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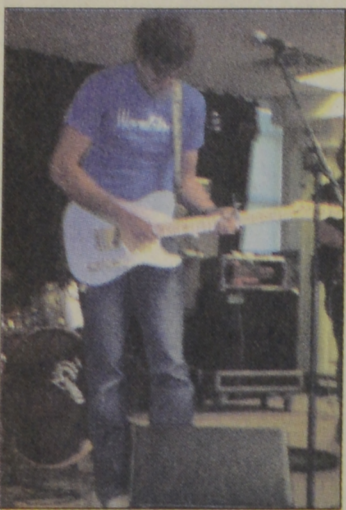
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Weather

Today: Scattered cats; High 10, Low -1.
Thursday: Doggy periods; High 6, Low -3.
Friday: Pouring variable buckets; High 9, Low -2.
Saturday: Bright and sunny; High 12, Low 2.
Sunday: Gloomy but warm; High 11, Low 4.

Quote of the Week

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the unexpressable is music." -Aldous Huxley.



Troy MacLellan/The Brunswickan

These two students, who dedicated time and effort to orientation week and other frosh activities, are obviously excited about life here at UNB.

STU rides while UNB walks

by K Brookland

UNB Student Union President Greg LeBlanc is not giving up on a universal bus pass for UNB students.

After meetings this summer between city officials and the UNB SU executive failed to take off, and the city made an exclusive agreement with Saint Thomas University for an \$80 bus pass, the UNB Student Union will try renegotiating with the city. "We hope to have the plan implemented by September 2005," said LeBlanc.

Last fall UNB and Saint Thomas approached the City of Fredericton with the idea of a universal bus pass for students.

Students from both UNB and STU voted in favor of the pass in a referendum held during their respective elections last year. The proposed deal with the city stipulated an eight-month duration and a \$60 mandatory fee per student for the pass.

However, the city wanted the deal to be for a 12 month term, not eight. This would have students paying for service improvements throughout the year.

LeBlanc said, "If students aren't around for four months of the year, and 70% aren't, why should UNB and STU pay for service improvements for 12 months of the year?"

"We needed \$500,000 to make the improvements necessary to include a stop at the SUB but the university did not have the funds at the time to make the changes," said LeBlanc.

LeBlanc said it was at this point that STU and UNB parted ways.

"The STU administration wanted to continue talks with the city because they have a very expensive shuttle service for their students at the Forest Hill Residence. They felt it would be better to give the city money to improve the transit service rather than continuing with the expensive shuttle," said LeBlanc.



Meg R. Folkins/The Brunswickan

Bus routes have changed to accommodate STU students. UNB students may still ride, but for a price.

Is UNB's Women's Centre closed for good?

by K Brookland

There is some concern about the lack of activity at the University Women's Centre.

One female student said, "I dropped by on a Friday afternoon and expected them to be open but the door was locked. There was no information detailing why they weren't open."

The centre, located in Room 129 of the SUB, officially opened in February 2003. It is available to women from both UNB and St. Thomas University campuses., but is open to anyone who shares its goals of equality and diversity.

The UWC is part drop-in centre, part resource centre. It provides a safe space where women's issues can be discussed, as well

as women's resource materials, referrals to women's organizations and services, and sponsorship of events that celebrate the diversity of women and their concerns.

These services are offered in a child-friendly environment; the Centre even has a "quiet room" for nursing mothers.

Links have been established with Men Against Sexual Aggression (MASA) on UNBF campus; the New Brunswick Advisory Council on the Status of Women; the Fredericton Sexual Assault Crisis Centre; the UNBF Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research; and the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Foundation.

Funding for the Women's Centre has come from a variety of sources,

including private donor Mary Eberts.



Meg R. Folkins/The Brunswickan
 Women's Center is still closed.

Accused killer stands trial

by K Brookland

The trial of the man accused of killing his wife, UNB student Shaila Akther Bari, began yesterday.

Abdul Bari was arraigned by Justice of the Court of Queens Bench, David Russell last May and held over for trial on first degree murder charges. He will be tried by judge and jury.

If found guilty Bari faces life in prison.

Five weeks have been set aside to hear the case, longer than usual because accommodations must be made for translation services for Bari as his first language is Bangla.

The greater part of the first day of the trial, and possibly the second, will be spent choosing a jury.

Bari and his wife were separated

for approximately two years at the time of her murder.

Fredericton police found the 26 year old woman dead in her Regent Street apartment in July 2003 after friends reported her missing.

Akther Bari came to Fredericton in 1997 as part of an arranged marriage.

At the time of her death, she was studying business at UNB and working part-time at a Fredericton dry-cleaning business.



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 Abdul Bari on his way to court.

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