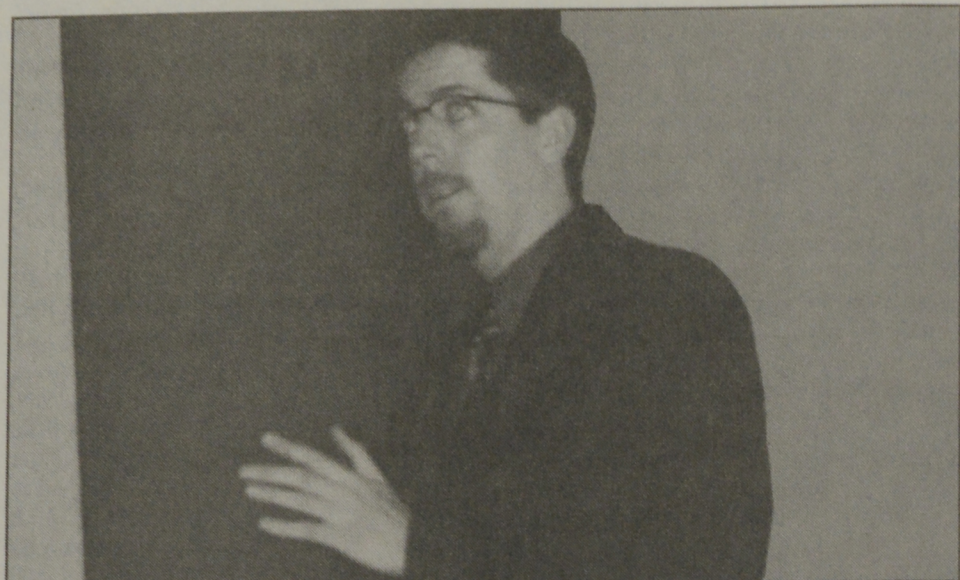


UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK STUDENT UNION

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State of the Union Address Encouraging Success



Adam Baker VP Finance speaks to students.

The Union's first "State of the Union" address was as successful as we had hoped. There were a good number of concerned students in attendance, and I believe they all walked away knowing more about the organization than they did before

showing up. They are not the only ones. A number of students expressed a variety of concerns and we will be making a real effort to address these issues. Please see the article about the UNB Bookstore on this page, and if you are a Club or

Society member please attend Thursday night's meeting (7 pm, MacLaggan 105), for some examples of how we are listening to what you have to say.

Based on the success of this event we will definitely be doing something similar in the future. Make sure you attend and express your concerns. We can't fix the problems if we don't know what they are, and your voice can't be heard if you don't come to the events where we are available to listen. Not that you can only talk to us at an assembly, feel free to give us a call (453-4955), send us an e-mail (unbsu@unb.ca), or stop by in person (SUB room 126) if you have something you need or want us to hear. We want you to talk to us. We represent you to the administration and the world, and for us to do a good job we need to know what your issues are.



Swamped in Debt?

Let the Government Know! UNB's national lobbying organization, the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) is launching a new campaign to bring attention to the staggering amount of debt facing students when they graduate. The "Wall of Debt" will be built of postcard "bricks" with signatures of students from across Canada and the amount of debt they have incurred or are projected to incur while at university. The wall will be unveiled on Parliament Hill on November 24th, 2004, and after it is taken down, each postcard will be sent to the Prime Minister to further highlight the massive student debt across our country.

UNB has received 2000 postcards to show how our students are being dragged down by debt. Students can sign postcards at the Paper Trail, the Student Union offices, or from any of your Student Union representatives. For more information on the campaign, or to get involved in postcard distribution, contact Jeff Matheson at suexec@unb.ca.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Information Meeting
TOMORROW
Thursday Oct 21st 7:00 pm
MacLaggan 105

You came last week, you spoke, and we listened. As a result we have changed a few things. Make sure you attend this meeting and find out how we will be working with you all year long.



A cab can't get you home free...
A bus can't get you home fast...
A skateboard can't go uphill...



SafeRide can

And YOU can catch a lift, 7 nights a week, between 6 pm & 11 pm. Pickups at the SUB or Head Hall.
Contact Mike Young for details
Mikyong@unbnet.nb.ca

Send a Message to the Bookstore and Get Your Books

If you're reading this article, you're probably one of the many students who walked into the bookstore this term only to discover that your required textbooks had been sold out. And there was nothing you could do about it.

You see, the UNB Bookstore now has the authority to override the orders of UNB faculty without even informing the professors in advance. This means a course with 40 students may only have 15 textbooks for sale. In one of my literature courses, which depends heavily on the texts, only about one third of the students in the class were able to purchase the required texts. Because of this, the professor has had to entirely restructure the syllabus and improvise the course content. Unfortunately, she is not alone; it turns out this is a widespread problem.

Wait a minute. Something here doesn't fit. Students are paying thousands of dollars for tuition for a good quality university education. The UNB Bookstore now has the power to severely interrupt this edu-

cation, leaving students with no options. If this were a mistake, it may be more passable, but this was a directed, intentional decision by the Bookstore.

If you are a student whose course has been disrupted by this process, or if you are simply opposed to this sort of unilateral decision-making by the Bookstore, you can change things. There is a University committee called the Bookstore Advisory Committee that makes suggestions to the Bookstore. To the best of our knowledge this Committee did not meet once last year. Maybe it's time that they did. If you want to help change things, call Brian Dockrill, the Textbook Manager, at 458-7913 or email him at bdockrill@unb.ca.

Or contact Jane Fritz, Associate VP Academic/Learning Environment, at jane@unb.ca. I encourage you to demand that the Bookstore Advisory Committee set a meeting in the next two weeks, and I encourage you to ask that you be invited to attend the meeting to voice your concerns.

A More Progressive Student Union

This year, the Student Union is taking a serious look at where we're at in terms of social and environmental awareness. In the past, social and environmental issues have not been a high priority for the UNB Student Union, and we recognize that it's time for a change.

We have already implemented three big improvements to the Social Issues Program this year. First, we extended the Social Issues Coordinator position from an eight-month commitment to a full-year. Second, we are now providing office space for the Coordinator, and third -- perhaps most importantly -- the Social Issues Program now actually has a budget. This year, we also have a hired researcher helping to move the program along more steadily.

Pertinent issues that will be examined and undertaken by the Social Issues Program are wheelchair accessibility to the Student Union offices, networking with other relevant groups on campus (ie. MASA, the Women's Centre, etc), student health (ie. nutrition and cooking on a student budget), sexual diversity, and a "No Sweatshop" policy (regarding university clothing).

Also, brand new to the Student Union this year is our Environmentalism Program. This week, we hired the first-ever Environmental Commissioner - Caroline Lee - who has recently been conducting a waste audit on campus, as well as a Deputy Environmental Commissioner - Brendan Wood. Over the next couple of months, we will be putting together a strategic action plan for this new and exciting program!

Both the Social Issues Program and the Environmentalism Program are looking for volunteers with an interest making UNB a more progressive university. Volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in designing posters/information brochures, helping out with workshop and general awareness-related activities, as well as performing administrative duties. Interested and willing volunteers can contact Brad Mullins, the Social Issues Coordinator, at issues@unb.ca, or Caroline Lee, the Environmental Commissioner, at x37h7@unb.ca.

A Night With Degraasi



Monday Oct. 25 @ The Cellar Pub
Stefan Brogren and Pat Mastroianni
The Boys from Degraasi



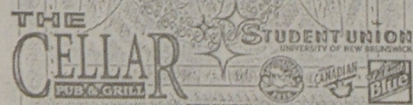
SNAKE and JOEY take you on the ultimate Degraasi journey, exploring everything from teen issues and what it was like to grow up as a Degraasi kid, to understanding the behind-the-scenes of the TV business.

Starts at 9 pm, \$5.00 cover charge

Dentyne

Band Together Lester Corp.

Melonworks
All of Green
Naked Days
Fat Jebus
and
Slowcoaster
Friday/October 22
UNB SUB Ballroom
(must be 19+)
Minimum \$10 Donation
Doors open at 6:30pm



THE CELLAR

Fair-trade Coffee
now available.

Wake up guilt free at the Cellar.
Open at 8 am Monday - Friday

Student Union Beverage Services Inc., the corporate entity that owns/is the Cellar Pub & Grill needs a Chairperson for its Board of Directors. Sound fun and interesting? If so please contact Adam Baker finance@unb.ca for details

Nachos & Jug-o-Beer \$9.99 7-10 pm Mon-Fri

THE CELLAR Entertainment Schedule

Thursday Oct. 21st
BLACKIE & the RODEO KINGS
(Colin Linden, Tom Wilson & Stephen Fearing)
With special guests TBA \$7.00 Cover
www.rodeo.kings.com

Friday Oct. 22nd (2-5 pm)
FRIDAY ACOUSTIC MATINEE

Friday Oct. 22nd
BAND TOGETHER
(Lester Corp., Melonworks, Fat Jebus, Naked Days, All Of Green, and Slowcoaster)
6:30 pm - 2 am, \$10.00 min. donation
All proceeds for a Friend Fighting Cancer
Must be 19 years +

By-Election Commencing

Voting Runs from November 1st to November 5th at 12 midnight

Students Will be Running in the Following Faculties:
Arts, Administration, Computer, Science, Education, Engineering
Science, Student Senator

Contact Ryan Pollard, Chief Returning Officer (ero@unb.ca) for details.