

Recycle this paper 'Pushing Carts to Warm Hearts'

Green Team holds paper recycling contest to promote awareness around campus

by Lauren Kennedy

In New Brunswick, each person produces about a half a tonne of garbage every year and with a residence community of over 1,000 students, which is a lot of garbage produced each year. This means the potential to make a big impact on recycling is huge. With that in mind, the residence community has started a recycling program to help students become more environmentally friendly on campus.

The project, called the Green Team Committee, formed in early September consists of house proctors and presidents who are interested in protecting the environment. It organizes various projects to educate students and allows them to be aware of their green actions on and around campus. The committee holds meetings about once a month to discuss and plan these events. This year, they are planning to expand the activities to include more contests and challenges.

There are already blue bins around each residence for recycling, and each resident was given an individual cardboard box at the beginning of the year to place in their room to make recycling even easier.

Carl Bradley is a proctor in Neill House and the Chair of the Green Team. He is in charge of delegating responsibilities and making the phone calls to set up all of the chosen activities, the most recent one being the residence paper recycling competition between the Houses.

"When the University's physical plant picks up the paper bins from the houses, the bins are weighed. A tally is kept for the duration of the contest and the house that recycles the most amount of paper per resident wins the competition and gets a prize. The prize involves a House event or something that can be



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Blue bins are found in each residence across campus

used by every resident of the house," said Bradley.

This event is designed to encourage residence involvement and the point of it being that it is a cooperative effort to recycle the most amount of paper possible. Bradley agrees that when you live in a smaller residence room, they can get cluttered quickly and it's not very convenient to walk to the front lobby every time you have one piece of paper to throw away, so the smaller individual boxes that were given to each student at the beginning of the year facilitate recycling on a campus-wide basis, he explains.

"I believe exposing residence students to recycling creates awareness about recycling and also starts good habits that students can take with them to the next stage of their lives," he said. "I am passionate about recycling because I feel that as the dominant species on the planet, it is up to us to protect the environment and not just exploit it."

The ultimate goal of this project is to get people passionate about recycling, but for Bradley, his personal goal is to get people to realize that being 'green' is relatively simple and it is the small changes that add up and make a difference.

"I think everyone is capable of making simple changes, like recycling paper, and the residences are a good place to start," he said.

by Tamara Lund

Tibbits Hall, one of the two all-female residences, is preparing for their annual food drive called 'Pushing Carts to Warm Hearts' following tradition since 1995. Starting at 10am this Saturday, November 3, groups of four or five Tibbits residents armed with shopping carts will canvas for donations to the Fredericton Food Bank. This year, there are 64 participants broken into twelve groups. This is a popular event for the House and attracts the support of many girls living in the residence. As in the previous years, the girls will cover 29 streets, stretching from Graham Avenue and Windsor Street to Dundonald and Montgomery Street. The girls will push a shopping cart around a pre-selected

route, where they will collect donations of non-perishable food items, household cleaners, personal hygiene products, and money.

In preparation for the actual event, girls from Tibbits distribute flyers to over 850 addresses a week in advance. These flyers explain the campaign to the neighbourhoods' residents. In past years, when the girls are canvassing, most people have a donation ready and waiting for them to pick up.

Tibbits' Vice President Sophie Duguay is responsible for organizing this yearly event and in preparation, she has organized the groups, the routes for each group, and secured the boxes and shopping carts to transport the food. Aside from that, she is working with Sodexo to have some refreshments for the girls when they get back from their routes on Saturday. Sobex on Regent Street is generously donating both the boxes and shopping carts. Duguay will also be renting a cargo van to transport the girls and shopping carts to and from their individual routes.

Tibbits Hall participates in this yearly event for a few reasons. Most importantly is to help the Fredericton Food Bank, the reason behind the entire event. They feed approximately 649 families a month. In addition, Duguay points out that many of the girls living in Tibbits do not venture off campus very much, since the residence system acts like a full community for them. This event gives the girls an opportunity to get involved in the Fredericton community and to become familiar with the city where they will be spending their university years.

In a change from previous years, the girls were placed in groups with other Tibbits Hall residents with whom they were not previously close. Tibbits Hall President Laura Houghton wants this event to act as a bonding experience for the House residents. Houghton's goal for the event is to help the girls meet new people and become more involved in the residence lifestyle.

Pushing carts will not be the only contribution that Tibbits Hall makes to the Fredericton Food Bank this year.

As in previous years, Tibbits will be having a Halloween Wet/Dry at the Social Club with proceeds going to the Food Bank. On top of these donations, the President and Vice President are planning even more events for this year. Last year, Tibbits filled the cargo van with donations and although Houghton points out that they are more concerned with food donations than money, this year she has set a House goal of \$750 in addition to a larger food donation than last year.

The President and Vice-President both feel the house can contribute more than what they have in the past. Houghton and Duguay have begun discussing another potential food drive for the second semester. They are both extremely enthusiastic about expanding Tibbits' contribution to the Food Bank and the community. They are also setting up drop-off boxes for food donations on campus, as well as canvassing the other residences later this semester. If you are interested in donating, you can contact Sophie Duguay at P60E7@unb.ca.

P-Sac is a smashing good time



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The procession will begin at 9:15 PM ending with the smash off the roof of the back lounge of Harrison House at 10:00 PM.

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Harrison House President Brian Koval says he is very proud to be part of this long standing tradition, but mentions that there is a lot of pressure.

"It feels awesome, and it's almost a burden on us to make sure it stays that kind of tradition. Otherwise," says Koval, "we'll lose it."

MacPhee shares similar views. "I think we're under the most pressure. Not to put down anyone else, but nothing is like this spectacle. Everyone loves watching the other things, but nobody tells their kids about it."

Koval adds, "My uncle still asks every year when I go home for Thanksgiving, 'so are you guys dropping a pumpkin off the roof this year?' So it's huge."

He comments on the status of the pumpkin to be used on the day of the Pumpkin Sacrifice.

"We have a pumpkin lined up at an alternate location, and it won't

be seen by anyone until the day of the sacrifice."

The actual weight of the pumpkin this year is believed to be between 350 and 400 lbs.

The ceremony actually begins a week before the sacrifice itself. At 10 pm each night for an entire week before the sacrifice, the residents of Harrison House exit their residence and yell for one solid minute. After this, they re-enter Harrison House to the sound of what both Koval and MacPhee describe as "dead silence."

The pumpkin itself arrives early Wednesday morning. After that begins the long process of carving the pumpkin, which according to MacPhee will take approximately two to three hours. At 9:15 pm, the residents of Harrison House will start a procession around the university. At 10 pm sharp, the final blessing will be said and the pumpkin will fall to its demise, guaranteeing a successful academic harvest for the residents of Harrison House.

Professor's award is a dream come true

by Lauren Kennedy

Like Emily Murphy before her, Dr. Wendy Robbins is a pioneer in the field of Women's Studies. She has been teaching within the University of New Brunswick's English department for 20 years and co-founded the interdisciplinary Women's Studies Program in 1986.

"When I came here in 1984, I was the only woman in the English department out of 23, and where there were no prior courses on the study of women writers, it was really hard to find courses that were related to women. I introduced five new courses in the first few years. It doesn't sound like rocket science, but it wasn't taken for granted," she said. "People just didn't think of these things because there just weren't enough women there to bring up these issues."

It is because of such challenges that she is one of the six recipients and the only Atlantic Canadian this year to win the Governor General's Award in Commemoration of the Persons Case, which started in 1979. She is the thir-

teenth winner from New Brunswick and the fifth Frederictonian to receive the prestigious award. The award is given to candidates who have made outstanding contributions promoting gender equality in Canada and who demonstrate leadership and excellence in the field.

"I knew that I was being nominated for the award but I never thought I would win, in fact I thought I was being short listed when I received a phone call, so I was prepared for that, then it turns out that was not the case." She said. "It's really a dream come true."

The Persons Case was a landmark victory for all subsequent Canadian women. Emily Murphy, Nellie McClung, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Louise McKinney, and Irene Parly were the 'Famous 5' who fought for women to be defined as persons under the law. Finally, on October 18, 1929, the Privy Council ruled that women were indeed "qualified persons." The medal that each recipient receives is engraved with the Famous 5 and is presented to them by the Governor General herself.

At the Women's Centre, Robbins explains the title of her talk, 'Let's put the pedal to the metal' as a metaphor of women driving forward for their rights and standing up for what they believe in.

"If more spotlight is put on women's studies and women's issues, then maybe we can do more in terms of staffing for the Women's Centre and even within the

Women's Studies department and draw attention to the fact that we are here and under resourced."

One recent development that has proved important to Robbins is the Post Secondary Education Recommendations Report. For her, the biggest issue concerns gender, which she explains hasn't been talked about nearly enough. The majority of degree recipients are women, and Saint John has more female students than UNB, as Fredericton's Engineering program is predominately male students, she explains.

"The students who will be affected if they should close or radically alter UNBSJ will be women. The majority of students in polytechnics are overwhelmingly men because they are based largely on sciences and engineering programs, fields which are usually dominated by men. So there will be a disproportionate impact if UNBSJ closes and a polytechnic opens, that means there will be more opportunities that men will be given and benefit from," said Robbins. "I'm not saying it should be that way; it is that way and I don't know if they're going to be allowed to do that, frankly."

She goes further to describe that one can't take a disadvantaged group and further weaken them. For example women, in our society and in New Brunswick, can demonstrate a wage gap and a higher unemployment rate than men, which is something that shouldn't be ignored, she explained.

Graham meets with Graham

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campus and the province, through research, funding, and critical mass. Without the Saint John campus, he says, UNB would lose its national comprehensive status.

"We were encouraged by being there," says Graham. "We're still ready to lobby harder. We don't feel that our questions were answered, as much as we felt that our voice was heard. But the answers to questions will come in time."

He says that to find those answers, it's going to take continual strong work from student bodies and student organizations.

"The important thing right now is to have your voice heard, and we're going to be creating structures to have students speak to us and to the President easier, so that we can move forward together."

Dr. John McLaughlin, President of UNB, is currently part of an action group working to address the future needs of the New Brunswick PSE

system, in which Graham says that students' views will have strong representation.

"We've heard from the senior administrators that there is going to be a formalized process at which students can regularly contribute to the discussion to Dr. McLaughlin, and he plans on taking our voice to this working group so that student opinions are reflected in what needs to be a student-focused system."

In the meantime, Graham says that he will continue to focus on the issues for students.

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