



Flowers are nicer
than snow. Also, it's
nicer to give flowers
than snow.



The UNB
Wrestlers won the
AUS titles

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Caribbean Night
was both bumpin'
AND grindin'

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UNB ready to brighten up

UNBF Campus Security to perform "Campus Safety Audit"

By Chris Wilson-Smith

The University of New Brunswick has committed \$75,000 to safety enhancement initiatives on campus.

"As a university committed to enhancing a safe and healthy environment for our students, faculty and staff, we have taken advantage of Project College Hill, an initiative recently launched by the Fredericton City Police, to take stock of our many related programs and policies - and to plan for further enhancements," said Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, president and vice-chancellor of the university.

Project College Hill was initiated by the Fredericton City Police after six sexual assaults occurred on or near campus in the past few months. Presently, the police will not offer specifics as to how the investigation is going, but do say they have a suspect, and are continuing to follow new leads. The police have been working in conjunction with Campus Safety and Security director Reg Jerrett.

"University Security and Police Patrols have been vigilant in their watch over the area," said Police Media Liaison Cpl. Leanne Fitch.

The university has reviewed a number of safety infrastructure

initiatives in recent weeks, involving students for feedback.

Two Fredericton campus walkabouts have identified locations for improved or added lighting and for the placement of emergency telephones.

"These locations are currently being prioritized and costed," said Parr-Johnston. "A number of the lighting improvements will occur in parking areas which will immediately improve the safety and security of night-time parking."

Parr-Johnston also mentioned in a UNB press release that investigations are also taking place into the viability of placing safety mirrors. UNB Security is gathering campus safety audit information from other universities with the goal of performing a safety audit at UNB.

The press release also mentions programs and initiatives at UNB that exist to make campus safer, such as the Student Union Safe Ride program.

Student Union president Scott Duguay said he is pleased with the initiative, but did express some concern:

"We often fail to recognize that a lot of these programs exist because of student funding. It is the students who should be patting their backs for developing and running these programs."

Safe Ride is a program that offers students a free ride home from the Student Union Building every night of the week. The university contributes approximately \$3,000 to the program, which costs around ten times that amount to run.



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A large portion of the \$75,000 UNB is committing to safety initiatives is expected to go towards improved lighting around campus. The viability of safety mirrors is also being investigated.

Law week focuses on media

By Samantha Robichaud

UNB Law week 2002 was held February 18th-22nd with the theme of "Media Law."

Law week is a student-run activity held each year with a different theme and is open to members of the law faculty as well as the general public. The event is organized annually by a committee of three law students, who also choose the topic.

This year, the co-chairs of the committee included Jeremy Richardson, Jill Francis and Kim Horwood, all second-year law students at UNB.

This year's topic was chosen because "media law is a big issue right now because the right to freedom of expression traditionally was seen as less important than the right to a fair trial, but now the two rights are starting to be considered as equal," said Jeremy Richardson, one of the student organizers of the event.

Speakers invited to give talks during the week included Jim Rossiter, an associate from the Merrick Holm law firm in Halifax, who spoke Monday night on the issue of publicising court trials - he believes that the media should have access to court trials.

"Our entire legal system depends on the support of the public...justice must not only be done, but must be seen to be done. The media act as our surrogate, our eyes and ears...it better enables me to see proceedings if I choose to," claimed Mr. Rossiter.

Mr. Jacques Poitras of CBC RadioOne spoke Tuesday morning on the topic of a defamation suit he was involved in and won.

Thursday morning, Chief Justice of the PEI Supreme Court, Gerard Mitchell, spoke on permitting cameras to film in the courtroom, which is under the jurisdiction of each individual province. This issue is a timely one, since the Supreme Court in B.C. is currently in the process of hearing an appeal from television stations that want to film the trial of Glen Clark, but have been denied by the trial court judge.

Thursday night, the annual Harrison Shield Moot Court was held. This competition is an opportunity for four students to argue a fictional case in front of a distinguished panel of judges, including Justice Mitchell. This year's case involves insurance and liability claims resulting from a terrorist hijacking of a plane. The winner of the competition is presented with the Harrison Shield.

Today, the last event, the citation race, will be held in the Gerald V. La Forest Law Library. Fundraising teams of UNB law students and other members of the legal community compete to find legal citations in the library as fast as possible, with all proceeds being donated to charity.

VP Finance gets down to nitty-gritty with Student Union

By Ben Conoley

UNB's VP of Finance, Dan Murray announced next year's operating budget to students and faculty on Monday.

The operating budget was delivered in a public presentation for the first time due to pressure from the Student Union, as well as many students to see exactly how funds are handled.

Kate Whitfield, VP Executive, was on the Student Union side of organizing the presentation, and felt it was important for students to see how money is spent.

"The most common thing we hear from students is that they want to see where money is going. It's one thing to ask for a rest in tuition increases and another thing to feel that when you pay more each fall, to know that you're getting something for it," explained Whitfield. "The whole idea was to show you where the money is going, and to try to get the university to show that nothing is being hidden. Involving more people and understanding it will give us more ideas on what to do about it, and also get more people interested," continued Whitfield.

As far as content, "I was pleased that it went into such detail. We really did need him to show us this much is going to salaries, and this much to this. I understand that maybe people would

like to see more about salaries, but in the first presentation you don't do that. I wish it had maybe gone into more detail, but it was an hour long, consisting of 45 slides," remarked Kate. "In the future, a larger audience would make such presentations more effective."

Murray was also fairly pleased with the way things went. "For the last year or so we've been talking about ways to improve communication with students around the budget. One of the things we did last year, and the year before as well was we sent out information at budget time to help explain to students the key components of the budget and the rationale that went behind that. When we were going through our budget this year we asked how we could improve that or what else can we do to inform the students about the finances. Some people in our student services area talked about some students being interested in hearing from me directly in a presentation and to have an advisory committee and have students on the committee," said Murray.

"I think it was a useful exercise to inform students about where the money comes from and where it goes. There were a lot of students that turned out, but I thought it could have been a little more - I think it's because of study week."

Murray was also pleased with the amount of student participation in the presentation. "We spent probably 15 or 20 minutes on questions which I think was good. It was obvious they had listened to the presentation and had thought about things and can ask very insightful questions - it's good when that happens," remarked Murray. "I think it was good the way the Student Union set it up, and I was very pleased with the outcome," he also added.

The budget is also available online at the UNB website.



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UNB's VP Finance Dan Murray is not, in fact, referring to the university's budget. He did, however, discuss many budgetary issues, such as weighing tuition fees against shrinking government grants.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

VOTE EARLY AND VOTE
OFTEN.
AL CAPONE

THURSDAY FEB 28

THIRD ANNUAL ALL MY FRIENDS WENT TO THE BAHAMAS AND I'M STUCK IN FREDERICTON PARTY

For Members & Guests Only

HH on Sours Watermelon/Green Apple
Plenty of Prizes, T-shirts, hats, etc.

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