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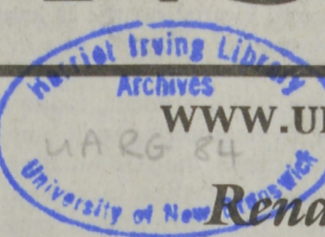
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## The voices of the homeless

**CHSR dedicates air time to telling a story that was not getting told**

by Shea Tompkins

Student radio station CHSR wants to spread the word of the homeless this week.

According to Jeremy Weir Alderson, the founder of the Homelessness Marathon, "ending homelessness isn't a matter of charity but a matter of changing the way our society is structured."

As part of this restructuring, the Fredericton campus/community radio station CHSR will air a 14 hour, all-night radio broadcast from the streets of Montreal called 'The Homelessness Marathon'.

Beginning Wednesday at sunset and ending Thursday at sunrise, the goal of the broadcast is to provide a voice for homeless people and their advocates, and an opportunity for them to participate in a national broadcast on homeless issues.

With both local and national components to the broadcast, CHSR will begin with two local one-hour programs that feature CHSR rogrammers, community members, Fredericton Anti-poverty Organization (FAPO) members.

Following this community programming, the station will switch to the national broadcast from Montreal which will include panel discussions; an open microphone on the street, pre-produced pieces and live call-ins.

"We frequently hear rhetoric from politicians, government agencies and charities who offer band-aid solutions to the substantive problems of endemic

poverty," says the stations program director Pierre Loiselle, "CHSR FM is committed to providing a voice to the voiceless.

The event will be covering topics such as the media and its relation to the framing of public perception concerning poverty, successful struggles, the criminalization of poverty, health care, housing and economic trends. It is the hope of Fiona York, the President of the National Campus and Community Radio Association, that it will bring "context and perspective to the often-misrepresented issues of poverty and homelessness in Canada."

Unlike other events such as this, the broadcast features no on-air solicitations and contains no "corporate underwriting," with organizers choosing not to "muddy [their] focus by pleading for funds." Rather, in order to "ignite a national dialogue," organizers encourage those who wish to do more than listen to the broadcast to invite politicians and the press to hear the broadcast directly in the company of homeless people.

On any given night in the year 2000, there were up to 10,000 people sleeping in shelters or on the street in each of Montreal and Toronto, and upwards of 5000 in Vancouver, according to Rudy Pohl.

As Pohl continues, "these numbers, which are bad enough in themselves, do not begin to count the tens of thousands of people who live in substandard, poorly-maintained, often over-crowded, vermin infested make-shift accommodations that strain the very definition of housing, let alone could reasonably be called a home."

The first annual Canadian Homelessness Marathon will run from 4:00pm to 7:00am on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> on CHSR, 97.9 FM.

## Renaissance getting representation



Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan

Council meetings alter formula, accomodate new renaissance position.

## UNBSU reforms council seats for Renaissance College

**Election calling, change in SU bylaws allows for new representation**

by Kora Stapelfeldt

For the first time ever, the UNB student council will have a seat open for Renaissance College.

Before the new bylaws were confirmed this past council meeting, the college was too small to have a say.

"We changed the bylaw to

accommodate Renaissance College," said John Campbell, VP Executive of the UNBSU.

Although they were a small contingent of people, the decision was unanimous to allow a seat to be up for grabs in the upcoming election.

"They have specialized needs," said Campbell. "We thought they deserved [the representation]."

Originally the ratio of representatives to students within the faculty was based on a formula that deemed it necessary to have over one hundred students represented.

Under the new bylaw, every faculty must be represented with at least one seat and every three hundred students that follow deem a new position.

Engineering, for example, with over a thousand students, has three council seats for representation and the Law Faculty, with just over two hundred, has one representative.

In order to avoid problems with students who are part of two faculties, a system was developed where in someone in Arts/Science for example would be represented by one half in each faculty.

## New NRC is pretty wired

**What's with that silver building by the bus stop? What do they do in there?**

by Nathan White

The shiny new National Research Council building on campus is a source of mystery for many students, and justifiably so.

Despite having not yet announced its official grand opening, the building's staff, which currently employs 12 UNB students (a combination of co-op, masters, and post-doctorate students), has already published 24 conference papers, including one entitled "Data Mining," which has been recognized as

the best paper in Canada at the Centers for Advanced Studies Conference (CASCON), yet most students have no idea what goes on behind its walls.

In less than a year's time, the seemingly quiet building, which is the national headquarters for the NRC Institute for Information Technology's E-Business division, has hosted 153 official industry meetings, almost all of which have been attended by the Institute's Director of Atlantic Research Programs, Christian Couturier.

The bilingual native of northern New Brunswick said that while working with students is "very, very important," it's also important to recognize that "we're a very different organization than just an academic organization." The institute

works on building intellectual property that will go to market, and gives the students employed a chance to gain "real experience in real projects," said Couturier. In addition, the institute's relatively tiny operating budget (less than \$8 million per year) costs students nothing, while the building itself is leased from the provincial government for just one dollar.

As for the actual intellectual property produced, Couturier is enigmatic in sharing details about specific projects. The Institute is currently working on Collaborative Research and Development Agreements with nine separate companies, who will be setting up their projects in "the province's best-wired building" over the coming months. The building's many rooms require multiple independent wiring systems to protect the integrity of the secretive projects to be contained within. One of the technologies being worked on is semantic web technology, which takes advantage of XML markup language to provide structured information, a technology Couturier describes as "the next phase of making sense of the web."

"Not only can you find what you want," said Couturier, "but what you want can be sorted out based on its meaning. . . we're making the machine more intelligent."

Other projects include improving speech recognition technology to "better your experience of doing business with the web so it becomes more natural to

## UNB sister campus leaves lobby group

**UNBSJ feels group not accomplishing anything**

by Kora Stapelfeldt

UNBF's sister campus has left the New Brunswick Student Alliance (NBSA) because they felt it was too inactive.

Although University of New Brunswick in Saint John will not be officially out of the organization for another month due to constitutional red tape, the campus declined from going to the last monthly meeting.

John Campbell, VP Executive of the UNB student union believes the argument is not without merit.

"One of the things that has been holding [the NBSA] back is the Lord Government," remarked Campbell in reference to the impending provincial election.

NBSA is a student lobby group made up of colleges and universities from across New Brunswick.

They had been planning for what promised to be a provincial election and then deflated after the election was not called.

"I think [the NBSA activities were] ineffective because the NBSA is about more than that," said Campbell.

According to Campbell, the UNBSJ Student Union did not give any notification prior to their decision. He believes this will effect the operations of

the group. "It's strange to see any school pull out," said Campbell. "But it's our sister campus in Saint John and we did not know they were unhappy with the NBSA."

However, when UNBF lobbies, whether for the NBSA or for the university, they do not distinguish themselves from the Saint John Campus.

"By not participating," said Campbell, "they are essentially getting a free ride. We lobby for UNB as a whole."

Nonetheless, Campbell respects their decision in that if they choose to return it wouldn't be a problem.

"If at any point they want to rejoin the NBSA, we're more than willing to take them back."



David MacCoubrey/The Brunswickan

Shiny new building has shiny new possibilities for researchers.

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