



**Tonight, \$5 to watch
Harrison whip cult
worshippers with a whip**

See Midnight Movie at the
Regent Mall Theatres



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sliding, where's the
SQUIRRELS?**

See snowy hills, outside



**Voltron crew waits
with baited breath**

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So you thought 8% was bad?

**Halifax University may
be seeing near-double
tuition vision**

by Christopher A. Walsh, The Gazette

The outrage felt at the eight per cent increase this fall at the University of New Brunswick is peanuts compared to the projected increase for one of UNB's Atlantic neighbours.

Dalhousie University's budget advisory committee has suggested a 47 per cent increase may be a reality for the upcoming fall term.

Second-year nursing student at Dalhousie, Mandy Irwin, let out a thunderous laugh when she heard that news.

"If tuition went up by 47 per cent, I would have to leave," she said when her laughing spell ended. "I have really good marks so I would just go to another university. I don't need to come to Dal."

The University does not see the same comic absurdity in the situation as Irwin. The committee's report outlines a total expenditure shortfall of \$23.5 million. That figure is based on what the university will need to spend to keep itself "sustainable". That includes spending in areas such as faculty wage increases, general administration, student services, and deferred maintenance.

But the 47 per cent knee slapper isn't the only possible solution for next year. The university is also eyeing new revenue increases in 2003/04 by admitting 5,200 more students and leaving faculties to cushion the blow on their own. This would mean no new hiring of faculty to accommodate the influx into Dalhousie's already congested first-year classes. This too, is not a joke

according to the university.

"The budget advisory committee report is always taken seriously," said University spokeswoman, Stacey Pineau. "It's an integral part of the budgeting process at Dalhousie."

Although it is an integral part of the budgeting process, none of its possible suggestions have been accepted at this point. The report is widely seen as a "discussion paper" meant to stimulate debate on campus.

Johanne Galarneau, president of the Dalhousie student union thinks the report's ambiguity represents the real problem at the school.

"The University needs to have vision and there's a lot of roads to go down," she said. "They need to choose one. They don't know what they're doing. They don't know what road they're gonna choose to go down, which is something they're gonna have to decide very soon."

Another solemn solution outlined in the budget advisory committee's report is a combination of the first two. This would mean 2,600 more students and an increase in tuition of 24 per cent. Mandy Irwin still finds this laughable.

"I still wouldn't [come back] just on principle," she said. "There's no way the tuition here is already too high. I won't come back."

Pineau said the University will wait until the spring before making any final decisions, after they find out how much government funding they will receive.

"We have to wait and see what kinds of financial challenges we're facing, when it comes time to make the final decision as to what tuition will be next year," she said.

Galarneau would like to see more.

"Who's to say we won't get a 25 per cent increase next year," she stated. "I think there's a lot of questions at this university, but there are no answers."

2002...in review

Looking over the last year at UNB

January: A rash of assaults threatened UNB and STU students causing the Fredericton officials to form the College Hill Task Force. The team eventually disbanded this summer after finding nary a suspect for the six incidents that occurred in the College Hill area.

February: UNBSRI went to take on the UNB big-wigs as they brought their list of demands to the Administration. This brought out what many felt to be much needed discussion on campus safety concerns.

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Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan

Do you know your Writer in Residence? Did you know we had one?

Remembering the joy of writing

**It was a dark and stormy
night in the Creative
Writing department...**

by Kora Stapelfeldt

Anne Simpson has no typical job.

As the University's Writer in Residence she makes her way across the province to promote writing, teach and encourage writing, and of course...write.

Most of the time, however, you can find Simpson in her office in Carleton Hall, writing in the mornings, and advising in the afternoon.

The Writer in Residence position is a one-year position under the umbrella of the Creative Writing Department.

Simpson describes her job as having many different aspects.

"I need to make this [service] available to people who normally wouldn't have access to something like my job," said Simpson. She also discussed how she works with people in this area too.

Simpson will be running a poetry circle on January 22nd at the Fredericton public library that is an initiative she started upon arriving at UNB.

"I do whatever I can to support stuff around here," said Simpson. "Sometimes I am asked by professors to visit their classrooms as well."

With a job that involves travel as well as local work, it seems nearly impossible to expect the funding to come from one source. This is true for Simpson's job as well.

The money comes from the Arts board of New Brunswick, the Canadian Council for the Arts, and of course, the University of New

Brunswick according to Ross Leckie, Director of Creative Writing.

"UNB should be applauded for remaining committed to the Writer in Residence program," said Leckie.

During the severe budget cuts in the eighties, most Universities opted to discard to position of a Writer in Residence, in order to move funding to other areas. Nonetheless, UNB was not willing to remove what they considered an important asset to the arts.

"The Canadian Council for the Arts is a major source of funding for the position," said Leckie. "We are grateful for the things they do and this position wouldn't exist in Canada without them."

Anne Simpson succeeds a position that has been held by accomplished authors such as Alden Nowlan, Karen Connelly, and Anne Michaels, the latter of which wrote a good portion of her acclaimed novel, *Fugitive Piece* while working at UNB.

"Anne is a brilliant writer," commented Leckie. "She is very encouraging and highly respected across Canada."

Simpson has won many awards including the Atlantic Poetry Prize in 2001 and the Journey Prize for fiction in 1997.

Among her works is a novel called *Canterbury Beach* about a family from Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

Although there are sometimes five people knocking on her door on any given Tuesday or Thursday, she is willing to put down her work and discuss theirs. Simpson receives a number of manuscripts each week she must comment on and review.

"Writing is fooling around and something happens," said Simpson citing her memories playing with play-

Pitching for the polls:

**Elections are coming up
and there are some
seats to be had**

by T.J. Essensa

Time is fast approaching for UNB student union elections.

UNBSU will be making a call to election on January 28. Nominations for positions from representatives to student union president will open on February 18 at 4:30pm.

Campaigning will begin on February 18, for those nominated.

"Now is the time to start thinking because nominations are opening in a month," said UNB Student Union President, Kate Whitfield.

"It's not only an awesome place to work but it's a great way to add to your time to UNB and a concrete way to contribute to University life," said Whitfield.

There are many spots to fill in the Council chamber this year.

Heading up the SU is the President who is the chief executive officer of the

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doh or finger painting when she was younger.

"It's that thing that you forget when you grow up," said Simpson, "the magic of writing is that you can still do that."

"If you forget how to play, than you've forgotten how to write."

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Those who make peaceful revolutions impossible will make violent revolution inevitable.

John F. Kennedy

Brunswickan word of the week:

occultation n. Astron.

**Concealment of one celestial body by another
interposed in the line of vision**

- Funk & Wagnalls



For Members & Guests Only



New Year's Party

Don't Miss the Countdown

