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## Northside evictions cause family stress

**Six Doone Street & Wilson Row families evicted, no reason given**

by Carole Morris

A few days after Tamara Grant complained about the living conditions in her Doone Street apartment, she received an eviction notice.

Public Health Inspector, Stephanie Schoder, visited the home in mid August and reported her findings to Bob Daigle, from the Department of Municipalities, Culture and Housing. In a letter to Daigle, Schoder recommended examining possible leaks in the back porch/hallway ceiling, investigating the electrical system and improving the overall ventilation of the apartment.

The timing of the eviction letter raised suspicion and concern for Vaughn Barnett, a Fredericton legal researcher and advocate.

Barnett believes the tenants are being evicted on questionable or undisclosed grounds, and doesn't believe this is an isolated incident.

"My preliminary research suggests that this pattern extends back several years, and has been recurring in different public housing communities," he said.

He is aware of the living conditions on Doone Street and is working with several evictees to fight against their evictions.

"I actually lived on Doone Street during the early part of my work, so I knew what it was like [to live there]," said Barnett.

According to Grant, an eviction notice was brought to her door while

the entire Doone Street/Wilson Row community watched.

"There were tons of people outside, everybody knew that six people were going to get eviction notices, which [in itself] seems kind of fishy to me," said Grant.

"I didn't think, not once, that I was going to get one."

According to Grant, there are many people who could have been evicted, including people who are behind in their rent by several months.

"There are people here who drink and party in the streets, and harass the children... you've got teenagers breaking into people's homes, you've got people vandalizing things, and you've got neighbours fighting," Grant explained.

"We keep to ourselves and take care of our kids, and that's it," she commented.

"I've talked to all my neighbours, even those out back that I never talk to, and they were shocked that we were evicted," explained Grant. "[They stated] they never had any

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Meg Folkins/The Brunswickan  
Doone Street housing complex.

## Svend Robinson gives thumbs up to same-sex marriage



Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan

Svend Robinson presents his stance on same-sex marriages during Sexuality Awareness Week at UNB.

## MP leads charge for equality

**Survey suggests one in three New Brunswickers support same-sex marriage.**

by Sean Patrick Sullivan

Svend Robinson doesn't back down from a fight.

The Federal MP came out swinging against critics of same-sex marriage, the Canadian Alliance, and Premier Bernard Lord during an appearance at the University of New Brunswick last Wednesday.

In his presentation, Robinson

launched a passionate defence for same-sex marriages, a debate which he says is fundamentally about choice.

"My partner Max and I should have the same choice that others have to decide whether or not we want to celebrate the joy and love of our relationship, in front of our family, friends, and community through marriage," Robinson said.

Robinson, a long-time activist for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) rights, has been at the forefront of recent Parliamentary debates over gay marriages. He was in town as part of the university's Sexuality Awareness Week.

"There's this myth that somehow if we allow equality for marriage for gay and lesbian couples, this is going to mean the collapse of marriage for heterosexuals," he continued.

"If heterosexual marriage is that fragile," Robinson joked, "I'm not the threat to it."

Robinson challenged suggestions that marriage should remain unchanged because of tradition, reminding the audience that spousal abuse and rape within marriage was legal until just recently in Canada.

"[Marriage] has changed; it's changed because society has realized it's got to change. Recognition of

same-sex partnerships is a part of that."

Jim Cogle is president of the Fredericton Constituency Association for the Alliance party. He doesn't agree.

"The problem [with same-sex marriages] is using the word marriage," explained Cogle. "The word marriage means a man and a woman, so changing the definition could take away from those people who are in a heterosexual marriage."

"If they want to have some kind of union it isn't a problem," he

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## Through the eyes of a former UN officer

**Former Canadian Lieutenant General lectures at UNB**

by Stephanie Yorke

Romeo Dallaire spoke with great conviction when he addressed a crowded room on the issue of children's involvement in modern war last week.

Lieutenant General Dallaire explained how the last 50 years of history have contributed to the current circumstances in war-ravaged nations around the world. He described the role Canada now has in improving the global human condition.

There were so many people from UNB and the Fredericton community present at the event that there were not enough seats in the presentation room at the Wu Conference Centre to hold them all.

Dallaire explained the role Canada and other western nations played in the recent genocide in Rwanda. He claims this tragedy was directly attributed to self-seeking policies employed by wealthy countries. The Lieutenant General, in light of the western world's general apathy toward strife in underdeveloped areas, asked his listeners the rhetorical question, "Are all humans human, or are some more human than others?"

Once this foundational argument had been made, Dallaire explained the role of children in conflicts like

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## Student Employment

**UNB Student Affairs suggests to start looking for jobs now**

by Nick Moase

Companies are coming to the University of New Brunswick to recruit students for entry-level jobs.

Shell Canada, Procter and Gamble, the CIBC and others will be on campus in search of potential employees from a variety of disciplines.

To ensure a better chance of recruitment, Student Employment Services (SES) at Neville Homestead offers workshops, company information sessions, and Career Fair.

This is the third year for the Career Fair. It begins October 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through to the 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 4:30 pm daily in the Atrium Section of the cafeteria in the Student Union Building.

More than 25 employers will be in the SUB to discuss what they have

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## Women unite to take back the night

**March aimed at preventing violence**

by Carole Morris

Women marched through downtown Fredericton Friday night shouting empowering, catchy slogans like, "hey hey, ho ho, patriarchy has got to go" and "not the church, not the state, women must control their fate" in an attempt to take back the night.

According to Rina Arseneault, the Associate Director of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research at UNB, the event is in its 19<sup>th</sup> year and is going strong.

"I think as we go, we get more and more support because more and more people are understanding why [we do this march], why it is so important that we group together..." Arseneault said.

"It is the getting together in strength to show that [violence] should not be happening, we should have safe and secure streets," she continued.

Arseneault says violence against women only started to be defined in the 1960s and 1970s, so it is hard to judge if the number of women being

assaulted each year is decreasing.

"People are just slowly starting to talk about their abuse," she said. "We have women who have been abused for 20 years and are only now coming forward."

Lorraine Whalley, of the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre, believes the Take Back the Night March makes a strong statement against violence and the dependence on male protection.

"[The march] is a symbolic gesture that [states] we have the right to be able to walk by ourselves at night, or anywhere, without needing the protection of men," Whalley said.

The march rallied both men and women to take action and to become educated about preventing violence.

Miguel Leblanc, a Saint Thomas University graduate, came to the march outside City Hall to show his support. Although he wasn't allowed to take part in the march itself, he stayed at City Hall until they returned safely and the closing remarks were made.

"[Tonight] is important because violence against women is rampant and I think that as a man, other men need to realize that we are the problem," Leblanc said.

"I think... it should become public knowledge that [violence] is

happening a lot in the communities," he continued.

Violence against women often leads to their death. Eight silhouettes from the Silent Witness Project lined the steps of City Hall. Each of these silhouettes represents one of the women in New Brunswick who were murdered by their partner, their boyfriend or an acquaintance.

The Silent Witness Project, originally created in Minnesota in 1990 after 26 women were murdered in that year, began in New Brunswick last November.

Before the march, the promising lives and the gruesome deaths of each of the women represented by the silhouettes were read aloud to the solemn crowd.

Therese Murray, the Executive Director of the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation, was one of the people reading these women's stories.

She hopes the Silent Witness Project drives the message of non-violence home.

"[Tonight's event] is certainly an awareness and educational tool for a lot of the young women and men attending university, in terms of looking at their own relationships and identifying just how healthy their relationships are," Murray said.

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