

Bucks abound at 40th annual UNB Woodsmen Competition



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Pictured above, a member of the Nova Scotia Agriculture College's woodsmen team shows how not to saw in the single buck competition. Nevertheless, the team placed first in both the men's and women's divisions. Teams competed in axe throw, chain saw, cross cut, log decking, pole climb, pulp throw, quarter split, single buck, standing block chop, Swede saw, underhand chop, water boil, disc stacking, fell and twitch, and super Swede events. Of eight women's teams, UNB placed sixth. With an A team and a B team in the men's division, UNB placed second and fourth of 13 teams. There were also three teams in each of the Jack and Jill and Alumni divisions, in which McGill University's MacDonald campus and the University of Maine finished first, respectively. Despite drizzly weather and soggy lumber, the event was an overall success.

# Not Kidding about construction noise

by Josh O'Kane

If residence space gets cramped, the solution is simple: create more. But what if an expanding campus is causing trouble for the students who are already there?

Construction for UNBF's new residence began recently just outside Dunn, Kidd and Tibbits houses (collectively named the DKT). Fit to accommodate 177 senior and graduate students, it will allow more room for undergraduates in the residence system. However, with the construction comes much dismay.

Anyone living in the DKT complex facing the parking lot now has to deal with up to twelve hours of construction each weekday, beginning with a 'wake-up call' at 7 a.m.

Beginning with chainsaws, the daily crashing and banging outside the DKT, includes dump trucks, backhoes and tractors. The drone has gotten on more than a few peoples' nerves.

"It starts too early," says Computer Science freshman Jing Nie, who lives in Kidd House. "I don't mind, but I don't get why they couldn't start in the summer. People need their sleep, but they can't [get it] in the parking lot hall."

Some students don't seem to be bothered by the noise. Kinesiology sophomore Phil Nelson lives on the second floor of Kidd House. "I sleep right through it; it doesn't bug me. But I worked in construction for the last two summers, and the noise just fades to the background," he explained.

Mike Bourgeois is a little more angry. "We all pay the same amount to live here and one side of the building is being punished for the university's poor organization this summer."

Bourgeois, who lives on the same floor as Nelson, blames the poor planning for his lack of sleep; his classes begin at 9:30 a.m., which doesn't necessitate a 7 a.m. wake-up call.

What does the university have to say about this?

"New residences typically take a year or more to build which means that, whenever started, construction usually includes an academic year," says John Craighead, the Associate Director of Residential Life for UNB.

"This [time] has been shortened to just under a year by prefabricating significant portions of the building."

"This prefabrication also means that construction work will cease in early December and not resume until late winter, giving the DKT residents a break," said

Craighead.

However, many students are complaining about the timing of the construction itself, wondering why the foundation wasn't laid before the school year even began.

Craighead explains, "the foundation phase (currently occurring) could have occurred next summer but, given building design time, not this past summer."

All in all, it appears that it comes down to the argument of when the building will be needed," he says. "The university had to make a difficult choice between the residence being ready for September, 2006 or September, 2007," said Craighead.

"It was felt that starting this fall was better than waiting another year."

Bourgeois maintains that planning, both then and now, could have been better.

"They start before quiet hours end every day. That means at 7 am there are dump trucks, tractors and whatever else they decide to use that day."

According to Bourgeois, this disruption, allowed by the university, is contrary to noise allowances made for students.

"If I were to stand outside screaming at 7 a.m., I'd be fined, but it's totally okay to run heavy machinery."

# New club fails to meet clubs and societies requirements

by Nicole Gifford

The world's largest student-run organization, AIESEC, has returned to UNBF after being forced to close its doors in 2002.

The organization had seven chapters within the Atlantic region at its peak in the 1980s. There are now only two, including the recently revived Fredericton chapter. According to Kenneth (Ken) Fox, Fredericton local committee President, the changes have occurred due to similar economic fluctuations and trends.

"Since we are so heavily involved in the business community... we sort of go on the economic business cycle," he said. "There's not many companies in Canada that will take on interns, [etc.], if they're doing poorly."

The organization, which had chapters in 91 countries and ter-

ritories, is said to be an 'international platform for young people to discover and develop their potential.' This is done by providing leadership development opportunities through local committees, conferences, and a global internship program.

Within the executive of the Fredericton local committee in 2002, "there wasn't as much motivation as there should be," said Fox. "It just sort of went by the wayside. At the same time, [the committee] had just lost their office space... They were having all these struggles, and that just compounded everything, [so] they just couldn't carry on."

Fox was introduced to AIESEC through a friend of his father's. He has already traveled to China as part of what he called a 'cultural exchange,' and was interested in a possible second exchange. He learned more about AIESEC on

their website and became even more interested in getting involved.

"I really saw that [AIESEC] was a lot more than just an exchange program," he said.

Unfortunately, there was no Fredericton chapter for Fox to join. He took it upon himself to change that.

Initial planning began in late January, and the first information session was held October 6. Within that time Fox had to meet a number of chapter requirements.

In May, he presented a proposal to open an AIESEC chapter in Fredericton at a national conference. He had to present an economic/demographic assessment of Fredericton and obtain letters of support from various members of the university community, including UNB President John McLaughlin.

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