

UNB Res community goes Green

by Mariela Frits

Students at the University of New Brunswick love to compete and they will do it now by recycling. Students that live in residence at UNB take a step toward being environmentally responsible through a recycling program of paper that starts on November 1.

The Green Team is the group organizing the actions to make recycling a common practice around campus.

Large recycling bins have been put in each of the 14 residences, and blue boxes have been given for each room in residence.

"The plan is that students will collect their material in their blue box and dump it in the large bin at their residence, and then every Wednesday morning the material will be collected by the Fredericton Regional Solid Waste Commission (FRSWC)," says Andrew MacLean, vice chair of the Green Team.

The Green Team has set up a competition for the most amount of paper collected during the month of November. The prize, \$800, will be shared by the winning residence.

"The competition is to encourage people to recycle. However, many students are happy just with the fact that they can recycle now and do something for the environment," adds MacLean.

Matt Ralph lives in Maggie Jean Chestnut House. He agrees with MacLean.

"I have not heard about the competition, but I think students will take advantage of the program and will recycle. I will do what I can."

"I think it is a good idea as long as you get people recycling. I lived in Singapore and they recycle everything there," says Mikel Carmenes who lives in Neville House.

The recycling program is a cooperation between the Green Team,

the FRSWC, UNBF's Residential Life, and Physical Plant departments.

"The Residence administration office is funding the prize. They see it as an investment because if we recycle they will save money from the tipping fees. Physical Plant is providing the bins, and the FRSWC is giving us all kinds of information and the blue boxes," says MacLean.

The Green Team wants to educate people about recycling. There are representatives from each house on the team. They are responsible for spreading the message to their houses and encouraging students to collect their recyclable material.

"I think it is a good idea to motivate people to recycle, most people are participating at my residence," says Lindsay McPhee, who lives at Bridges House.

If her residence wins, McPhee already knows what she'd like to do with the prize money.

"It is a good amount of money; it will be nice to have new cues for our pool table."

The Green Team expects to reduce the amount of garbage that is sent to the landfill.

"It is going to be a phenomenal amount of recycling if we do this. I do not know how many tons we will collect, but with 1,500 people in residence it will be a huge difference," MacLean says.

However, the Green Team aims for more.

"If we get this program going well, we may look at other programs like energy conservation. But for now, the goal is getting people to recycle their paper. It is common sense. As students, we are surrounded by papers, magazines, pizza boxes...all kinds of recyclable paper," said MacLean.

The program kicked off on November 1 at McConnell Hall. The winning residence will receive the prize in early January.

Tonight we ride... the bus



Meg Folkins/The Brunswickan

Hardly the scene of chaos and disruption anticipated by many.

by Meg Folkins

This past weekend marked the debut of Fredericton's late night bus service.

The bus will run throughout the month of November on a trial basis, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Your correspondent was given the task of riding into the night with many a drunken folk to see what the damage was, if any.

Many preemptive concerns had been voiced. Would operation Vomit Comet be a smooth one, or a nightmare?

Greeted by boisterous peanut-gallery-style praise, such as, "fuck taxis, take the vomit comet," this enthusiasm was surprisingly shared by the evening's bus driver, Mike Hood, who said that he enjoyed the hours, the people, and felt the new service was a positive thing for Fredericton. Shocking.

Fredericton area cab drivers were less enthusiastic.

"I think it's a bad idea; somebody's going to get hurt," said Chad Randall, a local area cab driver. Another cabbie insisted there had been "trouble" with the service the night before, however, this reporter could not confirm that any altercation occurred on the bus.

The atmosphere on the bus was overwhelmingly pleasant and

genuine. Passengers became increasingly jovial as the bus rode into the night.

At each stop, as a new group of students made their exit, they were sent off with a healthy round of applause and many best wishes from fellow passengers for a safe journey home.

Safewalk was at the bus stop on Windsor waiting to accompany those students living on campus to their final destinations.

Riders suggested that the availability of pizza and bottled water on board could be a means to pay for the service.

Other recommendations made by passengers: "Serve liquor". Obviously, not an idea up for debate. "More security" insisted one sketched out looking passenger, as he looked his friends up and down disapprovingly. In good fun, of course.

Considering the condition of most on the vessel, many people were confused by my presence. Once passenger slurred at me, "are you a reporter? For the drunk bus? You can report that the drunk bus kicks ass!"

A female passenger, before making her exit, suggested to her friends that next week they drink and simply stay on the bus as opposed to going to the bars at all.

The general consensus: this is the funnest bus anybody has ever been on.

VIEWPOINT

What's your opinion on the late-night bus service?



This is my very first time riding the bus and no one has explained where I get off [in case of emergency].

•Nicole Moliggunani (right) •

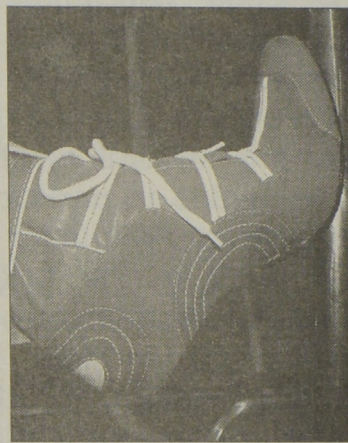
However bad this experience was it was the funniest time in my entire night.

•Madison Mercer (left) •



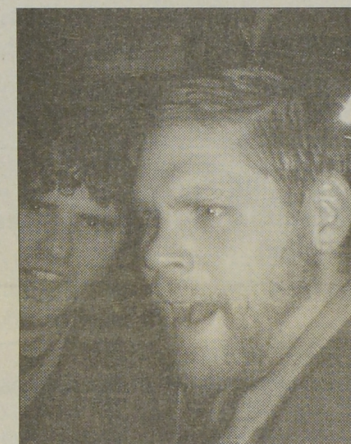
I think it is a great idea. It's free, it's a way home: I don't have to drive home, blah blah blah.

•Jay Butler •



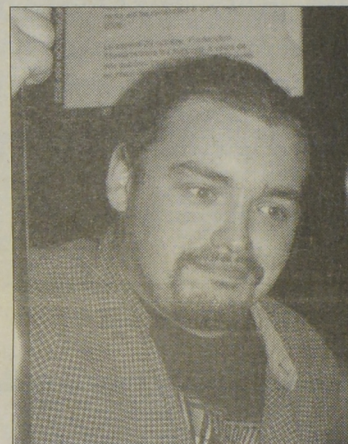
I had to run to the bus in these shoes.

•Anonymous •



I think it's one of the greatest things that's ever happened in Fredericton history. Us drunks have to get home somehow!

•Mike Smith •



The drunk bus is a ton of fucking fun.

•Joel Machum •



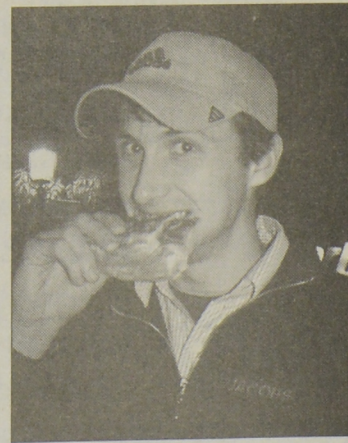
We think it is really great because we don't have to pay for a cab. That can get really expensive after a few weekends (ie. a bender!).

•Marie Toupin, Emiy Greenwell (left to right) •



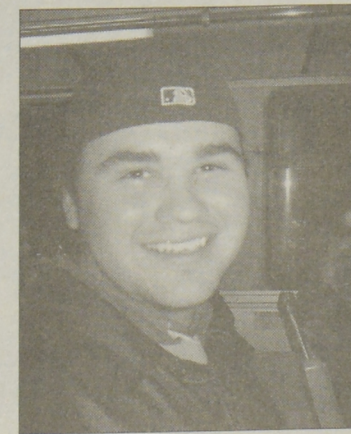
I think it's a really good idea. It's safer and cheaper than cabs.

•Ashley Sanford •



So far so good. I had to come out[side] to eat my pizza, but you can't have people pukin' up their pizza...

•Calvin Rice •



I like it.

•Leo Herbert •



We've been waiting for almost 15 minutes now!

•Moliggunani •

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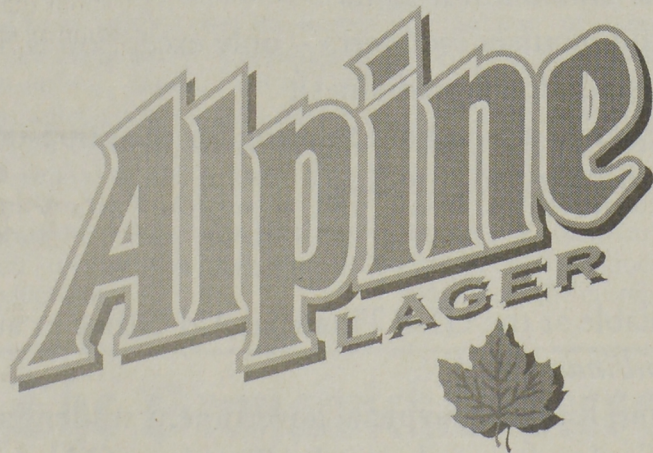
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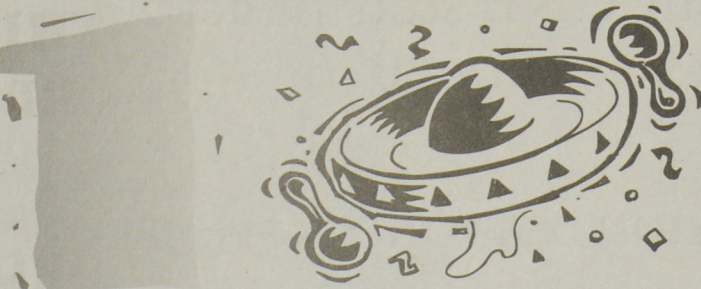
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AND



Karaoke With Sean Burgess