

Prof evaluation surveys go online

Continued from page 1

instructors wouldn't bother to turn the forms in to be evaluated. All in all, the data for the student opinion surveys was fraught with problems, explains Judy Ann Roy, co-chair of a senate teaching excellence

committee that has pushed for the move to a web-based survey. The downfall of the current survey is that the data is quantitative—with scores like four out of five—and Roy said professors would ask, "How are we supposed to use this?" Likewise, Roy said students would wonder what their instructors were gaining from the forms.

"Students would just fly through them," she said. "They didn't think their opinions mattered. They felt it was a waste of time."

The web-based questionnaire will ask the same questions as the paper version—a second committee is working to revise the questions for future surveys—but bringing it online is intended to let students know that their opinions are wanted.

Four open-ended questions will also be asked to gather qualitative data. The results will now be available for profs immediately after final marks are posted.

These electronic evaluations aren't putting UNB at the cutting edge, though; if anything, the university is playing catch-up.

"Other universities have been doing this for years to success, and UNB wants to get on board," explained Greg LeBlanc, president of the Student Union. He also sits on the committee.

Independent websites like the popular RateMyProfessors.ca have allowed students to fill out anonymous evaluations of their teachers for years. Roy said that while they had nothing to do with the change at UNB, such websites show there is a need not being met.

"Students' voices were being squashed, and they were going to other places to express themselves," she said. "It's an indicator that [RateMyProfessors.ca] is satisfying a need we should be looking into at home."

Not everyone is pleased with the move to online evaluations. LeBlanc explained that he has found that not all professors support the change.

"Some might view it as a change from the past, and others see a value in the paper format, such as an indicator of attendance," he said. "But they might not be aware of the lower cost, speediness, and the advantages of taking it out of the classroom."

"Give them a little more time," he said. "The faculty will see the merits of

it as time goes on."

The program has a three-term evaluation period. The fall is the launch, and it will be universally administered at UNB.

The committee working to develop a new questionnaire has been calling around to other universities for research purposes, though Roy said there is no definite date for when it will be implemented.

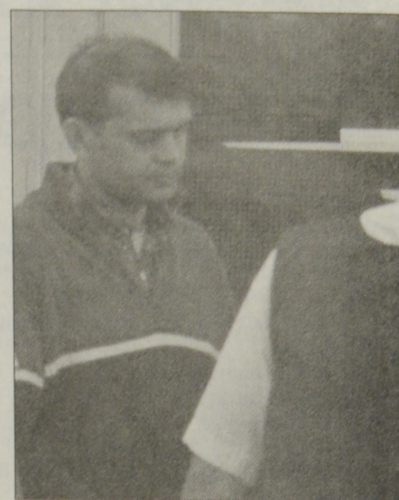
Both Roy and LeBlanc are optimistic that moving the survey online will give a better response rate among students.

"Students are very technically inclined, and it isn't far-fetched to say that students will go online to [fill out this form]," Roy said. "They vote, register for classes, check marks, etc. online, so it seems like a natural progression to give feedback online. Students should be comfortable in knowing that their anonymity will be preserved."

The Common Senates Teaching Excellence and Policy Committee is a standing committee of the university's senate.

Bari found guilty

Continued from page 1



Meg Folkins / The Brunswickan

was two-fold in that the Crown "must prove both that the murder was planned and deliberate," said Clendening, and they would have to weigh the evidence to determine if the murder was impulsive or not.

She told them they "may want to look at the letters from Bari to his family in Bangladesh, and to recall the ATM card purchase on July 15 of a pry bar that was found 90 meters from Shailla Bari's residence, and also to look at the gloves found 60 meters away from Shailla's Regent Street residence."

After seven hours of deliberation on Monday, the jury in the Bari trial asked the judge to let them listen again to a taped conversation.

The exchange was between Abdul Bari, the accused, and Rahman Piroozfar, who was recording the conversation for the Fredericton City Police.

Part of the recording included Bari saying, "So you... you didn't see me. You no need to tell police." Piroozfar said to Bari he was worried the police would confront him about lying to which Bari responded, "How they

know you lie? They not looking for you. They looking for me." On another recording, Bari said he had hoped to use Piroozfar as a witness if he had to go to trial but, "now I figure out that you working with police," Bari said.

According to Section 235 (1) of the Criminal Code, the penalty for murder in the first degree is life without possibility of parole for 25 years.

Bari's defense attorneys have 30 days to file an appeal.

Books & Bytes

Provided by UNB Libraries

Are the assignments starting to flow thick and fast? Need to find journal articles to help you with your research?

Use our e-journals and databases

Did you know, as a UNB or STU student, you have access to thousands of electronic journals and databases via our library website at www.lib.unb.ca?

From the comfort of home, you can surf our holdings 24/7. For most students on campus, access to our resources is seamless. Off campus, you will need to identify yourself as a student by logging in with your UNB/STU email ID and PIN (Library PIN for STU).

Try exploring our databases, you'll be amazed at the wealth of material available via the library website.

Need "hands on" help?

Confused about library research, online databases, or using e-journals? No problem! Drop by the ITLC Lab in the Harriet Irving Library (Room 112) to get hands on assistance.

Help Clinic hours are 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday mornings, Sept. 10 - Dec. 10.

Try LIVE

Can't make it to the library but still need help identifying and/or locating the material you need?

We invite you to use LIVE, our online, real-time reference and information service. You can access LIVE from your home computer using the LIVE link on our Library website. The LIVE service team consists of senior library assistants and librarians. Hours are posted on the site.

Cool Tools @ UNB Libraries

UNB Libraries also offers you free sessions on tools such as: Library Database Essentials, Ebooks & Electronic Reference Sources, Digital Dissertations and more. You can register for a session via our Cool Tools @ UNB Libraries link at www.lib.unb.ca.

Help Wanted!

Volunteers are needed for a campus waste audit. The project aims to determine what waste is being produced where for the ultimate purpose of improving waste management and recycling programs on campus.

For more information, contact caroline.lee@unb.ca

Cafeteria

Continued from page 1

asked that his name not be used, expressed wishes that McConnell Hall would never open up again. "Pizza, subs, burgers, what more do you want? Industrial cooking, I don't think so!"

So whether you're on a meal plan looking to spend some of that discretionary cash, or an off-campus student looking for a quick solution to the midday stomach grumbles, you're sure to find something at the SUB to appeal to you. Just be prepared to wait in line to get it.

SU amends budget

Continued from page 1

community events. Cultural nights, for example, will continue to be considered for funding in spite of their social nature.

"Anything we can do to promote awareness that there are other cultures out there is a great initiative and we're willing to support that," he said.

"What we're not willing to support are small groups of people sitting around eating pizza and watching movies for a night. It benefits them since they're having a great night, but there's not really any benefit in that to the university community as a whole."

In order to increase accountability, clubs and societies must now apply for money through special projects grants, which require paperwork to explain

how funds will be used.

The budget amendments also included some new expenses. The most significant of these is a \$30,000 item for a Student Union awareness campaign.

In his budget amendment proposal Baker wrote: "...significant resources are being directed toward promotion of the union in an effort to raise awareness from within the University community. Many of the union's own members know very little about what the union is or does, what services it provides them, and how they benefit each and every day."

These funds, Baker argued on Wednesday, will be used to help clubs and societies promote their events as well as promote awareness of the SU's services in general.

ELECTIONS

For News Editor will take place on Wed Sept 29

All interested parties should contact
Patrick Reinartz
Editor-in-chief
453-4983

MAKE YOUR DREAMS A REALITY

return	one-way
INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS	DOMESTIC FLIGHTS
LONDON from \$619	TORONTO from \$129
MEXICO CITY from \$537	VICTORIA from \$249
TOKYO from \$1169	EDMONTON from \$199
LOS ANGELES from \$478	LONDON from \$159
LIMA from \$856	MONTREAL from \$129
ROME from \$771	ST. JOHN'S from \$129

Save \$50 on any vacation package with Transat Holidays.

Over 32,000 more discounts are available with the International Student Identity Card (ISIC).

DON'T GET CAUGHT WITHOUT A CHEAP SEAT FOR THE HOLIDAYS... GET HOME BEFORE THE TURKEY'S GONE!

Book now to avoid disappointment and high prices! With Thanksgiving and Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to take advantage of Travel CUTS' Canada Best Price Guarantee. Let us do the work for you!

"Canada Best Price Guarantee!"

We will beat ANY valid airfare on the web for travel within Canada.

100% REFUND

TRAVEL TALKS

SWAP TALKS

Tuesday, October 26th

SWAP TALK 2 to 3:30

EUROPE ON A BUDGET 3:30 to 5

BACKPACKING DOWNUNDER 7 to 8:30

All talks held in Room 103 of the UMB SUB

Please RSVP: go to www.travelcuts.com & click "travel talks" under "travel planning"

HOT OFFERS

3 day/2 night New York Package Includes air, accommodations, breakfast & more from \$459

4 day/3 night Toronto Package Includes air, accommodation, breakfast, tours & more from \$499

BUY WESTJET TICKETS AND EARN MORE CHANCES TO WIN!

Visit www.travelcuts.com for more details.

Would you run with scissors?

Then why would you travel without insurance?

Travel CUTS exclusive **BON VOYAGE** insurance covers you.

cancellation • medical • accident • baggage

Find Travel CUTS here...

TRAVEL CUTS

See the world your way