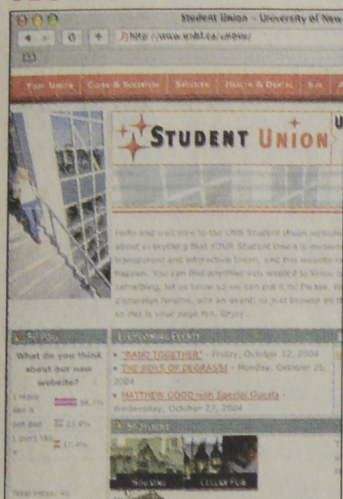


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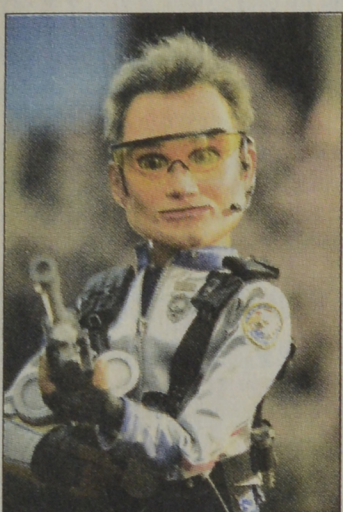
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Weather

Wednesday: Mixed sun and cloud; High 11, Low 1.
Thursday: chance of showers; High 10, Low 1.
Friday: Mixed sun and cloud; High 11, Low 2.
Saturday: Saucy, but not overbearing; High sometimes, Low others.

Quote of the Week

"I don't know anything about music. In my line you don't have to." -Elvis (the King) Presley

The autumn colours surround us on UNB campus



Meg Folkins/ The Brunswickan

"Bittersweet October. The mellow, messy, leaf-kicking, perfect pause between the opposing miseries of summer and winter". - Carol Bishop Hipps

Men's house to push for women's issues

Going the distance for Transition House again this year

by Lindsey McDonough

A meeting of the minds shows that there are men who care about women's issues.

Six members of Neville house gathered last Wednesday with the honourable Margaret-Ann Blaney, Minister for the Status of Women.

As of June 1999, Blaney became the head of involvement regarding two key issues in New Brunswick; violence against women and the wage gap.

Minister Blaney promised to participate in next week's Bed-Push, an annual fundraiser for Women in Transition House, Inc. When asked what her motivation was for coming to UNB, Blaney replied, "these boys send a strong message which is best delivered by them... they are young men who believe violence is wrong."

"For them to step up and do this shows they have a sense of community



Submitted to The Brunswickan

If this year's \$10,000 goal is reached, Neville House's Bed-Push will have raised over \$100,000 since 1993.

spirit and responsibility [towards] a cause they don't have to be involved in."

Bed-Push coordinator Nick Ouellette will be joining the crew of nearly 100 Neville residents in a 108

km trek beginning Friday, October 22. The boys will collectively push a bed from Saint John to Fredericton in support of the shelter for abused

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The state of UNB's clubs and societies

UNBSU "State of the Union Address" confirms the budget shift

by Kora Stapelfeldt

Last week's "State of the Union Address" did little to quell the anxiety felt by UNB's Clubs and Societies as their budget remained slashed by \$53,000.

UNB Student Union VP Finance Adam Baker was one of the first to speak at the event, which took place last Thursday, October 13.

Three weeks ago, *The Brunswickan* reported that although concerns were raised due to the dramatic cuts, Baker was optimistic that there will be long-term improvement. His views have not changed.

"[The new budget] will make the SU stronger than it is now", said Baker. He added that it would

make the university better in the long run.

However, it is difficult for some to see these long-term improvements when this year's activities need to be shifted due to lack of funding.

A member of UNB's Philosophy society believes that things were difficult to manage even before these cuts were in place.

UNB/STU Fencing Society President, Chris Foster, feels these cuts are a "kick in the teeth," stating that things are definitely going to have to be juggled around to make the society function.

UNB Student Union President Greg LeBlanc stated that this budget cut serves a very important purpose.

"This budget allows us to better say when and how this money is being spent," said LeBlanc. He added that this is also important in

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Why did the US invade Iraq?

For oil and the power to control it, according to this Canadian author

by Megan Thomas
CUP Ottawa Bureau Chief

OTTAWA (CUP) — The private interests of a small group of elite Americans and their lust to control the remaining oil supplies in the Middle East indicate the United States' invasion of Iraq was an act of aggression rather than self-defence, author Linda McQuaig said Oct. 13.

"When you launch a war of aggression, what you are doing is committing the ultimate war crime. It is the war crime out of which all the other war crimes follow," McQuaig told a crowd of about 120 stuffed into a small room at an Ottawa community centre.

McQuaig spoke of what she sees as the link between the developed world's "addiction" to oil, the billions to be made by controlling the distribution of that oil, and the close relationship between the current Bush administration and oil executives. She said this economic and political nexus, not the publicly eschewed war against terrorism, is the reason President George W. Bush invaded Iraq.

"If it's a war for oil, it is a very different war," McQuaig said in her speech, part of an effort promote her new book, *It's the Crude,*



Kevin Ma/ CUP

McQuaig speaks in Ottawa

Dude, which explores the ulterior motives for Bush's military fixation on Iraq.

McQuaig, called "Canada's

"It's not Bush's fault that America's oil got stuck underneath the sand in Iraq" - Nichol

Michael Moore" in the National Post last month, has championed causes falling under the public radar in her previous six books about Canadian politics and economics. While the longtime journalist said (SEE MCQUAIG, PAGE 3)

Lawsuits don't reduce appetite for illegal file-sharing: study

by Kate McGrogan & Meghan Waters
The Silhouette

HAMILTON (CUP) — When the American recording industry announced September 2003 it would sue illegal file-sharers, it left those who had been feasting at the all-you-can-eat file-sharing buffet with a bad taste in their mouths.

But, according to a recent study by Markus Giesler, assistant professor of marketing at York University, this threat has not yet instilled fear in the hearts of illegal file-sharers.

"People who download music and swap files do not believe they are at risk," said Giesler.

The Recording Industry Association of America declared it would target users who upload and share a substantial amount

of copyrighted music, and so far, it has made good on its promise. In September this year, the RIAA filed copyright-infringement lawsuits against more than 700 users, including students from over 26 universities across the United States.

The four-year study on consumer behaviour was based on the usage of Europe's Hotline file-sharing community, but also applies to other

peer-to-peer systems such as Kazaa, LimeWire, and BearShare, according to Giesler.

The study examined the implications of collective consumer risk, a concept that describes how in order to reduce one's perceived risk in an activity, the consumer attempts to share the risk with others.

"There is a growing sense of strength in numbers. The greater the number of people who engage

in the practice, the less likely they are to feel at risk of being sued or prosecuted," said Giesler.

The professor himself was once a successful music label owner but left the business with the rise of file-sharing. He claims that music downloaders do not believe that their actions are illegal or unethical.

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We're blowing out the candles, but you're getting the gifts!

\$1.50 Mixed Drinks \$1.75 Bottled Beer 9PM-11PM



You're invited to our birthday party! Show up for our great drink specials and go home with some great gifts!