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## Welcome to the arts

The Charlotte Street Arts Center opens its doors to the public.

by Mark Timms

The Charlotte Street Arts Center had its official opening last Wednesday, and it's already off to a running start. "We've already had some film shoots on site," said Charlotte Glencross, chair of the building committee that oversaw the renovations and Past President of Fredericton Arts and Learning. "A lot of university students are involved with the [NB Filmmakers' Cooperative]." Though the center is designed to cater to the arts-related needs of all Frederictonians, university student participation in the various programs they offer is already high. "We have some university students taking classes here with the College of Craft and Design," said Glencross. "We also do some work with underprivileged children and getting the arts out to the community." The center is already home to several organizations, all of who bring their own contributions to supporting the arts. They include the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, a Latin American Cultural organization called Cocuy, the New Brunswick Film Co-op, four visual artists, three music teachers, two dance schools, an English as a Second Language school, and a small vegan café that will open its doors on November fifth. New Brunswick's Lieutenant Governor Hermenegilde Chiasson came with the Honorable Brad Green, Minister of Justice, to officially cut the ribbon and mark the grand opening of the center. "I see a lot of enthusiasm; I see a lot of emotion in this room, so I think it's going to go on for a long time," said Chiasson as he addressed an auditorium (which will be available for all sorts of cultural groups to come and ply their trade) packed with local Fredericton arts supporters. "It's been going on for 10 years now, and finally, today, [the center] is a dream come true." The idea for an arts center in Fredericton originally began in 1995,

## Reds lose messy battle



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The first Great Canadian Tomato Fight went down last Saturday with a resounding SPLATTTT! That's the sound of a thousand unusable tomatoes hitting hundreds of laughing human targets representing STU and UNB. A great messy time was had by all who took part in what could be an annual event raising money for the Fredericton and Oromocto food banks.

## Swim meet a success

by Ike Ogosi

The Sir Max Aitken Pool saw its first competitive action of the season when it played host to UNB's Amby Legere Swim Meet over the weekend. The invitational tournament boasted only three participating schools (Mount Allison University, Dalhousie University, and UNB).

UNB entered the tournament handicapped by a lack of experience on the women's side and a numerical disadvantage with the men, where they had nine swimmers to Dalhousie's 18. Though the number of men in UNB's team will rise to 13 after Christmas, head coach Paula Crutcher admits that the more bodies would be needed.

"On the men's side it's obvious we have the talent of the field," she stated matter-of-factly. "We're winning almost all the events, we just got beaten in numbers."

The results back up her assertion. On the final day of the tournament there were six individual events and two relays, with the men coasting to first place in five of the individual races (100 and 200m Freestyle, 50 and 100m Breaststroke and 50m Butterfly) and one of the relays (200m Medley Relay).

UNB had only two less women than Dalhousie but couldn't come up with the goods against them.

"We had half the number of men [Dalhousie] had but they didn't beat us by much. Our women got chomped," Coach Crutcher admitted. "They definitely doubled

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when a group of local artists first proposed the idea to the city. The project picked up momentum in 2001, when the province agreed to donate a school if the Fredericton Heritage Trust and other downtown associations would pay for the renovations. The building, originally known only as the Charlotte Street School, had been vacant for six years and unheated for four of those years. The task to restore it, through a joint project with the Canadian Forces (CF), eventually fell to the Fourth Engineer Support Regiment (4ESR), based out of CFB Gagetown. "We were involved with phase one of the project which included bringing up the electrical [and] plumbing to code, and refurbishing some of the rooms for the carpenters to get at ... so they could open up the building," said Sergeant

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Lieutenant Governor Hermenegilde Chiasson cut the ribbon to officially open the Charlotte Street Arts Center Wednesday, aided by some young artists in training.

## UNBSU role play

by Brendan Doyle

"We're just like anybody else, really," said VP Finance Mark Munro.

But students continue to shun Munro and his fellow SU executives; no more than 25 students showed up to the State of the Union address held Wednesday, October 19. Eight students attended Munro's State of the Finances address two weeks earlier.

"I think from my State of the Finances address I can relatively expect that there wasn't going to be a large turnout," said Munro. "I obviously hoped for more, but I wasn't overly surprised."

Student disengagement is typically attributed to apathy, but Munro suspects that "it may even intimidate students to come to these addresses because they feel they'll be singled out. But the only reason we would single people out is because we're happy that people are taking the initiative to come to these things."

Munro and the other VPs are fairly insulated, each responsible for their own portfolio. "Ciana is constantly speaking to us so she's able to get that overall perspective and she's able to use that perspective to give us guidance."

SU President Ciana Chiasson explains that she has, "an oversight role and always know[s] the general details of everyone's projects, getting more details as required. I have been receiving feedback from the executive on my approach since I began, and thus far it has been positive."

Scott Duguay, SU President from 2000 to 2001, was the Union's first full-time president. He explained that the executive saw an opportunity for the president to do more and decided to switch the job to full-time. Duguay also

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## Future plans for Sri Lanka

Fredericton city planner returns from a two-week planning assessment mission for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and CIDA.

by Nicole Gifford

Alex Forbes, Assistant Director of Fredericton's Development Services Department, recently returned from his first ever trip out of North America.

A municipal planner by trade, Forbes set out on a mission to Sri Lanka where, following December's tsunami, municipalities continue to struggle to reconstruct their economies.

"I was surprised at how much the municipal governments needed," he said. In addition to the tsunami's impact, municipal governments have been weakened due to civil war.

Forbes' two-week trip was part of the Canada/Sri Lanka Municipal Cooperation Program (CSLMCP), a joint initiative by CIDA and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The \$9,000,000 project aims to help the municipalities in Sri Lanka most affected by the tsunami to rebuild their economies.

On his approximately 1000 km trip from Colombo, the capital, through Trincomalee, Batticaloa, Kandy, and Kalmunai, Forbes noticed an increase in military presence as he went.

"You're very conscious of the fact that this is a third world country," he said, adding that, "you kind of just adjust."

Because of the ongoing conflict in the region leading up to the tsunami, Forbes explained, basic economic infrastructure was in some cases already lacking.

"What they interpret as planning there is not planning here," said Forbes. Municipalities are given limited funds by the state

and the provincial governments to spend on very basic services. Tax collection has waned, again as a result of civil war, and therefore the quality of life has essentially gone from bad to worse since the tsunami.

Canada's aid initiatives will not only provide short-term, critical services in areas of urgent need, but help municipal governments regain stability and reconstruct a wholly capable economic foundation.

Forbes' role in the project was to provide an assessment of needs in order to ensure appropriate actions are taken and funds are spent in the areas most necessary. The idea is for a given municipality to implement and be able to maintain necessary government services.

At this point, "we can not only help with the tsunami... but help them [Sri Lankans] move further with their capacities for municipal governments," said Forbes. This is to be done by effectively planning and establishing basic municipal needs such as a waste management program, and then providing related training in order to ensure proper maintenance of such programs.

"[Planning] is a major initiative that is going to have to take place in the future," explained Forbes.

However, Forbes points out that with change comes resistance. Previous to the tsunami, and in certain cases now, proposed plans conflict with the politics of some governments.

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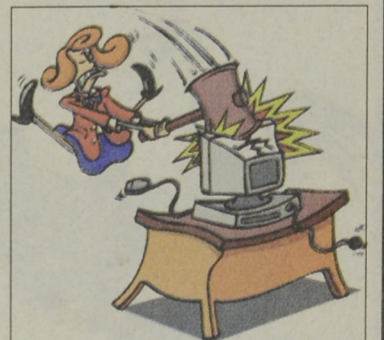
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