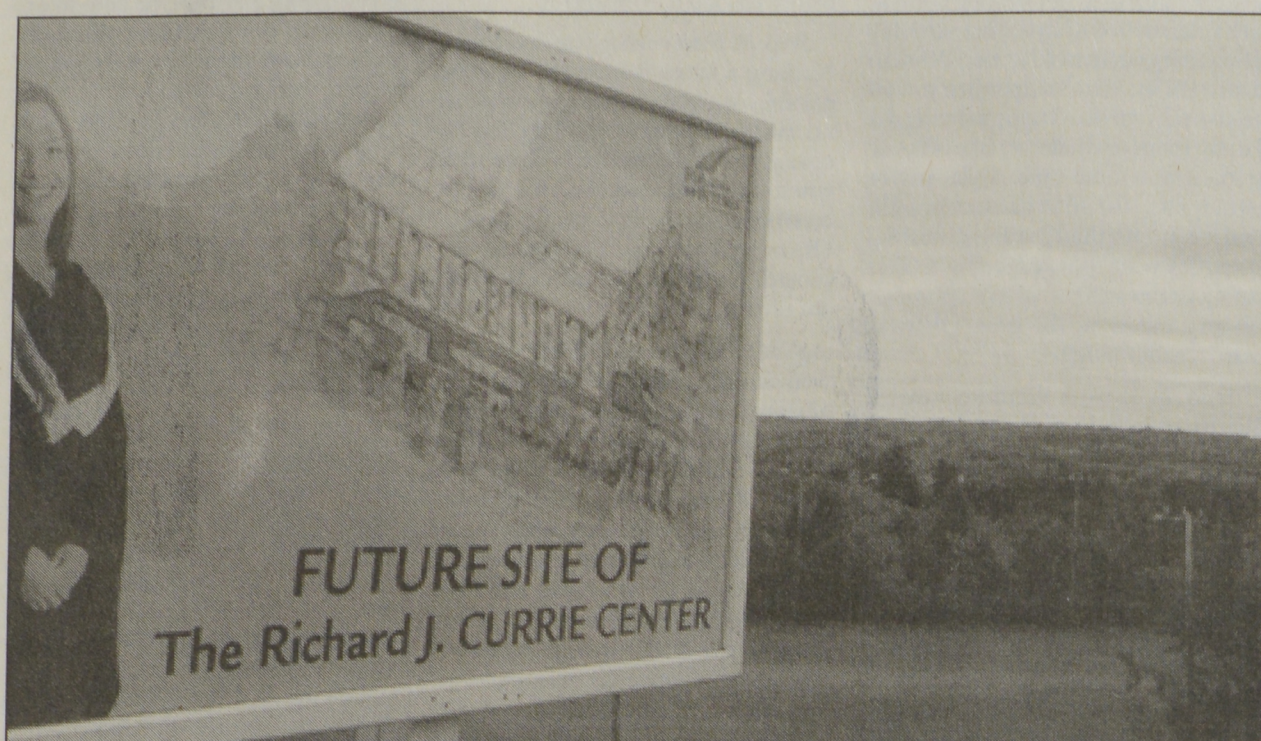


Where are you Richard Currie Center?



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The site of the proposed Richard J. Currie Center where construction will begin Spring 2008.

by Lauren Kennedy

On the Richard Currie Center Campaign website it boasts "that it will become the University of New Brunswick's new front door- and its face to the community," but so far in the spot where it's supposed to be built on the south side of Buchanan Field, there is no construction started and just an eye of green.

This enormous addition to the University of New Brunswick Fredericton campus will be a structure designed to address the wellness needs of the campus as well as the greater Fredericton community, providing both athletic facilities and centers for research activities and laboratories. These services are planning to be designed for students, faculty and staff and citizens of Fredericton.

It was designed as a vision for healthy living and has extensive floor plans showing four gymnasiums, one of which is able to turn into a space for large-scale ceremonies and be the new home to the Varsity Reds Basketball and Volleyball

programs as well as an additional new parking lot for an added 80 cars. There is also another component to the Center, incorporating a "Healthy Living Village" which partners professionals in the health research field who address the growing concern of health care and the declining state of the nations health through research, education and promotion. The Currie Center is planned to be the anchor building for this facility.

The Human Performance Laboratory is a lab of professional researchers researching how the body moves, diagnosing health related problems, etc. Currently, UNBF is the home of one of the most advanced movement analysis labs in the region and with the creation of this laboratory which will be one of a kind here in Canada, the University plans to put it's name on the map.

The intended indoor walking/jogging path is actually planned to bisect this lab where researchers can receive more data without interrupting the workout of individuals. State of the art technology will be used to track the movement of the human body, identifying movement issues, researching fatigue, and examining workout strate-

gies of individuals.

There are currently eight individual centers within this new building to be named at a price to be named in honour of UNB donors, two of which are already spoken for. The total cost UNB is looking to raise for the naming of these eight buildings is \$6,350,000. The question on most peoples minds is why hasn't the Currie Center started construction yet.

The Project Manager for the Currie Center, Keith Lumsden with the Chief Advancement office said in an e-mail response the question of who should act as spokesperson for the Currie Center project is as yet an unanswered question in itself.

The one person that did have something to say and who could speak for the Currie Center was Barbara Nicholson, UNB's Associate Vice-President of the capital planning and property development.

"The Richard J Currie Center is now in the design phase," she said. "We have done some site preparation work and, subject to having all of the financing in place, construction will begin in the Spring of 2008."

Support the troops or the war?

by Naomi Osborne

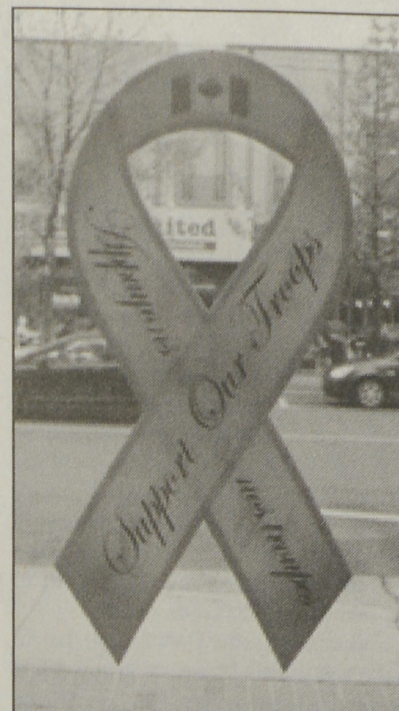
The yellow ribbon symbolizing support for our troops has become a common sight in Fredericton. They can be seen everywhere, from the local Sobeyes to many of the small shops downtown; one large yellow ribbon looks out from behind the window of a small office downtown.

Beth McDermott works for the Constituency Office of Greg Byrne and Rick Myles. They show the ribbon in their window and would never consider getting rid of it.

"We proudly display it in the window; we support our troops, not the war" said McDermott.

Now, more than ever, Canadians are proudly displaying yellow ribbons that read "Support Our Troops." The public puts them on their vehicles, front windows, and even their lapels to show our troops in Afghanistan that they are supported in their efforts.

While most see these yellow ribbons as a symbol of support to the Canadian troops in Afghanistan, others believe it as a campaign funded by the Department of National Defense in an effort to sell the war in Afghanistan under what is



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called "Operation Connection".

The Fredericton Peace Coalition announced in a press conference last Thursday morning that they will be lobbying against this yellow ribbon campaign. They will be going around to all of the local businesses and churches who display the yellow ribbon on their windows, asking them to consider what its true meaning is.

They will also be asking the businesses to consider putting their stickers up

that read "Bring Them Home!" with a yellow ribbon in the form of a question mark and the words "Question War" in the middle. They see this as a better way of communicating to everyone that they are supporting the troops and not the war.

The Peace Coalition is only making the suggestion and isn't implying that people should take down their old ribbons, but simply add their new one, too.

"It wouldn't make sense to ask local businesses to take them down after they paid for them and everyone displays them now, people do care about the troops" said McDermott.

This month will be the sixth year anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan. The Peace Coalition is launching the campaign because they believe that the yellow ribbon campaign is supporting the current mission in Afghanistan, when people should be promoting the return of the troops.

According to their online survey, 68% of Canadians questioned said they do not believe the Afghan mission should continue past its end date of February 2009.

Their main claim is that if Canadians do not support Canada's role in Afghanistan, but they post the yellow ribbon in support of our troops, then it implies that they support what the troops are doing, which is simply fighting a war.

Racist vandal shocks universities

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are right now."

Goddard is quick to point out that it wasn't only SHOUT posters that were defamed. "It wasn't an attack on our group; it was an act of hate, which is the most upsetting."

Gbongbor also explains that the vandalism has not had an impact on his intent to continue hosting events of this nature. He feels his events will remain successful, despite this incident of racist opposition. Goddard agrees.

"I think that if anything, this will encourage people to come out and support us, where they now recognize there is a serious problem that isn't talked about enough. It's a big wake-up call, and I think the response has been and will continue to be very positive."

According to Goddard, SHOUT

already has several upcoming events planned. Next Saturday, October 20, they'll be hosting the 'GULU WALK' to raise awareness and fundraise for a school in Northern Uganda. Registration begins at 3pm in Holy Cross House, on the St. Thomas University campus.

As well, they are hoping to bring in a Rwandan genocide survivor to speak in mid-November, in partnership with the UNB Student Union.

"SHOUT is definitely looking to address this issue on campus - whether it be through a media campaign or events. It's really important to stand up to intolerance, especially on a university campus, where the population is so culturally diverse. An event like this one reminds us of the importance to continue working to promote understanding."

Roméo Dallaire testifies at trial

by Jordan Gill

Former UN general and senator, Roméo Dallaire, testified this week at Canada's first War Crimes trial against Désiré Munyaneza, a man charged with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Rwanda. Munyaneza is a 40 year old former Toronto resident accused of being a Hutu militia leader. He is further accused of leading a militia group that is responsible for raping and murdering some 800,000 Tutsis in the Butare region of Rwanda in 1994. He attempted, but failed to receive refugee status in Canada and was arrested in 2005 after a six year investigation. If convicted, he faces a life sentence to be served in Canada.

Dallaire has testified at many war crime trials, with this being only the latest. Although he did not know the defendant, nor did he witness any of the crimes of which Munyaneza is accused, Dallaire was called in as an expert witness to prove that the actions of Munyaneza were that of a murderer and rapist, and that his actions were carried out to exterminate the Tutsis.

Dallaire testified about the roadblocks that were set up after the death of the Rwandan President Juvenal Habyarimana.

"We started to see bodies beside the roadblocks, people killed with machetes," said Dallaire. "People were literally killed on the spot... They were simply there for ethnic cleansing... It was simply to destroy human beings..."

We passed village after village where there was no one left except the bodies. Almost all the churches and monasteries were full of massacred people."

When the defense asked whether the posttraumatic stress disorder that Dallaire suffers from would have affected his memory, Dallaire replied: "On the contrary, posttraumatic stress disorder hard-wires events in your brain to the extent they will come back in digitally clear detail to your brain. You don't actually remember them. You relive them."

The defense believes that some of Dallaire's testimony is irrelevant to this particular case; that he's going beyond establishing the existence of the genocide and talking about how it happened. That's something else.

In 1994, Roméo Dallaire was the chief United Nations general in Rwanda.

He witnessed the horrors of the Rwandan genocide as it occurred. He repeatedly pleaded with the UN and the nations of the UN that have permanent seats on the Security Council (US, UK, Russia, France, and China) to send more help. In response, they cut his staff and refused to label the atrocities in Rwanda as genocide because if they did, they would be bound by international law to intervene.

After the genocide in which Rwanda lost 800,000, he returned to Canada. He went into a deep depression where he attempted suicide, climaxing when he took medication and alcohol and passed out on a bench in a public park in Ottawa. Later he would write a book on what he had experienced called, 'Shake Hands with the Devil'. The book was made into a movie, released last month.

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