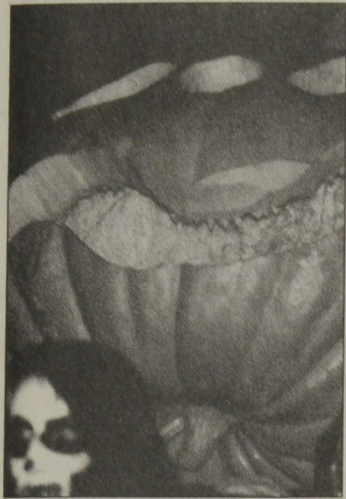


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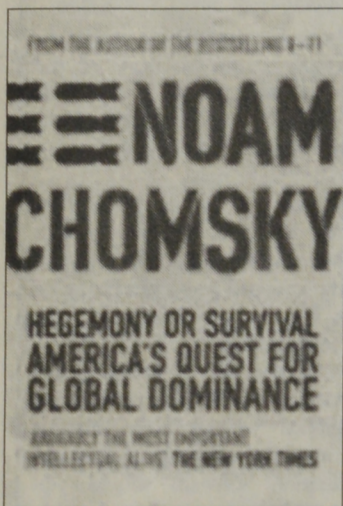
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Weather

Today: Periods of rain. High 7, Low 2.
Thursday: Sunny; High 7, Low -1.
Friday: Chance of showers; High 9, Low 1.
Saturday: You didn't shower yesterday? High 8, Low 2.
Sunday: Pigs and monkeys; High 5, Low 4.

Quote of the Week

"Laughter gives us distance. It allows us to step back from and event, deal with it and then move on." -**Bob Newhart.**

A wish worth walking for

Young boy crosses country, waits for transplant

by Clarissa Andersen

Being active is a major part of Kristopher Knowles' life, and over the course of 2004, he has proven just how active he really is.

Remember those dramatic and important teenage years, in which you spent all your time worrying and waiting? It seemed you were always wanting years to pass faster than life allowed, and the response your parents always gave you was "wait until you're older". Like most teenagers, you probably didn't want to wait. You wanted to drive before you were responsible, to date before you were ready, and to grow up before your time.

Now imagine yourself back in that anxious adolescent stage of life, but instead of waiting for your parents to hand over the keys to their car, you're waiting for the chance to live the rest of your life. Imagine that being able to wait one more day was a gift from God and the time you spend waiting is precious because you don't know how much longer you will be given this chance. This is precisely the waiting that fourteen-year-old Knowles has been doing since birth. It is a wait that will ultimately end in life or death.

Knowles, who was born two months premature, began his life with a series of suspicious health problems, and developed a brownish-yellow tinge to his skin that failed to disappear. Doctors in London, Ontario put him through as series of operations meant to correct the source of his problems, but after great deliberation and no real

sign of recovery, Knowles was finally diagnosed with a liver condition called Biliary Atresia.

"Three days after birth they found out I had the disease and then they put me on a [organ donor] waiting list and I'm still on the waiting list now," said Knowles.

Biliary Atresia is a disease that affects one in 20,000 infants each year and is usually detected shortly after birth. It is a serious liver disease causing major complications by destroying the ducts which transfer fluid from the liver to the small intestine. With no place to drain, the fluid builds up within the liver itself and causes traumatic tissue damage and depletion.

"Three out of ten infants who [develop this disease] don't survive their second birthday and I'm actually one of the fortunate ones to still be alive," said Knowles. "I've had 20 operations just to save my life... They're just "band-aids" to keep me alive."

Many would assume a liver condition of this nature would be a painful disease to deal with, but a confident Knowles put on a smile and said, "It used to be painful but I'm just used to it now."

Although doctors have warned both Knowles and his family that any rough play may have a traumatic result on his liver, he still enjoys the excitement of being a normal kid, and even dares to play hockey, his favourite sport.

"I've been in the hospital half my life and about four years ago they told me I wasn't allowed playing any sports. Because of my condition, I could get hit the wrong way and die. They've pretty much taken everything away from me right now, but I do it anyway."

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Kristopher Knowles poses with Sears Portrait Studio manager Carol Ann McPhee during his recent stop in Fredericton.

Dealing with bookstore delays

Teachers forced to abandon syllabi

by Patrick Reinartz

When UNB professor Lissa Paul realized only ten of her 30 students had their textbooks at the beginning of the term, she knew there was trouble ahead.

"It presented a huge teaching problem," Paul said. "It meant tossing the syllabus... I can hardly assign written work if I can't [be certain] that everyone has access to the texts that are on the course."

As far as Paul has been able to determine, half of the 30 books she ordered made it onto the bookstore shelves, five of which were purchased by people not enrolled in her class.

Paul was not alone in her situation. Jane Fritz, Associate Vice President

Academic (Learning Environment), hesitates to guess, but estimates that over two dozen courses were affected by the recent textbook shortage.

"It's not affecting everyone," she said, "but it's certainly affecting some people, and undoubtedly some types of courses more than others."

Fritz suspects that the problem is really the culmination of two problems, one of which is out of the bookstore's control.

Aside from any internal issues with ordering, she says that problems with vendors must also be taken into account.

Bookstore manager Sharon Fillmore said that although no changes have been made to the store's policy, the issue has been recognized as a problem.

"We have a point of sale system that

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The Fredericton Motorsports Club entry gets a helping hand after spinning out of control during time trials.

Mackay goes one way

Racers plummet for 30 consecutive years

by Brian Mumford

Mackay Dr. was a one way street Saturday afternoon. After all, without an engine the only way to go is down.

Seven cars competed in the 30th annual UNB SSME Coaster Derby. Five cars were entered by UNB students, one by the Fredericton Motorsports Club, and one entrant from Maine.

The course began with a push start through the south gym parking lot followed by the long descent of Mackay Drive. Three chicane turns created from tires stretched from Mackay House to McConnell Hall. Drivers were required to stop within a braking box at the bottom of the hill.

The box had to be lengthened after the first runs, as cars were not given enough time to stop and hurtled into the intersection with Dineen Drive.

Each car ran two time trials, and the best time of each car was taken to determine their rank for head to head

races. The victor moved on to the next tandem run until there were none left to challenge. The even concluded with a race open to all competitors at once.

The runs were all competitive, but only one team was able to break the 1:10 mark. This was team Flaming Rocket, who won time trials and both of their head to head races to become champions.

While most of the cars had a rigid boxy frame, the Rocket more closely resembled a bobsled. It was also the heaviest of the cars, weighing in just under the 600 pound maximum.

The Flaming Rocket was driven by Matt Cowan. When asked how he won, he replied "with a lot of braking." Aside from suspension modifications and a new flaming paint job spilling from front to rear, the returning champions changed little on the car formerly known as "the Black Johnson."

Cowan and his partner Adam MacDonald (who drove last year) graduate from UNB this year. "If we're still around, we'll enter." If not, they hope to find

someone to pilot the rocket in next year's race.

The only race the Flying Rocket lost was the final free for all. The Fredericton Motorsports car was ahead of the pack from the first chicane to the finish line. The Flying Rocket battled off the Institute of Bio Medical Engineers car through all three chicanes and edged out the entrant known as team Green on the final straight away to capture second place.

First prize was \$200. Considering the time and money already spent on these racers, the return is very minimal. As event organizer Colleen Dewis points out, "they're mostly in it for the glory."

The event is organized by the Student Society of Mechanical Engineers and the UNB engineering faculty. Setting up shop near the tire wall turns, Drava Suravarapu deejayed while Dan Hill, SSME president, emceed the event.

The road was littered with spectators both young and old who enjoyed racing, a free barbecue and lots of prizes.

Klein refutes reconstruction

by Kyle Smith

Naomi Klein travelled to Iraq to write a story on the reconstruction of Iraq following the war. Klein found there was no reconstruction occurring, but a story nonetheless.

Klein and her cameraman Andrew Stern went to Iraq to write an article series for Harper's magazine. Since the story was on the reconstruction of Iraq, the pair decided to hunt for the heavy equipment that is supposed to be rebuilding Iraq. The United States budget allocated \$18.4 billion into the groundwork. But as Ms. Klein said, "I saw more construction equipment in 4 blocks of Toronto building condos than all of Baghdad."

The construction equipment that Ms. Klein actually saw was on the 16 "enduring" bases that the Americans were building. On one of her last days in Iraq, Ms. Klein spotted a big yellow crane. As she and her partner got out of their car, they saw that the crane was not part of rebuilding, but instead was hoisting a large billboard into place, while most of the buildings around it lay in ruin.

Always considered to be outspoken, Klein said that she held the United States government and president Bush responsible for the current state of Iraq. The American government, she said, violated the "house sitters rule."

They were allowed to eat anything in the fridge, but they weren't supposed to sell the house.

Iraq is going through a process far from rebuilding, Klein says. Instead it is being sold off piece by piece. Private foreign investors are free to buy any company owned by the former Iraqi government and there are no tariffs or import taxes. This experiment the American government is conducting is what Klein calls a "Capitalist Wild West."

Ms. Klein ended her lecture by asking the audience "What would liberation look like in Iraq? What would freedom look like? How can we be helpful to achieve this?" Although an accomplished journalist, she is best known as an activist. Ms. Klein's lecture was very well received and aired on the CBC radio show *Ideas* on Monday Nov. 1.

This is the 3 annual Dalton K. Camp lecture, established shortly after he passed away. Over 600 people filled the chapel and the cafeteria in George Martin hall this year to hear Klein speak.

Dalton Camp was known for his excellence in print, radio and television news. His work on the radio programs Friday Night Political Panel and Morning Side earned the attention of many faithful listeners, and he worked as a consultant to the Conservative Party.

Changing the face of violence

A new program to help women 'out'

by K Brookland

Leaving an abusive relationship is just the beginning.

"A life free of violence is the first step," said Liz Lautard, "but there are many other goals to identify and work toward."

Lautard is part of a new, innovative strategy in Fredericton that began a few months ago; the Domestic Violence Outreach Program.

It is a unique program in New Brunswick - with the exception of Saint John which also started a similar program last year.

On the one hand Lautard is excited about the prospect of meeting and working with local women, but on the other feels it's sad this kind of service is needed. "I just started and I already have clients," she said.

"What is key here is that with this program there's another opportunity for intervention; the woman who is thinking, maybe I shouldn't be here, maybe I should get out."

Family members and friends shouldn't hound a woman about leaving an abusive relationship, that's

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THURSDAY

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Saturday: Beat The clock to the CHSC For Great deals

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