

Greece and Rome trips very popular at UNB



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UNB students can take advantage of the opportunity to study in either Greece or Rome through intercession courses provided by the department of Classics and History in 2006. The whole city, such as Athens and Rome, will be the classroom for UNB students.

The UNB study tours will expose students to new ways of living as well as of learning. Students will be studying not only the course materials by seeing the 'real' Kerameikos cemetery and the best preserved temple Theseum in Greece, but will also be learning about themselves.

"Having lived in Rome for almost two months, I have grown in ways I never expected," said Christina Pickford, a student who went on the Rome trip in May 2005. "I learned to rely on myself to get around, to purchase, to observe, and to fit in with a culture different from my own," Pickford said.

Pickford had always seen herself as a small town girl, and never much thought of living in the city. But she learned that she is capable of "leaving her comfort zone, of examining new roads and of growing more each and every day" through the trip to Rome.

As a matter of fact, the participants' list for the Greece trip in 2006 is already full. For the History of Rome, they will take up to 40 students.

"26 students have already registered for the Greece intercession course," said John Geysen, a Classics Professor, "and 16 students are on the waiting list."

"We hope that we can give all

the participants a desire to travel for the rest of their lives. That is an accomplishment," said Geysen, "because travel is life-long learning. It's not books, it's going out, meeting people, seeing different cultures, tasting different food...if we can give them a desire to continue to do these things, that's the greatest accomplishment that we can get."

One of the fascinating experiences throughout the trips to Greece and Rome, according to the participants in the previous study tours, is that they can learn how to get involved in different cultures there. The experience of realizing the different cultures keenly is one reason why the UNB study trips have been so popular.

"Of course, studying the course materials on sight was way more amazing than just sitting in classroom, looking [at] slides and listening to professors teaching," said Benjamin Hayward, second-year student at UNB who also went on the trip to Rome in 2005.

"But I also had a great experience learning how to get around with the environment, how to communicate with people when you don't know their language so well, and how to have fun in that area. I could learn so much from being involved in the culture," said Hayward.

Professor Peter Kent, teaching the History of Rome through the intercession, elaborated: "it is a very important part of the intercession that students can get comfortable living in the city like the Romans do."

Kent has taught in the intercession in Rome six times since the UNB study tours began in 1990.

"I lived in Rome in 1988 while

I was on sabbatical leave and enjoyed the experience of living in that city and learning how it worked, so I wanted to try to turn my own experience into a student experience," said Kent.

The UNB study tours have been "a team effort, working with co-director Tom Goud from History and Politics at UNBSJ," according to Kent.

"We have also had many UNB faculty participate over the years: Stuart Smith, Lianne McFavish, Gary Waite, Patrick Cavaliere (all from History), Bill Kerr, John Geysen, and Michael Mills (from Classics), Roger Ploude from English," said Kent.

Lana MacDonald and Arthur Walsh also help to promote the study trips as UNB faculty's partners in the College of Extended Learning.

The Department of Classics will be holding two intercession courses - Art and Architecture taught by Professor John Geysen, and Mythology and Archaeology taught by Professor Michael Mills - starting on May 22.

The fees are \$4,800. (See more details on the Classics and Ancient History website: <http://www.unbf.ca/arts/CLAS/>)

From May 1-23, in 2006, the History department will be also having two courses - Rome: From Ancient Times to the Modern Era taught by Professors Tom Goud, Stuart Smith, and Peter Kent, and The Second World War in Italy taught by Prof. Lee Windsor. The History of Rome course costs \$4,800. The Battle Field in Italy course costs \$5,000. (More details on the Intercession in Rome 2006 website: <http://www.unbsj.ca/arts/classics/rome.htm>).

War Brides left behind

by Gail Collins

In London, during the second year of World War II, Winifred Brenda Prescott attended a local YMCA dance held for the men in the forces. A YMCA representative had asked Brenda and her friends if they would attend, so that the "fellows overseas" would have some gals to dance with. As she stood around the candle lit room, she noticed a young gentleman making his way towards her. As she informed her friends about the intriguing young man, they all giggled shamelessly.

Perfect posture and dressed in a strapping Royal Canadian Air Force uniform, he approached the chattering giddy crowd of girls. He glanced over at Brenda with a smug smile of confidence, "shall we dance?" he said. She did not hesitate, and took his welcoming hand immediately.

She laughs today as she remembers his suspiciously nervous feet, throughout their first dance. "He was a terrible dancer," she says. It wasn't long after their first dance that he was eager to learn more about her, the connection was made. He had asked her if she would be interested in leaving the dance and going for a bite to eat. She was unsure at first, realizing that she couldn't possibly leave her friends back at the dance; he persuaded her that he too had come with some friends, and that they should all go together.

"And that was the start of my romance with my husband," says Brenda. The experiences of Canadian 'war brides' during World War II were undoubtedly some of the most romantic and passionate love stories of all time. Nearly 45,000 British and European women left their

home countries and headed for Canada to accompany their companions. They left behind everything, for the love of their Canadian men, to start fresh lives and new beginnings.

Brenda arrived in Canada during 1945 and, as you can imagine, it was nothing less than an agonizing struggle. Her husband continuously tried to persuade the Canadian office in London to permit her to travel back to Canada together on the same boat. However, at this time they were extremely strict about who boarded the ships and headed back to Canada.

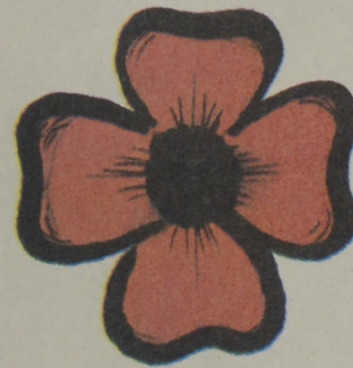
In search of his old passion, they settled in Riverview, New Brunswick where he was offered a job at the Department of Transport (Transport Canada) across the river in Moncton.

"The job was fair enough pay, and required the occasional flying so he was happy to continue with that," she says.

On November 11, we attend ceremonies in order to remember and mourn the men who fought for our country. Remembrance Day is soon approaching and the men will undoubtedly be acknowledged and remembered as heroes. But what about the ones that were left behind - Canadian war brides?: the women who were left with the emotional pain of family disruption without their husbands?

Throughout every Remembrance Day ceremony, I have yet to hear any recognition for those abandoned war brides. They completely dropped their lives in Europe with the hopes of beginning a new life here in Canada. We should be acknowledging the women who also endured pain from World War II. It's time to give credit where credit is due.

Mr. Prescott lived a long and happy life with his wife Brenda in Riverview for the rest of his days. Mr. Prescott passed away in 1999 from old age, and Brenda continues to attend Remembrance Day ceremonies to mourn her husband, but she knows one day they will be reunited. Mrs. Prescott is still living in New Brunswick, and visits England whenever she can, but she says she has no plans of ever leaving Canada for good, "Canada is now my home, it reminds me of him, that's why I love it." She will forever remember his kind-hearted sense of humour, and his terrible dancing.



"He sat on the doorstep for about four days until they gave him his way, and allowed me to come to Canada with him," she says. They arrived in Halifax on April 11, 1945, and proceeded to travel to Canada for several months before settling in New Brunswick. Brenda's husband, Mr. Prescott, decided to study at the University of New Brunswick, and enrolled into the Bachelor of Arts program. When he had finished his Bachelor of Arts at UNB, he thought about the possibilities of law school. His pending on law school didn't last long, for he knew his passion was, and forever would be, in flying as was his role in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

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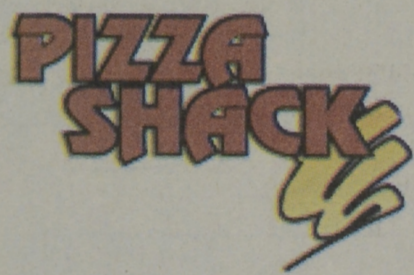
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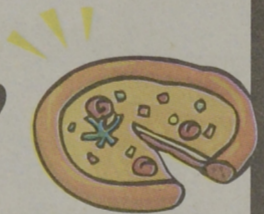
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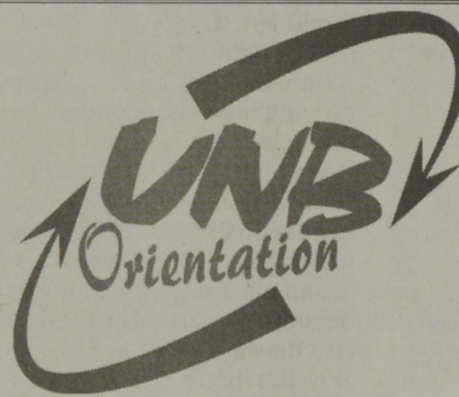
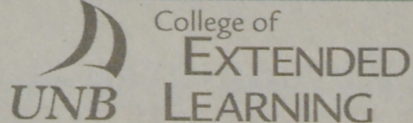
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