

Avoiding cliques key: VP

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achieving a transparent, accountable and interactive student union, which the previous budget "did not allow for."

One of the problems that the SU feels this new budget addresses is avoiding the formation of small groups on campus having activities with few people in attendance. Baker, among others, feels that this will allow for larger, more university-based events.

Some students, however, feel that the SU money was not being unjustly spent by their societies.

Phil Cooper of the UNB/STU fencing society stated that when it comes to social events, the money usually comes "out of our own pocket." Another member, Adam Smith, said that despite the cuts, they would still be holding two tournaments this year.

LeBlanc feels this new budget is in place to support the more active and inclusive groups on campus.

"We are trying to avoid cliques and encourage clubs," said LeBlanc. "We want to encourage things that add to the community."

Baker added that he also feels this will foster more communication

between the groups and the Union.

The only thing left to do, according to some societies, is wait and see who will be affected, short term or long term.

UNB Anthropology Society treasurer, Jessie Davis, stated that as far as things go for the Anthropology society "waiting" seems to be the key.



UNB Woodsmen file photo/ The Brunswickan

Only time will tell what clubs or societies may be affected.

"We are still trying to figure out what they are expecting of us," in regards to special considerations, and "hopefully that will get cleared up on Thursday."

The next meeting between the UNBSU and the clubs and societies is scheduled for Thursday of this week.

The long road home from Saint John

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women and children.

"The 100 men who pledged throughout Fredericton for Transition House go out to say that violence against women is wrong," said Ouellette. "We want to work towards a world where transition houses are no longer needed."

While residents raised a record-breaking \$20,500 for their charity last year, Ouellette hopes to meet a similar goal on the 22nd. "If [Neville House] raises at least \$10,000 this year, we will have raised over \$100,000 for Transition House since 1993," Ouellette commented.

Former president of Transition House, Tim Richardson, also came out last Wednesday to support the 12th consecutive year of the event.

"\$20,500 is the largest amount that has ever been raised by a student event on this campus," exclaimed Richardson. "Transition House helps women who must leave their homes with nothing but the clothes they are wearing...we provide a place that is safe and warm where they can find help."

Next week, residents of Neville House will continue pledging door-to-door throughout Fredericton and Oromocto. Students both on and off campus are encouraged to lend their support by submitting donations through the charity website, bedpush.nevillehouse.com.

Donations of \$10 or more will receive a tax receipt from Women in Transition House, Inc.

The Brunswickan contains no essential nutrients, but please feel free to make it part of any nutritious breakfast.

Opening up to the new UNBSU webpage

The Student Union is digging its new digs

by Tobi Bailey

Student Union (SU) President Greg LeBlanc unveiled the new SU website to the UNB Student council Wednesday evening.

"Welcome to our website," said LeBlanc as he revealed the website to the public for the first time.

The website is designed to provide students with information about services around campus and includes items such as clubs, societies, and volunteering.

The SU is always looking for volunteers, and the website provides a way for students to get involved. In clear bold letters the website states

"Volunteer, we need you!" According to the website, www.unb.ca/unbsu/, there are all sorts of ways to get involved in with the SU, such as yearbook and the student advocacy centre.

The new SU website is an improvement when compared to the old one, said LeBlanc.

"Now it's possible to find help and resources easier and faster than before."

The website can help students with financial resources, as well as employment opportunities.

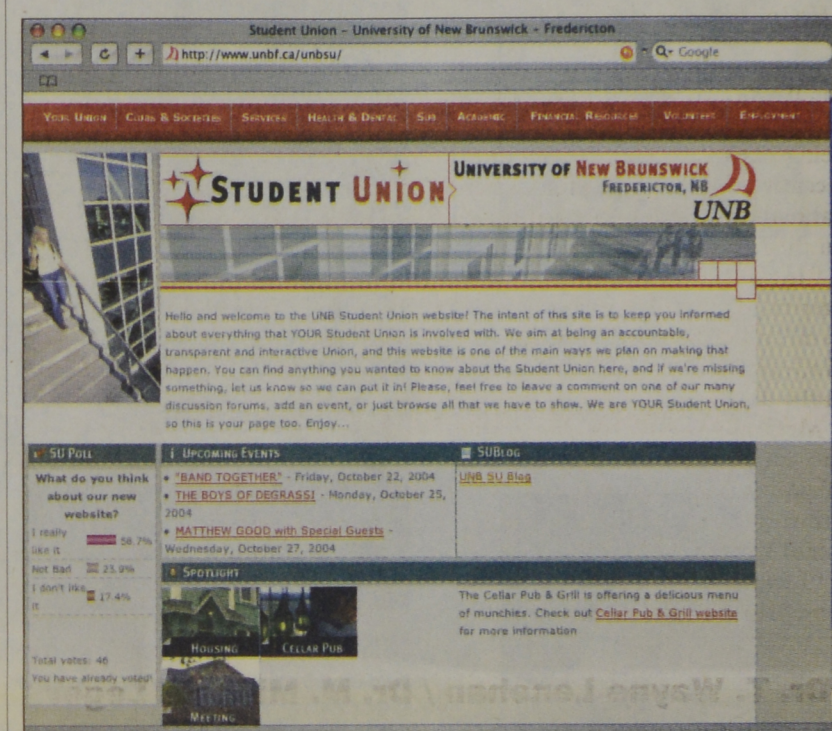
There are links to student loans, scholarships and financial aid websites, as well as jobs available on campus for students. Some resources include school tutors, health and dental information, and information on upcoming events.

All upcoming events on campus can be found at the SU website, such as the Red 'N' Black Review. All services will also be connected to the UNB website.

The website also has a link called "Your Union," which consists of election dates, budgets, and bylaws. It also contains profiles of all the SU council members. Each profile includes their name, a short biography, and their email address.

You can also contact the SU union if you have any questions or comments through the website.

The website officially opened Thursday. "We're hoping to have all the kinks worked out by sometime next week though," said LeBlanc.



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The New UNBSU webpage is a whole new look at the UNBSU.

Boston student called up for military service

by Jason Abbruzzese
The Daily Free Press

BOSTON (CUP) -- For many students, the beginning of October is filled with the stress of midterms, papers and projects. But Boston University student Keith Billings no longer has to worry about that because he has something much more important on his mind - war.

Billings left Oct. 14 to serve as a specialist in the United States Army. Where he will be going with the army, however, is unknown.

"I'm pretty sure I'm going to Iraq," he said in an interview.

Billings joined the reserve shortly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and said he felt it was a responsibility he should fulfill.

Although Billings' patriotism drew him to the reserve, he was not thrilled to be leaving.

"I never really wanted to go," he said.

While Billings has never seen combat before, he said discussions with fellow soldiers have helped prepare him.

"I talked to other soldiers who

served (in Iraq), so I got first-hand experience of what's going on there," he said. "People came back and started telling me stories."

Keith's mother said she is worried about him and is already looking forward to his safe return.

"We just let him know that we believe he'll go over there and do the best that he can and face whatever comes at him and that he'll be OK," said Nancy Billings.

Student Cheryl Stevens, a friend of Keith's, said she was grieved to hear the news of his departure.

"I was pretty upset," she said. "He's a great guy. He shouldn't have to go when he's still in college."

Six U.S. soldiers died Oct. 13 amid fighting in multiple regions of Iraq, bringing the total American troop fatalities to 1,086, according to CNN.

Billings said he believes his fears are similar to the fears of every soldier.

He fears "getting shot," he said. "I've been talking to people and people get shot at everyday. You never know what to expect, but I'm going to do my best to get home. I want to come back with the same amount of holes that I left with."

THE BRUNSWICKAN annual general meeting 2004

The Brunswickan would like to remind staff and board members that our annual general meeting and news editor elections will take place on Wednesday, November 3. The meeting will take place at 12:30pm in Room 35 of the Student Union Building.

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