

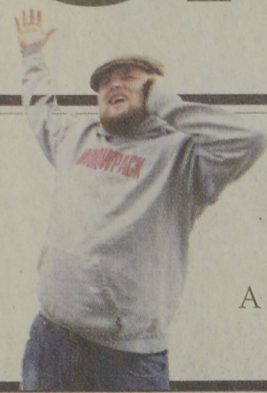
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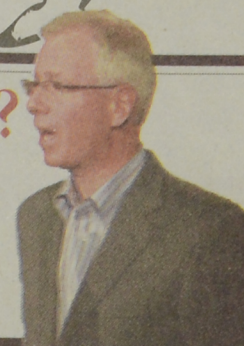


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READY FOR ACTION

TONY VON RICHTER
THE BRUNSWICKAN

The province's Action Plan for post-secondary education will continue to roll out in this legislative session as the government continues to work on its implementation.

With a number of issues facing the province, Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson's Speech from the Throne last Tuesday focused mainly on

the economy, energy, and education.

In terms of PSE, Chiasson said the provincial government plans on implementing the 33 recommendations of the PSE Action Plan developed earlier this year.

Of particular interest to students was the government announcing that they will respond to the federal government's elimination of the Millennium Scholarship program.

"Your government has assessed recent federal decisions to replace the successful Millennium Scholarships with more broadly-based financial assistance and

will be responding with measures helping those students most in need of assistance," said Chiasson.

Jon O'Kane, VP External of the UNB Student Union, said he was excited by the government's decision to look at ways to make education more affordable and accessible.

"To me that says that the efforts of the Student Union and the NBSA are being heard at the provincial level, and there's hope that they'll be executed in the future," he said.

Despite some positive measures mentioned in the speech the overall tone

was one of uncertainty due to the unstable economy. This uncertainty makes it difficult to predict what programs the government will be able to enact should the economy turn worse.

"I'm hoping that education is still a priority to them, and the government seems to, through the Speech from the Throne, convey to the masses that they still want to make post-secondary one of their priorities in the next year," said O'Kane.

"It's important as they move forward

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Wage gap yet to disappear

SARAH RATCHFORD
THE BRUNSWICKAN

In Canada, the wage gap is widest for university-educated women. This may be yesterday's news to many, but to others, it will come as a complete surprise. In 2005, Canadian women working full-time for a full year made only 70% the wages of men who also worked full-time all year; women made an average of \$39,200, while men brought home an average \$55,700.

In a recent press release from the Canadian Federation of Business & Professional Women's Clubs (BPW Canada), President Sue Calhoun states that these figures are even more dismal than they were ten years ago. In the mid 1990s, she says, women earned 72% of what men did.

"Despite significant progress made during the 1980s and 1990s to close the wage gap," Calhoun says, "the situation has now stalled and is, in fact, moving in reverse."

Further, the gap worsens for university-educated women. In 2005 (the most recent figures available from StatsCan), they earned only 68% as much as men. A decade ago, they earned three-quarters of the average male's salary.

UNB Executive in Residence and former Deputy Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour Nora Kelly feels that there are "a lot of reasons for this, of course." The list of reasons, she says, begins with the types of jobs that women tend to go into.

Kelly says that participation in community college is 50/50; equal numbers of men and women are enrolling and graduating. However, "what's happening when they come out is that there's a huge wage discrepancy between what the male graduates are earning and what the female graduates are earning, because what seems to be happening is that a lot of the females are coming out and going to work as nurse's aids, orderlies, early childhood assistants, and practical nurses.

"The males are coming out and going to work as welders, automotive technicians, on it goes. The kinds of occupations that women traditionally go into are not as valued by our society as those that men go into. They pay less, and subsequently women earn less," Kelly explains.

She continues to voice the opinion that our society needs to reevaluate its values regarding women's work.

Kelly says the issue is that women's work is not valued as highly as it should be.

"We have a lot of work to do to get women into the higher paying jobs like engineering jobs. Even when you get into those jobs, however, there are still discrepancies," she explains.

All of this is true in spite of the fact that women have closed the education gap; one half of all Canadian women aged 25 to 44 possess a post secondary degree, while only 40 per cent of men can say the same thing. What this leads to, then, is that the disparity found in earnings can only be

Hockey Reds back on top

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

The UNB men's hockey team made it five straight wins after defeating their bitter rivals in two thrilling games on the weekend. The Reds will go into the holiday break tied for top spot in the AUS standings.

It was an electric atmosphere at the Aitken Centre Friday night as the top seated Université de Moncton came to town. It was a near sell out as UNB was making their video for the CIS bid, which they presented on Tuesday. As soon as the puck dropped, it was fast-paced, hard-hitting action. UNB put on great offensive pressure from the get go and was rewarded ten minutes in. Jim Cuddihy fired a shot from the top of the circle over the left shoulder of Moncton goaltender Kevin Lachance, with Hunter Tremblay and Kevin Henderson getting the helpers. UNB did not relent in their attack and kept rushing the Moncton goal. This game plan worked perfectly as four minutes after the first goal Ryan Seymour tipped in the second off the Justin DeCosta point shot with Lachance completely screened. The Reds kept Moncton pinned in their own zone for most of the first and held them to only six shots.

UdeM came out with some early pressure in the second and Pierre-André Bureau closed the gap to one with a power play goal. The Reds were feeling the heat and needed an insurance marker. Late in the period, Tremblay got them the extra cushion off another tip-in with David Bowman notching the assist. In the third, UNB went into shut down mode as their defence stepped up turned any offensive attack from Moncton. Derek Yeomans made twenty-six saves in the 3-1 win and the Reds defeated UdeM for the second time this season.

Saturday night's game lasted two hours and forty minutes, but it was worth every second. The battle of hill lived up to its name as St. Thomas gave the visiting Reds quite the game in front of a packed house. UNB controlled most of the first with good passing and strong cycling, but could not beat STU goalie Ben Macfarlane. Both goaltenders came to play as Yeomans handily stopped two breakaways in the first alone. UNB's

Sue Johanson graces UNB, STU



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Renowned talk-show host and 'sexpert' Sue Johanson spoke at both UNB and STU last week. She covered various aspects of sexual health while engaging her audiences. A review of her UNB performance can be found on page 3.

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