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## Why don't we paint the town? Helping in Haiti

Theatre UNB to stage cabaret this weekend.

by Mark Adams

Yes, autumn has arisen around us here in Fredericton, and the dire need to keep things warm and collected, scenes of barren, dark trees, and even darker skies come with the cold and brisk weather. The scene was similar in select European towns deprived of prosperity and wealth amid the trouble of a brewing world war in the 1930s. Luckily, there was a place where everyone could go to escape the cold and dark times: the cabaret theatres.

This week, the UNB Art Centre will be taking a stab at recreating the wonderful and colorful joy of cabaret - but will it be a play, or a showcase of acts?

"No, silly, it's Le Cabaret Rouge!" exclaims show director Andrew Titus. "The cabaret is the place of indulgence and artistic venture, an after-hours release for those constrained by work, society, and whatever else holds the human

spirit down. As a cultural phenomenon, the cabaret has never really gone anywhere; as with anything of value to a people, it has merely transformed."

With some general discussions of historical background and some

references to stage play dynasties like the original Cabaret and Chicago, the cast and crew of thirty-six have conjured up an original plot and a set of routines and song

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by Chiaki Sadanaga

One of many Caribbean destinations, most travelers think of Haiti as a place to seek adventure, culture and history. Several beachfronts where you can experience clear skies, waves coming from the turquoise ocean, warm weather, and the natural beauty of rocky cliffs.

But there's more to Haiti. Behind the tourist attractions, there are many people suffering from physical disabilities, and don't have the medication they require. They need help.

Marc Arsenault, a member of the Canadian Healing Hands for Haiti team, is planning to go back to Haiti in February 2006. Having been on three trips, he has seen some of the accomplishments of the Healing Hands team.

"It's outstanding, really... seeing a person walk for the first time,"

said Arsenault.

Dr. Colleen O'Connell, the organizer of the trips to Haiti, has also seen successes that the teams have made.

"I have been to Haiti five times now, and am moved to see patients I had worked with earlier, now using new legs, wearing the shoes and braces we provided, and full of hugs and smiles seeing me again" she said.

The next trips are planned for February and April 2006. There will be about 20 volunteers on each trip, with trips lasting eight to 14 days. The teams consist of rehabilitation professionals and support workers of all ages - some at the start of their careers, some after retirement. They will be working in rehabilitation clinics, orphanages, and hospitals, with a focus on teaching, training and

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## What NATO is doing for the world

by Mark Timms

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is more than you know.

"NATO is yet another way that Canada connects with other nations," said Major General Ivan Fenton, assistant director of NATO international operations with national defence headquarters, and former commander of task force Kosovo. "Our whole history is sharing the risk by having friendships, alliances, and partnerships with other countries."

Fenton was in Fredericton on November 8, giving a lecture en-

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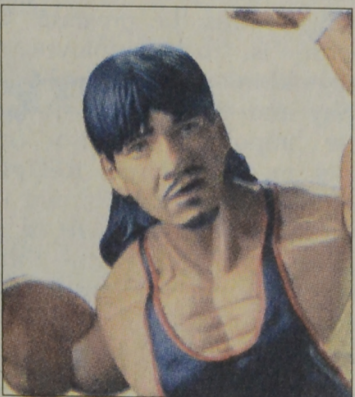
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## UNB Basketball teams off to a flyer

by Ike Ogos

The basketball season finally got underway this weekend as UNB's men and women hosted Dalhousie University's Tigers and Acadia University's Axe-Men and Women.

Both genders of the Varsity Reds scored two solid and morale boosting wins to shoot up to the pinnacle of their respective tables. UNB's men edged out Dalhousie, who finished bottom of the table last season, by 67-64 in game one before registering a more convincing victory over Acadia (99-83).

UNB's women, who have started their season with one eye on the Nationals they are hosting in four months' time, recorded a triumph over a team that beat them in the standings last season. The Tigers, third place finishers to UNB's fourth, lost 58-54 in their season-opener. The Varsity Reds went on to top Acadia with a blow-out 63-39 victory on Saturday.

Women's coach Joyce Slipp was understandably pleased with the significant victories, though she remained constructively critical of her team's performance.

"I thought Dalhousie would be a real tough contest for us, which it definitely was," she said. "It's always good to win, because they're favored to be one of the top teams in the league. I don't think we played a particularly good game; we were lucky in a few ways in how the game turned out. [Dal] didn't shoot very well from the foul line, they out-rebounded us badly, but we were able to perform better down the stretch."

She was more sympathetic towards Acadia, whose landslide loss was perhaps a reflection of their tough road trip.

"[Acadia] had to go to PEI to play the day before and then come over and play us," she explained. "It was a long trip, they got into the hotel late...I don't think they



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The UNB Varsity Reds basketball team rises above the Dalhousie Tigers.

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is not as optimistic. He says that October's unemployment figures show that the Tories' Prosperity Plan is nothing but spin. "I believe New Brunswick should be a national leader," he said, "But I don't believe we should be leading in unemployment growth."

by Brendan Doyle

Canadians were treated last month with an announcement that our country's unemployment rate had dropped to its lowest level in almost 30 years.

New Brunswickers were not as lucky. Just as the country overall saw a drop in unemployment to 6.6 per cent, New Brunswick's rate peaked at 11 per cent earlier this month.

The labour force increased slightly last month; while this can partially explain the jump in the unemployment rate, high energy prices and a downturn in the manufacturing sector are the main culprits, according to Training and Employment Development Minister Margaret-Ann Blaney.

"We have had several strong months of single digit unemployment this year and the fundamentals of our economy are strong, so I am confident that we will have a good year overall," said Blaney. Liberal leader Shawn Graham

is not as optimistic. He says that October's unemployment figures show that the Tories' Prosperity Plan is nothing but spin. "I believe New Brunswick should be a national leader," he said, "But I don't believe we should be leading in unemployment growth."

But New Brunswick currently stands near the top of the unemployment heap. Only Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island have higher rates, 15.2 per cent and 11.1 per cent respectively, while rich provinces such as Alberta (4 per cent) and British Columbia (5.1 per cent) are able to maintain an unemployment rate well below the national average.

New Brunswick looked to be off to a great start this fall when Minister Blaney announced that the province had enjoyed single digit unemployment rates for a full year. Though the rate hovered near 9.5 per cent, Blaney stated that, "It is clear that our commitment to invest in our people through building new job opportunities and our government's vision for greater economic success and greater social progress is working."

One month and a 0.6 per cent jump in the unemployment rate later, Blaney remained confident in her government's ability to maintain a strong economy. Explaining the rise in unemployment, Blaney stated that, "This is the first time the unemployment rate has gone above single digits in over a year, so it is not unusual to have a month where the numbers slip slightly."

Citing lay-offs at local mills and higher energy prices, Blaney said that, "when costs go up, often people are laid off. However, the fundamentals of the New Brunswick economy are strong, and I am confident that we will continue to experience strong employment figures as we monitor these numbers over the long term."

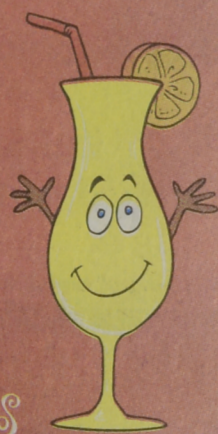
Opposition MLA Abel LeBlanc disagrees with Blaney's assessment of the situation. "New Brunswick workers need a government committed to stable, long-term employment opportunities," he said. "Right now, the Lord Government is more concerned about political posturing than encouraging op-

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