretien's legacy outlined Monday a Throne Speech which promised sweeping Liberal reforms and long-term fiscal planning?

Delivered by Governor General Adrienne Clarkson, the Throne Speech proposed increased spending on Aboriginal programs, health care, transportation, and foreign aid.

The speech promised to double Canada's \$1.8 billion foreign aid spending by 2010, with half of the increase going to Africa. Canada will eliminate quotas and tariffs on most products from developing countries.

Health and welfare were another major focus of the speech, highlighted by a national strategy for healthy living, improved food safety, and a plan to address the gap between Aboriginals and non-Aboriginals - specifically children.

The government will "increase access to early learning opportunities and to quality child care, particularly for poor and lone-parent families."

Ottawa also plans to focus on doubling the number of high school graduates who are proficient in both French and English.

The government will create 10 new national parks and five new

national marine conservation areas over the next five years. In addition, the speech outlined a 10-year infrastructure program for Canadian cities.

Instead of major spending on Canada's Armed Forces, as many expected, the Throne Speech promised only to broaden an ongoing review of Canada's military and its role in a global setting.

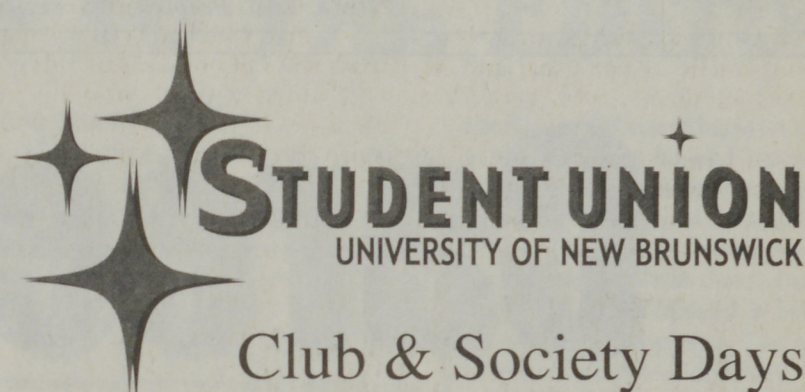
Also introduced was "smart regulation," focusing on drug research, approval and distribution, as an intelligent means to strengthen Canada's economy.

Despite being paid for by future economic growth, Finance Minister, John Manley is not worried the initiatives outlined in the Throne Speech will cause the government to go into a deficit.

The speech was even endorsed by former Finance Minister Paul Martin, who is expected to succeed Jean Chretien as the next Prime Minister.

Carrying a blue recycling box throughout her interviews, NDP Leader, Alexa McDonough claimed the speech was reshaped from the 1993 Liberal Red Book.

"There was no plan, no details and no price tag," said Canadian Alliance Leader, Stephen Harper.



Club & Society Days

The Student Union is hosting a Club & society day. The event will take place in the Blue Lounge of the SUB from 10:30 - 3:00 on October 8 and 9. This is a great place where your club can display information and get new members for your club or society.

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decided to sever ties with Safe Ride and create their own program; Safe Wheels.

"UNB was helpful in getting us the [start-up] materials, and any information they had on Safe Ride," noted Briggs.

Safe Ride, which began Monday, will now drive only UNB students. It will make pick-ups at the UNB/STU Student Union Building and Head Hall, from 6:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., seven days a week.

Safe Wheels will operate according to the same principles, except that it will pick up students up at James Dunn Hall, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., and only run five days a week.

Financial contributions to Safe Ride will consist of \$15,000 from the UNB SU and \$5,000 from the UNB Administration, plus advertising. Safe Wheels, meanwhile, also hoping for a fair bit of advertising, will cost the STU SU \$10,000 (which according to Briggs has forced a fair bit of budget shuffling) and the STU Administration \$5,000.

The STU SU program won't be on the road for another three weeks, however, as drivers still need to be hired, vans leased, and corporate sponsors secured, things Briggs said

could have been arranged on time had the STU SU known it would have to create its own program.

While both UNB and STU Student Unions agree their programs will provide more reliable service to students, the question remains as to whether or not tensions will persist between their respective offices in the UNB/STU SUB business wing.

"I never saw this coming," claimed Briggs. "There is now quite a bit of tension [between the UNB and STU Student Unions], and I would say the working relationship has deteriorated considerably. There would be strong consideration... and I can only speak for [the STU SU]... before there were any more partnerships in the near future."

In an August 1st letter to Briggs, Whitfield wrote the UNB SU was "aware that... [its position on the contract] is putting the STU Student's Union in an awkward position... we in no way [sic] are out 'to get' STU."

Briggs agrees saying, "They were just looking out for the best of their students. But the timing could've been better."

Bruns word of the week: quin*tes*sence n.

1. an extract from anything, containing in concentrated form its most essential principle

2. the purest and most essential part of anything

- Funk & Wagnalls

MASA

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actions in situations involving different expectations.

If MASA continues the co-ed program, we will be in need of a new name.

Please e-mail your ideas/concerns/suggestions/questions to masa@unb.ca. We look forward to responses from students of UNB and STU, and all other Brunswickan readers.

If you would like to make a difference as a MASA peer educator, please contact us. There is still sexual aggression on our campuses. Let us stop it!

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