

Briefly, the news

Tibbits collects for the community

Residents of Tibbits Hall will be collecting items for the Fredericton Community kitchen and the Fredericton Emergency Shelter from January 27- February 1. Members of the community are encouraged to donate non-perishable food items, health-care products, household cleaners and sports equipment. Donations may be dropped off during the day in the lobby of Tibbits Hall or door-to-door collection is available on February 1.

High Commissioner arriving Wednesday

The Indian High Commissioner in Canada, Her Excellency Shashi U. Tripathi will be making a lecture presentation on Wednesday, February 5 at 2:30 pm in Tilley Hall, room 404.

Forty-five years of Aitken House

This past weekend Aitken House Alumni from all over Canada descended on UNB to celebrate 45 years of "The Men of Aitken House." Over 150 participants were present for several events, such as a career mentoring session and a UNB hockey game.

During the weekend over \$10 000 was raised for the newly created "Men of Aitken Society." The goal of the fund is to assist in house improvements and to foster leadership initiatives among current house members.

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Aitken celebrates their 45th this past weekend.

Kicking back at the Head Rest

New common room opens at Head Hall

by Jennifer Jenka

On Friday January 24th, the grand opening of the new common room and restaurant, located on the D-level of Sir Edmund Head Hall, was in full swing.

To the 2000+ student, faculty and staff of the Engineering and Computer Science facilities, the SUB building was located at a rather inconvenient distance. Work-orientated areas of Gillin-Head hall, such as the Engineering library and classrooms, were feeling the impact of the lack of gathering space.

Taking note of this, a small group of student organizers began lobbying for a gathering site approximately three years ago. Led by former Electrical Engineering student and recent graduate Mike Vanderveer, and with the help of the President of the Engineering Undergraduate Society Raman Verma, the organizers gathered about five hundred signatures and supporting comments from the student population.

Armed with proposals, petitions, and the assistance of the Dean of Engineering John Christian and Associate Dean Michel Couturier, the



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long procession of meeting and debates began.

After Verma ended his EUS presidency term at the end of 2001, Levi Hargrove, his successor, was left to see the project through. Hargrove said, "Everyone wanted different things. Some people were thinking a fast food outlet, others, a room like this."

It wasn't until Jean Fritz, the Dean of Computer Science, stood up and declared that the Faculty was going to help fund this endeavour that things began to really proceed.

Soon after, the Faculty of Engineering, Integrated Technology

Services, Chartwells, Residential Life and Conference Services, and Proctor and Gamble were all on board. Contracts were completed, and Red Wing Construction began transforming the former classroom into what is now a common room with seating for 65 people and food services operated by Chartwells. "This is a success story," said Couturier of the whole project.

With a great mix of hot meals, like pizza and chilli, and an assortment of drinks, soups, sandwiches, salads and bakery items, the restaurant, open

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you," as well as a mysterious "augmented reality" program.

Couturier points out these technologies are already in use, but that his job is to "enhance the collaboration live on the web. It's Jetsons but it's here today," he said.

"We have to work on what is there today and make it even better for when the market is ready tomorrow."

Couturier feels that the Atlantic market is ready for this kind of research and development facility, and with four of its five IIT sites located on campuses in the region, the NRC obviously agrees. Funding for the facilities, which collectively employ over 70 people, came as part of a one-time \$700 million federal investment in the Atlantic Innovation Program, a program Couturier said was designed to "catch the wave... so that Atlantic Canada doesn't just get a hand down, but a hand up."

He says it's important to "help future generations of Atlantic Canadians have more opportunities. Research and development is one way of doing it."

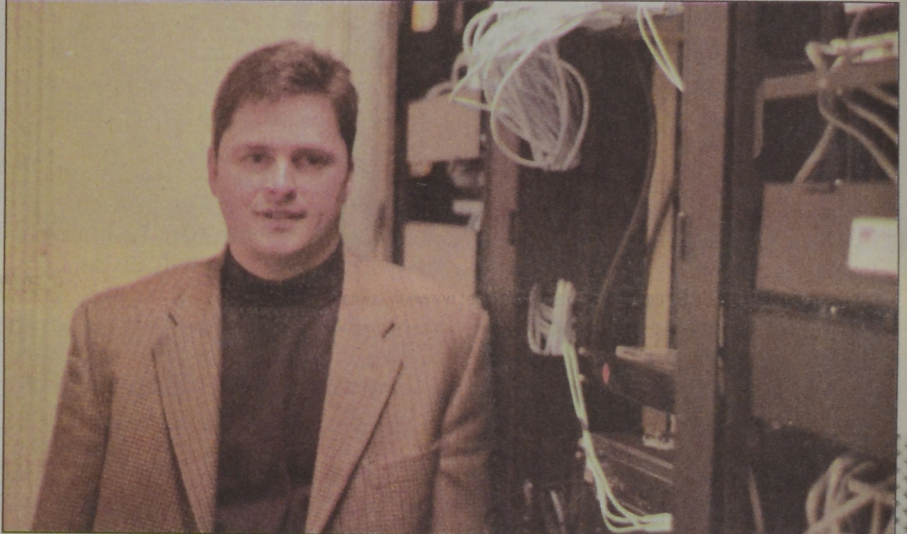
The facility has already attracted such prestigious scientists as German Rule

ML programmer Harold Boley, and UNB Computer Science professor, Bruce Spencer, a highly respected researcher in the field of artificial intelligence.

As for the choice of Fredericton as national e-business headquarters, Couturier points out that UNB is the largest research organization in New Brunswick, with over 80% of the province's research occurring here. "Folks here relate easily to people that

work in an academic setting," he says, adding that his personal goal is to, "make this place a better New Brunswick for all of us."

"I've been working to make us as a community more innovative, more risk takers, more entrepreneurs. We are as good if not better than anybody else," he says, and he wants his fellow New Brunswickers to believe in that as well. "We just become a catalyst to try and accelerate that," he adds.



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Director: Christian Courtier

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New Patients Welcome

Correction

The January 17th issue of *The Brunswickan* contained quotes by Asaf Rashid, Shea Tompkins, and Daron Letts that were unintentionally taken out of context (see "Activists to drum out Iraqiophobia, promote peace").

We apologize for the unfortunate error.

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South Asian Society UNB Presents Cultural Extravaganza SAS Nite 2003



Program: Authentic South Asian Dinner followed by Cultural Dances, Fashion Show, lots of door prizes and grand finale traditional non stop Bhangra Dance.

When: Saturday February 1st, 2003 Doors Open 6:00pm

Where: SUB Cafeteria Student Union Building UNB

Tickets: Members \$10 Non Members: \$12 Kids Under 8 Free

Tickets: Paper Trail SUB, Cultures Boutique 462-3088, Mail n Mart Village Center

Zulfiqar Hussain 455-1540 Swetha Suravarapu 455-0329

Simone Fernandes 454-0583 Touhid Salam Chaw 461-6698

Charles John 457-3869 Poja Arlusion 454-7780

Mohammad Iqbal 461-4084 Pavel 476-4442 Shimul 476-4442



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This Weekend
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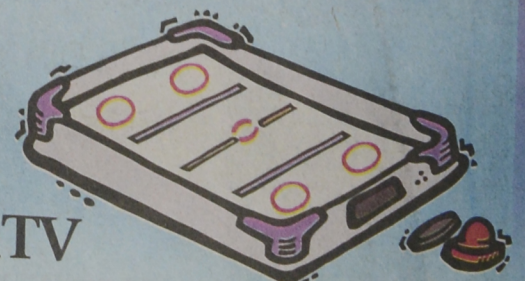
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