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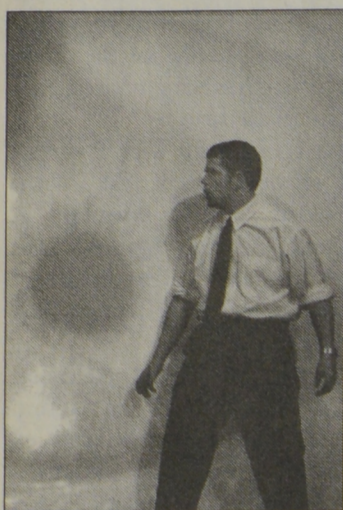
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## Weather

**Today:** Sunny; High 1, Low -6.  
**Thursday:** Mixed sun & cloud; High 8, Low -2.  
**Friday:** Showers; High 11, Low 4.  
**Saturday:** Cold and sunny; High 8, Low 2.  
**Sunday:** Mild yet gloomy; High 9, Low 1.

## Quote of the Week

"Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing." -Ben Franklin.



Meg Folkins / The Brunswickan

Three year-old Isaac Smith peeks through a Hoberman Sphere in Think Play, Fredericton's unique toy store opening this Friday.

## Teaching through toys

by K Brookland

When it comes to toys and games, what do you look for?

Uniqueness, creativity, but especially fun; it's that simple - and that complex.

Parents and children alike will truly appreciate Think Play, a toy store with a difference.

Think Play is distinctive in that it's

not mass market. "I knew there was a market for unique learning toys," said Luke Randall, owner of the new store.

Randall and Angela Smith, the marketing director, will share the management duties of the store.

"We're a young company. I started my own company [Endeavours] when I was 17; that was 10 years ago. I felt it was time for this to be done here [in

Fredericton]," said Randall.

Randall and Smith have made buying trips to various cities, some in Canada, some in the United States, and have included reproductions of older toys produced in China and Germany in their stock.

There will be no war toys or violent

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## Dal research team flying high

by Bruns Staff

A Dalhousie research team hopes to learn more from cloning fruit flies than it ever could by making sheep, mice, or cows.

Dr. Vett Lloyd, the head of Dalhousie's research team explains that the benefits of researching fruit flies come from a long partnership between scientists and insects. "Fruit flies have been used for about 100 years as a model organism for genetic research." In being the first to successfully clone a fruit fly, the team is able to study common problems that arise when any animal is cloned.

Most cloned animals die very early in their species' regular developmental process. They experience problems such as accelerated aging and increased likelihood of genetic disease. Dr Lloyd sees the conclusion from previous cloning attempts as clear, "If you're a clone, then your genes are messed up." She hopes the extensive data available about fruit flies will pinpoint when and why the defects occur.

Potential genetic mutations that fruit flies may suffer from are catalogued and stored in an extensive library in Indiana. When the flies become defective, it will be easier to analyze these defects and compare them with defects that occurred during a normal developmental process.

The team has been cloning fruit flies from undeveloped embryonic cells, which are more malleable than adult cells. When an adult cell is cloned, Dr. Lloyd says it is like "Making it go back in developmental time." The cell is forced to revert to an embryonic form, making specialized cells (such as skin or muscle tissue) turn into a general, undifferentiated form similar to that of a recently fertilized sex cell.

So if cloning old cells is likely to fail, why would anyone bother to make a clone of a pre-existing animal? While Dr. Lloyd admits it is "Almost a scientific machismo thing," the applications for cloning adults would be far broader.

The problem is, you don't know if an embryo is worth cloning in the first place. "If you have a top-notch racehorse, you breed your racehorse with another great racehorse and you hope to get a bunch of baby racehorses," says Dr. Lloyd. "What people would like to do is clone these super horses so all the offspring would be genetically identical to the original, and you could have a bunch of really fast race horses."

If Dr. Lloyd's team is capable of discovering why defects occur in clones, they could lead the way in developing a reliable method of cloning animals, allowing a crawling field to sprout new wings.



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Fruit flies have long been used to study genetics. Scientists hope flies will reveal why clones die so quickly.

## Students rising stars in NDP

by Darren Robertson

New faces have descended on the provincial New Democratic Party. These faces are neither the experienced leaders who have left a career for the pursuit of politics, nor are they wealthy business owners. These faces are those of youth.

Elizabeth Weir has led the New Brunswick NDP for the past 14 years. Last month Weir announced she would step down as leader, a position that will only be filled at the party convention.

Since this announcement, the youth supporters in the province have moved up in the echelons of the provincial party. They are largely students, well-informed as to what direction they would like the province to head.

Charles Fournier is an economics student at UNB. He raised his profile within the NDP in the past year and recently was elected as president of the Provincial NDP. Fournier defeated Gilles Halley, the only other challenger to the position.

"I only beat out Gilles by two votes," said Fournier. "I was fortunate enough to enter the election at the convention and was fortunate enough to be elected at the convention."

Fournier has plans to act swiftly in his new role. With an election two and a half years away, he has begun to organize the party.

"My role as president is to reside over all committees and to interpret the constitution and enforce the

constitution as need be," said Fournier.

"What I'm mainly concerned with is getting the party ready for an impending provincial election."

Fournier is one of many young people rising to the top of the NDP, not only in this province, but nationally. He sees this trend as making the NDP a more suitable choice for voters in future elections.

"It isn't just provincial, it is national," said Fournier of youth participation. "The president of the Federal NDP, for example, is only 27 years old. I expect the youth to play a strong role in the future of this party and I hope that results in electoral success."

As youth make their way to the top of the party, the positions they fill are vacated by some who have long been involved with the NDP. Fournier says the transition has been welcomed by those who have long carried the party.

"I think they [the experienced members] are excited. They have been working so long and hard at this and the youth stepping in to help carry the party shows there is a future for the party here."

Lyndsey Gallant, a STU student, hopes to increase her role within the provincial NDP. Gallant attempted to run in the last federal election with the NDP, but lost a very close nomination race to John Carty.

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## Why dining is 'ultimate'

by Lindsay McDonough

Ultimate Dining is "An attempt to bring restaurant quality food to mass dining," says John Craighead, Associate Director of Residential Life.

In order to achieve this goal, Craighead said, "[UNB and Sodexo] implemented three main components... including just in time preparation (where orders are based on the number of meals served), control over composition of meal (choice of spices and vegetables) and multiple stations (pizza, classic, international, deli, salad, grill, dessert and breakfast)."

Overall, the Ultimate Dining experience promotes better variety combined with fresher food and faster service.

Last Sunday, McConnell celebrated its first day as a full service Ultimate Dining outlet. However, there has been much discussion surrounding the issue of whether such goals were met. According to David Lipsett, a first year student at Joy Kidd, "[Ultimate Dining] is definitely better than what we were used to at Dunn, Joy Kidd and Tibbits... here you get to serve yourself whereas at DKT, you had to walk up three times in order to get a decent serving of food."

Despite UNB's efforts to compensate students for the postponed opening of McConnell, many disagree with the added funding to DKT. MacKenzie House resident Kate Thomson says, "They get \$3000 for their inconvenience



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Students enjoy a meal at McConnell Hall. Ultimate dining is here, but some students don't think it was worth the wait.

and we get \$22.50 for ours."

"I think DKT should have to pay us for coming to McConnell because it makes it more crowded," said Neil House resident Matt Bingley.

In response to such concerns, Craighead explains, "there was a discussion last year of whether or not to open McConnell to only a few residents, but the decision was made that every student would pay half the fees with the principle that everyone would have access [to the dining facility]."

"We tried to recognize the fact that we had a significant impact over at DKT...and thought it only appropriate to compensate those houses for the disruption." Other residents besides

DKT were reimbursed \$17.50 for the month of September (the value of Ultimate Dining for one month) and were given weekly premium nights (as opposed to tri-weekly) for the month of October.

Besides concerns over compensation, students are having trouble adjusting to the new facility. "The line-ups are long and I find it difficult to get in and out [of McConnell] because there's only one door," says Melyssa Soucy.

Thomson replied, "It's been really busy... I find it a lot more cramped whereas last year, it was more open."

According to Craighead, the daily

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## Bi-elections show increased turnout

by Tobi Bailey

16 candidates contested eight General Councilor Positions in this year's Student Union bi-elections.

The positions of Arts and Business faculty reps both had four candidates competing for two seats. The Arts positions were won by Alexander Hayward and Jeff Mott. Victoria

Garrett won the first Business seat, but Ryan Melles and Kim Noiles both won the same number of votes. After a coin toss, it was determined that Ryan Melles would fill the seat. These two faculties boasted the highest voter turnout rates.

Two positions were uncontested, so candidates merely needed a vote of

confidence to sit in council. Both Nick Ouellette (Computer Science) and George Steeves (Education) received the approval of the student body.

Lionel Ryan D'sa and Charles Godsoe both sought the position of Engineering Representative, with D'sa emerging victorious.

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# WEDNESDAY

Happy Hour All Nite With Dj Nasty Naz

Friday: You could win an all expense trip for 2 to the Grey Cup



For Members & Guests Only