

Briefly, the news

UNB Law receives national ranking

Canadian Lawyer Magazine has ranked the UNB law faculty fourth among schools across Canada in its annual report climbing one from last year.

Small classes and a comfortable learning environment are said to be the top reasons UNB has stayed in the top five since the rankings began a decade ago. The only other school to stay in the top five is the University of Victoria who ranked first.

"The small environment, where fairly close relationships between students and faculty are developed, makes UNB a nice place to learn," said Anne La Forest, Dean of law at UNB.

"We have a very small and pleasant environment. There's a supposition that bigger is better but the survey suggests what makes for a great legal education is the opposite. UNB and Victoria happen to be two of the smallest schools, so it would suggest legal education is best taught in small classrooms."

Seven categories were used to grade the schools. The quality of curriculum, quality of the law faculty, percentage of caring and competent teachers, quality of students admitted, testing standards, faculties, and relevance of their education toward the

Improved hiring in Fredericton

Manpower released its quarterly staffing plans on Monday stating it is anticipating a rise in employment opportunities for the spring.

"After polling local employers, the Employment Outlook Survey results found that 30 percent are intending to add personnel during the spring months," said Heather Chase of Manpower.

"None of these foresee labor cutbacks and 70 percent will stay with current payrolls."

The new staffing will be in the areas of construction, durable and non-durable goods manufacturing, and wholesale/retail trade services while other areas are expected to stay unchanged.

Retirement lifestyle not for Canadians

According to a recent national survey of retired Canadians, retirement will not be up to par with the expectations of dreaming workers living towards their retirement.

"Contrary to the clichéd perception that retirement is endless days on the beach or in a rocking chair, the fact is that priorities shift as people move from one life stage to the next," said Debbie Ammeter, Vice president of the Advanced Financial planning Support for Investors group.

"Younger Canadians are moving from a life stage focused on career and child raising to a life stage when they decide what to do with their free time. What people want to do when they are in mid-career is very different from what they want to do when they retire."

According to the poll the retirement dream for Canadians under 50; 62 percent want winter getaways and more than half expect to spend a lot of time pursuing their hobbies.

The reality is only 30 percent of retirees want to escape Canada's winters and only 35 percent follow up on their hobbies.

People enjoying their retirement life more than their working life report having generous savings, a substantial pension income, and are more likely to spend time at hobbies or volunteer work. Those who are unhappy with retirement are more likely to report they are working part time.

"The first step in planning is to recognize that retirement will be a very different life stage," said Ammeter.

Historic town rejects heritage

The Niagara-on-the-Lake town council has decided not to support a Provincial Heritage Tax rebate program designed to offer financial relief owners of Provincial designated Heritage properties.

The town's senior staff recommended the implementation of tax rebates for property owners of designated under the Ontario Heritage act. This recommendation was a response to the Provincial governments offer to participate in the program.

To accept the offer, the property owners would have to agree to lifetime easements prohibiting demolition of the properties, as well as the limitations concerning restoration and maintenance already placed upon them.

Janice Thomson, Executive Director of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce, explained this program was the only form of tax relief the property owners could receive from the province.

"The success of the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake has been based on the foresight of generations of leaders," said Thomson.

"This Council's rejection sends a devastating message: Town Aldermen have denied their citizens access to a Provincial Government Program and clearly denigrate the concept of heritage preservation."

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Women

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to work, to vocational training, and to end discrimination on the job.

Less than a week later, on March 25th, a fire in NYC took the lives of more than 140 working women, the majority of whom were Italian and Jewish immigrants. This tragedy had a significant impact on US labour legislation.

In 1913 and 1914, with World War I looming, women were becoming involved in the peace movement. Russian women observed their first IWD on the last Sunday in February 1913. Elsewhere in Europe, on or around March 8th, 1914, women held rallies to either protest the war or to express solidarity with their sisters.

By 1917, with two million dead Russian soldiers as a result of World War I, Russian women again chose February 23rd to strike for "bread and peace." (The Russians were using the Julian calendar - on the Gregorian calendar the date was March 8th.) Four days later the Czar was forced to abdicate and the provisional government granted women the right to vote.

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in San Francisco in 1945, was the first international agreement to proclaim gender equality as a fundamental human right. Since that time the UN has helped to create internationally agreed upon strategies, standards, programs, and goals, to advance the status of women worldwide.

In December, 1977, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations day for Women's rights and International Peace, and officially called on all countries to set aside a day to recognize women's rights.

The international women's movement has helped make March 8th a rallying point for coordinated efforts to demand women's rights and participation in the political and economic process.

Today IWD is observed by celebrating the accomplishments women have made over the past century; remembering the countless women who were not given, and are still not given, equal opportunities because of their gender.

Events: Some of the events being held in New Brunswick include a day-long conference at the New Brunswick Community College in Miramichi East, organized by the Miramichi Emergency Shelter for Women and Family Violence Partnership Committee.

Closer to UNB campus, the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research will host a reception

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featuring a meet and greet with researchers from the Atlantic PRISM Project and screening of the videos A Score for Women's Voices/Partition pour voix de femmes in celebration of International Women's Day. The reception will be held Friday, March 7th, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. For further information call 453-3595.

Off campus, the Wilmot Unit Church in Fredericton is holding a unique event called "Knitting for Peace on International

Women's Day." Join in the community action to protest war.

There will be poetry, music, films and speakers. Everyone, women, children and men, are welcome.

For further information on celebrations in and around the province, visit the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women site www.acswccf.nb.ca/english/calendar.html and click on their Events Calendar.



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