

## UNB: Now running together for a cure

by Josh O'Kane

Does UNB care about helping the community?

\$27,000 says yes. One hundred and ninety-five UNB athletes showed up this past Sunday for Fredericton's local edition of the CIBC Run for the Cure as part of the new integrated campus-wide rUNBuddies team. Students, staff and faculty alike all ran or walked 5km or 1km together after raising significant funds for the fight against breast cancer.

Martha Eggenberger is the Student Captain for rUNBuddies, and is more than pleased with how the day's events turned out.

"I thought it was fantastic," she says, "everybody showing up in pink and decked out in tattoos - it was wonderful."

rUNBuddies started as an initiative last year by UNB staff Heather Smith and Niki Cassidy, who met at last year's Run for the Cure and came up with the idea of an integrated UNB team. In the past, various residence houses, faculties, staff and student groups all ran with their own team. Heather and Niki thought it was time for a change and called out for interested people.

Martha Eggenberger was one of those interested people; having been captain of the Lady Dunn house team the year before, she became Student Captain for the new rUNBuddies team.

"I thought it was a great idea to combine the teams together. We were strong separately, we're stronger together. It's a great way to promote spirit on campus."

As well, Martha says, "by combining our traditional small teams together, we're able to raise a larger amount of money. We raised \$27,000 by [race day], and we're still counting [...] We basically tripled our initial goal of 10,000."

She says that although we have such large fundraisers across campus like Shinerama for students, nothing had previously been put together to encompass the entirety of students, faculty and staff. rUNBuddies crosses these borders. Even people who couldn't make the run were able to contribute in some way or another, from volunteering their time towards fundraising or even donating to the cause themselves. Fundraising work began at the end of last year and continued with a number of events throughout the summer. The largest of these was a golf tournament that managed to garner nearly \$10,000 for breast cancer research.

One of the unique things about rUNBuddies is that it still allowed the origi-

nal teams to keep their traditions. For instance, the Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering faculty continued to hold their annual chili sale.

"Because some of the small teams had been around for so long, they continued their traditions," says Martha. "Even though we were one big group, the smaller teams were able to contribute their traditional fundraising."

In Fredericton overall, over 2,800

people took part, collectively raising over \$380,000 for breast cancer research and education. This even beats the \$338,218 from 2261 people who worked together last year.

Next year's run is already set for September 30th, 2007, and rUNBuddies is already gearing up for it. For more information about fundraising and getting involved with rUNBuddies, check out <http://runbuddies.unb.ca>.



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Joy Kidd resident Sean Harrison grits his teeth through the last few feet at the Run for the Cure on Sunday.

## Let's talk about sex...baby

by Heather Elliot

Ever have a question about sexuality or sex that you were too embarrassed to ask your friends about because you were worried that they would make fun of you for, or that they still would not be able to help you, or worst of all, that they might disown you? Well, never fear! The UNB Sexuality Centre is here!

The Sexuality Centre opened its doors for the first time last September and spent the first year getting on its "feet" and getting its name out there. Since we are a peer-to-peer resource, many student volunteers helped the centre to keep its doors open and helped with events like movie nights and Sexual Diversity Week. This year, the centre is hoping to be even bigger and better! We have returning and new volunteers, and are always looking for even more students to get involved.

Who looks after this amazing resource? Yours truly, Heather Elliott. While being a volunteer at the centre last year, I realized that I wanted to get more involved after years of being "that girl" that friends came to with questions about sexuality. While I am no expert, I do have some knowledge, and know tons of resources.

The centre's main focus is providing information for students about any and every aspect of sexuality, whether it's information on STIs and testing, sexual abuse, sexual orientation, safer sex or helping to increase discussions

about sexuality and help people realize that while sex is serious, it can still be tons of fun! Many people on campus (and off) are having sex, and in this day and age there is no excuse or reason to not be informed about issues related to sex.

If you think that the Sexuality Centre is useless to you because you are waiting until marriage or just have chosen to be a virgin thus far, you are absolutely wrong! What better time to learn more so that you can surprise a future partner with your knowledge, help out a friend when they have questions, or learn more about what healthy relationships are like?

Are you afraid of talking to someone in the centre because they might know you? All of our volunteers have been trained to deal with sensitive issues and are able to keep strict confidentiality - they even signed contracts!

Still uncomfortable? Stop by and look at the centre's hours and volunteer schedule on the door of the centre. If someone you know is in the centre, come back when their shift has ended.

Feel free to drop by and just look around at things, you do not have to talk to the volunteers, but they could save you time if you are looking for information on something in particular. Beyond our pamphlets and Spectrum's library, we have a computer in a separate room that students can use to look information up on the internet. There are even two pages of online resources listed by the computer! Beyond those options, you could always call the Sex-

uality Centre (452-6272) or email me ([sexuality@unb.ca](mailto:sexuality@unb.ca)). It is harder to help someone this way, but at least you are getting help!

Come by and check us out on the third floor of the SUB in room 203! We're friendly and we give out free stuff!



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## What do I look like? A space surgeon

by Jason Henry

On Wednesday, September 27, a team of French surgeons undertook a surgery that most doctors and medical critics would have thought impossible to complete. Typically, the removal of a cyst is a surgery of particularly low difficulty, but in order to press the limits of medical expertise, the five-man team consisting of France's Chief Surgeon performed the entire surgery under nearly zero gravity conditions.

After Philippe Sanchot, the patient, and the surgical team were strapped into the Airbus A300 (a.k.a. The Zero-G or the Vomit Comet), the plane took off and began its parabolic flight path, which created moments of weightlessness that lasted approximately 22 seconds at a time. The whole operation took no more than 11 minutes, which corresponds to 31 sequences of weightlessness.

For years, critics have claimed that performing a surgery in zero gravity

or space would be an impossible task; however, Chief Surgeon Dominique Martin said the operation "went ahead without any particular difficulty." He later went on to tell the press that he was not trying to perform a technical feat surgically but to carry out a test of feasibility.

The patient was chosen because of his love for extreme sports such as bungee jumping, which has made him used to extreme changes in gravity. He was given a local anesthetic and was awake throughout the entire procedure.

"I'm just a little tired, but it's because my head is spinning," Sanchot told the press.

The rest of the crew was put through the same gravity simulations that astronauts use for their training to prepare them for the flight.

This is not the first zero-gravity surgery that the team has performed. In 2003, they mended an artery in a rat's tail. Although this previous surgery was much more technically difficult,

this latest operation was more significant, because it was the first procedure of this type done on a human.

The significance of this experiment, although somewhat overshadowed by its extravagance, is still revolutionary. It is the first step in creating medical robots that would be able to care for astronauts both medically and surgically while they are in space. Having the ability to perform remotely controlled surgeries from Earth will help ensure the safety and health of our astronauts and as they venture farther from earth.

At this point in time, where the International Space Station is only 400 km away from Earth, it is not an immediate concern. If there is an emergency, the astronaut can be rushed back. But once the shuttles leave Earth's gravitational pull, the trip back would be much longer and remote surgery will be needed. This is a necessary step in aerospace technology and may even have future implications in on-Earth medical technology.

# Youth Turn

## COME HOME TO THE GASPÉ!

JENNA BOUDREAU

"Success is above everything else being happy. Only someone who is truly happy can be successful. You have to enjoy life."

Twenty-two year old Jenna Boudreau is from Cascapedia-St. Jules and has recently moved back to the coast after completing a degree in Criminology at St. Thomas University.

"I love St. Jules. It's the reason I wanted to come back here, and why I'm hoping to get a job on the Gaspé Coast."

Having applied for work at a few places since her return Jenna is hopeful that she will find employment in her field and believes that the chance to be at home and work will offer her the best possible quality of life.

Jenna is enthusiastic about her hometown and the Cascapedia River and

its history. Working for the Cascapedia Society for four summers provided her with many opportunities including being a part of the local school's salmon release program.

"I love the seasons in the Gaspé. Winter seems to be less harsh than in the past, but I still love the snow in the mountains. Summer's the time when all my friends come back from school; we like to hang out and swim at the river.

From the down-to-earth friendly people to the Cascapedia St. Jules Fall Festival, from the Percé Rock tour to whale-watching in Forillon, our coast has so, so much to offer."