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## News



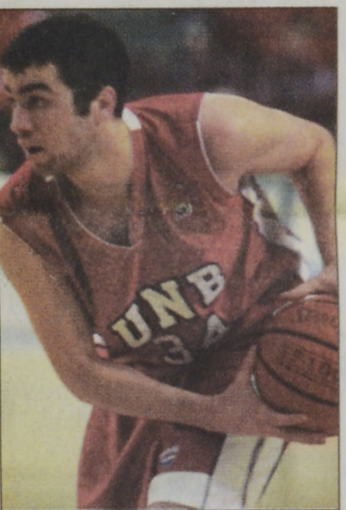
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## Weather

**Today:** Cloudy periods; High 8, Low -7.  
**Thursday:** Mainly cloudy; High 10, Low -4.  
**Friday:** Cloudy with showers; High 9, Low -1.  
**Saturday:** Cloudy skies; High 6, Low 3.  
**Sunday:** Cloudy periods; High 7, Low 2.

## Quote of the Week

"Pessimism, when you get used to it, is just as agreeable as optimism." - **Arnold Bennett.**

## Campus attacks a hoax

International student lies about assaults at UNBSJ

by Mark Timms

He lied to police, the media, and his friends.

Rayan Malik, a third year business student at UNB Saint John, entered a plea of guilty to a charge of public mischief on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The charge against Malik came after he made false claims to police and to the media about being the victim of two racially motivated assaults on campus.

Malik had claimed that he was jumped outside of the Ward Chipman Library on Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at around 10:30 am. He also claimed he was assaulted a second time Sunday night while he was on his way to work at the student newspaper office.

A Pakistani native, Malik asserted that the alleged attacks were racially motivated. He said that during the first attack, four individuals surrounded him.

"Then they started with racial abuses like 'you mother f---ing Middle Eastern brown people, go home'," said Malik in media interviews.

He also said that he was able to escape serious injuries in both attacks.

Until arrested, Malik was the news editor of *The Baron*.

"We're all shocked," said David Shipley, editor-in-chief of *The Baron*.

"Rayan Malik is no longer with the newspaper, he was let go according to the conditions of his employment contract."

The startling turn of events has been difficult for his former co-workers to deal with.

"Rayan was a valued co-worker and a friend. We are all still dealing with the situation," said Shipley.

Malik was arrested in the late

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These graduating Reds are ready to roll. For complete CIS hockey coverage, see the Sports section. Back row, l-r, Jason Hegberg, Ryan Lindsay, Mike Dombkiewicz, Rob Hegberg. Front row, l-r, Ryan Burgoyne, Calvin Watson, Scott Markowsky.

## One more shot at glory

After last year's disappointing fourth place finish, UNB has something to prove

by Tony von Richter

The time has finally arrived. It has been building since this time last year and the anticipation has reached a fever pitch. It is of course time for the CIS Men's Hockey Nationals taking place here at the Aitken Centre this week.

The tournament didn't go as planned for the Reds last year as the team ended up in fourth-place after losing the bronze medal game to the Alberta Golden Bears. The Bears are back this year as the top ranked team and are in Pool A with

the Reds as well as the fourth-ranked Ottawa Gee Gees who knocked off defending champions UQTR in the first-round of the OUA playoffs.

Head Coach Gardiner MacDougall isn't worried about rankings or any one team in particular though.

"The biggest thing is that we'll be ready for our first shift Friday night. We know that any opponent that's coming in here is a worthy opponent."

Veteran forward Scott Markowsky echoed his coach's sentiments by sharing something that he learned from last year's tournament.

"Anybody can beat anybody in this tournament. Don't look at rankings, don't look at where we're ranked, just

go in there and play our game, win the games, we'll take care of our own fate."

One thing that the V-Reds have going for them is obviously the home ice advantage that the Aitken Centre provides. MacDougall calls the fans "the seventh man" on the ice and he expects it to provide a boost to his team.

"We had an outstanding home record in our league and I think when you get the emotion of the seventh man, to be able to play in front of that emotion is a unique opportunity and our guys are really looking forward to it."

Another of UNB's greatest assets may be in the team's experience with captain Ryan Lindsay and forward Ryan Burgoyne having won a national championship with UNB in 1998. Lindsay felt that the

experience of winning could only help the team.

"I think it's huge and also there's a bunch of guys in this dressing room that have won at other levels. I think anytime you've won a championship it gives you a lot of confidence. You know no matter what the score is in a game you can always come back, where as sometimes early in a game if you get down by one or two goals you might panic and not focus on what's really important. I think the experience helps you in those situations."

The week isn't just about the University Cup as the Reds are involved with the Special Olympics and are heavily involved with the Friendship Tournament as well.

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Hacky-sack is a modern American sport invented in 1972 by Mike Marshall of Oregon City.

## Future depends on funding

UNB's Learning Centre isn't just a frivolous extra: Latchford

by Carole Morris

Confused by the recent departure of two staff from the Learning Centre, several UNB students were left questioning the future of the centre's tutoring and proofreading program.

Rumours circulated that the two employees were fired due to a lack of funding.

According to Sandra Latchford, the coordinator of the centre, no one was fired. To correct the rumour, Latchford explained that one person found full-time employment while the other person left due to health-related reasons.

"It's part of our mandate to not just provide support for students with disabilities and accommodations for students who are enrolled on campus but also to make sure they are moving along and are ready for employment," she explained. "It's a natural progression for people to move on and find work and leave us."

However, Latchford said it's necessary for people to realize why these students were worried. The centre is a useful tool in helping students with disabilities obtain a university degree.

"People [need] to realize how important the service is to the students, that it isn't just a frivolous extra, that it is a critical part of them being successful at the university,"

said Latchford.

"It's important for the students to tell people the role the tutoring and the support they get plays [in their education] because if there is only going to be a few dollars coming down that we can apply for, we want to make sure people realize the importance of us not being cut out of that application process."

Raising awareness on campus is something students who use the centre set out to do last week. They began a letter writing campaign aimed at describing their experiences with the centre and why continued support and funding is needed.

Bryden Hamilton and Philip Sim, two university students who access

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## Labatt gets People in Action

Program helps students create their own summer job

by Alex Pope

As if the prospect of searching for a summer job with the school year almost finished wasn't daunting enough, according to the Labatt Breweries, no fewer than 20,352 undergraduate students will be

competing for summer jobs in New Brunswick.

Employers will be looking for people with leadership skills, creativity, and experience in the work force, and that's where the Labatt People in Action (LPIA) program believes it can help.

Since its creation in 1977, LPIA has given more than 4,000 students across the country the opportunity to design their own summer work experience with a charitable

organization somewhere in Canada. This allows them to develop the skills they need in order to compete in the

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# TEQUILA NIGHT

Saturday March 27

Where You Need Two Fingers All Night Long

For Members & Guests Only