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Rehab centre to open in 2006 Student senators may get the vote



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The Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation could be open by June 2006. It will move from Woodbridge street to opposite the Chalmers Hospital.

by Chiaki Sadananga

Imagine being in a wheelchair and only having the ability to move your head, but you want to switch the lights on or off. What would you need? Some people need specialized help by professionals to perform tasks that the individu-

als would otherwise not be able to do.

The Stan Cassidy Centre for Rehabilitation (SCCR), currently located on Woodbridge Street, will be relocated to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital site by the first week of June 2006.

Although the project was delayed a few times in the past - due in part to a jump in the price of

steel - all the staff members certainly know they are going to have a better working place. They will also be able to give better service at the new center, which is twice as big as the present one.

Ron Harris, Administrative Director at the SCCR, explains that one of the Centre's most important programs will have a chance to really develop at the new site.

The specialized group of services, divided into three groups, is called Assistive Technology.

The Seating Department looks after a wide range of services, the most obvious being wheelchairs. "Ones that we see often look very simple, people push them around," Harris explains, "but the

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by Brendan Doyle

The UNBF Senate, the University of New Brunswick's governing academic body, made a motion last week supporting student senators' right to vote on certain Senate committees.

Student Senators can currently vote on a wide range of committees, but are restricted from voting on student appeals to the Student Standing and Promotions (SS&P), Admissions, and Senate Review committees.

UNBF's student senators made an appeal at Senate's January meeting, urging Senators to rethink a section of the University Act, a piece of provincial legislation that governs how the University operates.

Student senators Nick Ouellette and Jill O'Reilly spoke at the meeting advocating that students be given the right to vote on "all matters other than those in relation to examination results and the award of degrees, certificates and diplomas in course."

Ouellette provided a number of examples of other universities across Canada, including McGill,

York, and Waterloo, which allowed students to vote on similar committees. After a short presentation on the merits of allowing students to vote on Senate's SS&P, Admissions, and Review committees, Ouellette made a motion that, if passed, would see Senate recommend to UNB's Board of Governors that student Senators be given the vote on student appeals committees.

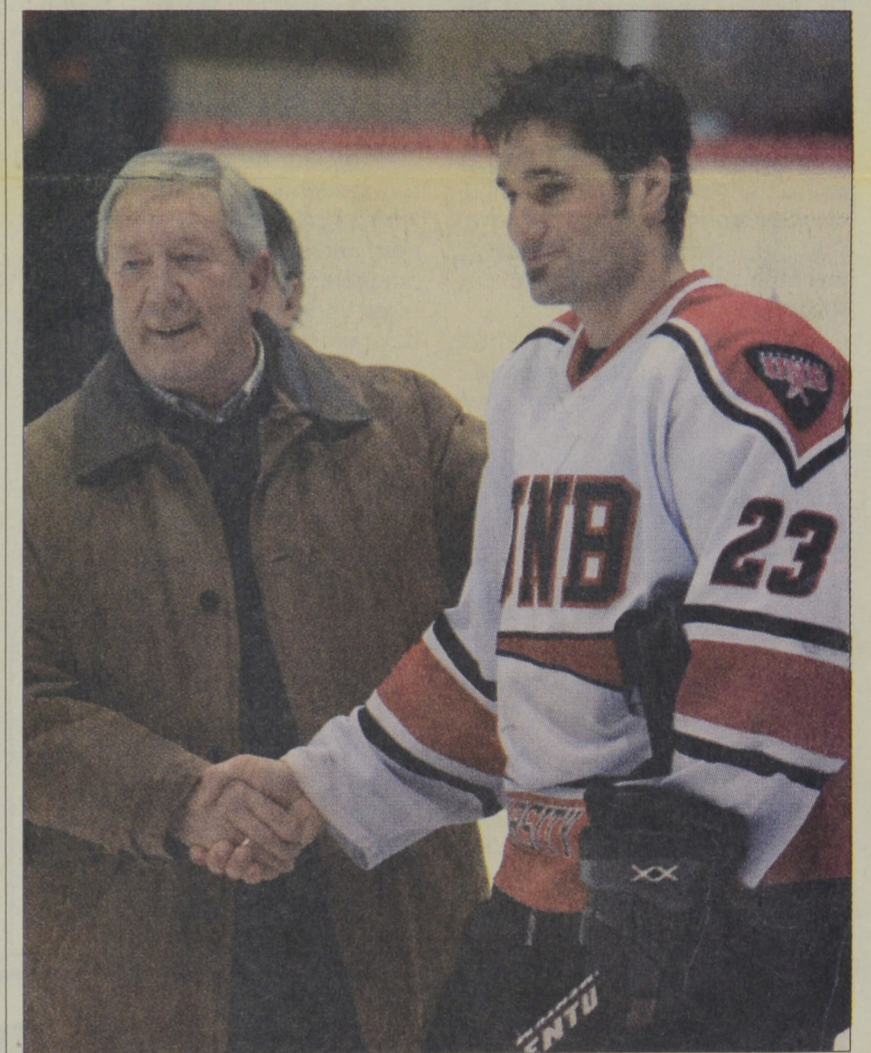
When the floor opened up for discussion, it quickly became clear that the majority of Senators supported the idea.

Despite that support, the motion was tabled. Many Senators spoke of their support for the spirit of the motion, but Senate decided that passing Ouellette's motion would likely violate the University Act as interpreted by the university's solicitor.

"The understanding [student senators] gleaned from the Secretariat [Stephen Stropole] prior to the meeting was that if Senate passed the motions we presented, that would trigger a re-interpretation by the Solicitor,"

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Werners receive Mark Jeffrey award



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Kyle Werner receives the Mark Jeffery scholarship award, presented by Jim Jeffery. Both Kyle and his brother Kevin, also a member of the VReds, received the award at the 15th annual Mark Jeffery Memorial Game.

growing need for pilots with better business skills.

"This innovative program was designed to meet a strong workplace need," said Dr. Judith Potter, CEL Executive Director and speaker. "Ian Allen was very tenacious in getting the program created. It was not an easy process."

The well-attended official launch of the program attracted additional speakers such as Ian Allen (Program Director of CEL), the Honorable Andy Scott (Minister of Indian Affairs and regional Minister for NB), Dr. John McLaughlin (UNB President), Dr. Robert Hatheway (Capital Airways President), and aviation students Brent Wright and Daniel Belej-Corrigan.

The Honorable Brad Green, NB Justice Minister, also congratulated UNB for the program's success.

"UNB has dared to do something different and the program recognizes that aviation is very important for New Brunswick's economy from public flights to commercial and cargo flights," said Green.

Brent Wright, who will graduate from the program in May, explained, "I wanted more than just a Bachelor's Degree. I've always wanted to fly so I started in 2003 with Capital Airways and learned how a small business runs. Upon graduation I will have my commercial pilot's license, 200 hours of flight time and a business degree. The program has surpassed my expectations."

Daniel Coleman, Dean of the UNB Business Faculty, also stressed

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Who says you can't go home?

by Sarah King

Bon Jovi's new music video for "Who Says You Can't Go Home" follows in Extreme Makeover: Home Edition's footsteps, bringing recognition to the scary fact that - for whatever reason - homelessness is a growing problem throughout North America. Founded in 1976, Habitat for Humanity, the organization featured

in Bon Jovi's new video, is an international, non-profit organization that has built more than 200,000 homes for needy families all over the world. Recent projects of the organization include rebuilding after last year's Tsunami and the recent earthquake in Pakistan, as well as after Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans this past summer.

The homes are built for deserving families, but it's not exactly a free handout. The homes must be

purchase by the potential homeowner, but are sold at no profit and with a no-interest mortgage.

However, Habitat for Humanity is best known for recruiting socially conscious young people - primarily in colleges all across North America - to build houses in needy areas of Canada and the United States. This year, UNB and STU students are getting in on that volunteer action. A group of 26 students, 15 from UNB and

11 from STU will be travelling to Bluffton, South Carolina from March 4th to 13th to give homeless families a home to go back to as part of the organization's Collegiate Challenge.

This is a major project for the group, who have been fundraising since September. "So far", says Jennifer Surette-Lemon, chair of

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Take action: Think Access 2006

by Julia Cannata
UNB Grad Class President

As the largest library in the province, the Harriet Irving Library has half a million visitors a year. Think Access will give equal opportunity to disabled persons who wish to access the library through the main entrance. "It was important for the committee to select a project that would invest in the future of UNB", said Renaissance College Grad Representative Christine Legault. "We have the opportunity to make a difference to the campus and accessibility is an issue that needs to be addressed by the UNB community."

Accessibility has been a project theme in the past for graduating classes. In November, the Class of 2006 announced that they would be selecting an accessibility project to continue the tradition. UNB Fredericton's Access-



An architectural concept of the ramp to be completed in July.

bility Committee had suggested the project to the 2006 Grad Class Executive Committee, which selected Think Access to address the growing concerns of accessibility on campus. The Grad Class project is fundraising to build a wheelchair ramp in front of the Harriet Irving Library.

Construction of the ramp is expected to begin in May and be completed by July. The Grad Class Executive Committee plans to reach their fundraising goal of \$7,000 through various fundraising events and activities that will be occurring in the next 3 months. Some of these include donations from the grads them-

selves, faculty jellybean counts, community sports events, Valentine roses, and an art exhibit.

Although Think Access is the Grad Class project, the committee would like to encourage the UNB community to be involved in the fundraising events. "We want everyone to be involved in this process. This project is beneficial to the future of UNBF and will be here 20 years from now", said Legault. It is inevitable that Think Access will leave a permanent mark on UNB's campus, so why not get involved?

For more information, please contact grad@unb.ca

New programs at UNB

by Jeremy Dickson

UNB's business faculty and the College of Extended Learning (CEL), in partnership with Capital Airways of Fredericton, officially launched its BBA program in aviation and operations management on Tuesday, January 17 at the Wu Centre.

The Business Faculty, joined by the Kinesiology Department, is also offering a new MBA program in sport and recreation. The aviation program has literally taken flight and the MBA program is gaining momentum.

The first of the two programs, a concentrated, three-year aviation program tested in 2003 and formally started in 2004, will graduate its first class in May. The ideas for the unique program came to fruition in 2001. Representatives from the Fredericton Airport Authority approached CEL and Capital Airways to discuss the creation of a program as a response to Transport Canada's 2001 report on the future of the aviation industry. The report indicated a

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