

# the brunswickan

canada's oldest official student publication.



	<p><b>Election Season</b> Columnists discuss the upcoming federal election and SU byelection Opinions, page 6</p>		<p><b>Metal Q&amp;A's</b> Shai Hulud and Misery Signals chat with the Bruns Arts, page 15</p>	<p><b>Know your candidates</b> Jesse Travis talks shop while Keith Ashfield keeps busy News, page 3</p>	
--	---	--	---	---	--

## Passed Over A TOUGH THANKSGIVING COMMUTE?

Proposed overpass on Highway 8 falls through the city of Fredericton's budget

SARAH RATCHFORD  
THE BRUNSWICKAN

The proposal to build a pedestrian overpass across the Route 8 behind UNB has been denied for the time being.

An overpass needs to be built to combat safety issues. Many students use the portion of Route 8 behind UNB's Aitken Centre as a short cut between campus and Skyline Acres.

In December of 2006, UNB education student Leslie Bruce was trying to cross the stretch of highway. She was struck by a tow-truck and killed.

Since then, the idea of an overpass has circulated within the University community and the public as a whole. The City has been approached, but nothing is in the works as of yet.

Councillor Jordan Graham, who lobbied for the building of the overpass last year as the SU VP External, now says that "the City's money is spent for the net period of time."

In order for plans of an overpass to come to fruition, he says, a "partnership from all three levels of government" is necessary. "There are a lot of players that have to come to the table."

"It's hard to get all of the stakeholders to the table," says Graham. "I'd really like to see movement on it over my tenure from council."

The current SU VP External, Jon O'Kane, says that there was a fair bit of research conducted on pedestrians last year. Both members of the community and the Student Union were involved with the research, and data was collected by Jordan Graham to prove that an overpass is necessary over Route 8.

Since Graham started his term with City Council, however, no one has seen the data, says O'Kane.

"Step one in building the proposed overpass was to collect and analyze this data," says O'Kane.

Graham says that this is the "tightest year in terms of budgeting in a long time. Our largest project right now is east end development."

Fire department infrastructure is also a major priority for the City at this time.

"We're spending a lot of money

SEE PASS PAGE 2



Andrew Meade / The Brunswickan

Students planning to go home by bus this weekend may be out of luck. Acadian Coach and Bus Lines, the only public inter-city bus service in New Brunswick, could see its drivers on strike by Thursday – just before the long Thanksgiving weekend. Approximately 70 employees, including drivers and mechanics, are part of the local branch of the Amalgamated Transit Union that are seeking wage increases with Acadian. Bus driver Peter Arseneault, pictured above, is one of the affected drivers. Members of the union met with Acadian on Monday to negotiate this labour dispute that catalyzed the potential strike, but ATU President John Richardson and Acadian Operations Manager Daniel Cote did not return phone calls by the time of print.

## Details surfacing about revamped Jones House

SARAH RATCHFORD  
THE BRUNSWICKAN

UNB's Jones House, which was built as an all-male residence in 1958, is getting closer to becoming a Student Services building.

Jones has been vacant since fall of 2006.

The reason for moving the various sectors of Student Services into one collective building is to make those services more accessible to students, says Anne Forrestall, Executive Director of Student Affairs and Services.

When asked about the changes to the building and

its appearance at the moment, Forrestall says laughingly, "it's under demolition right now. You have to have a good imagination to picture final results."

One of the most pronounced architectural changes being made to the building is the addition of a full-sized elevator. The Student Health Centre will be located on the third floor, and

it is important that the Centre be accessible. Also, "people on stretchers will need the elevator to make it up to the Health Centre," says Forrestall.

"Accessibility is at the forefront of the renovations," says Forrestall, "so an elevator was first and foremost." The issue of accessibility makes up what Forrestall terms "Phase One" of

the renovations to Jones House.

"When you enter Jones House, there is a step up before the floor," says Forrestall. "This was a decorative element put in buildings before people thought about accessibility." As the step posed problems for those with special needs, the floor was leveled. A ramp will be built at

SEE JONES PAGE 3

## MTV, Rogers team up for an epic failure

DOUG ESTEY  
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Contrary to what was expected from the two major event promoters, a joint all-ages production between MTV and Rogers on UNB campus Friday was subject to failure.

The free outdoor show, put on in support of headlining Canadian rock group Mobile's upcoming album Tales from the City, brought out no more than fifty spectators to the quad in front of the Student Union Building.

Opening act The Midway State

faced the same fate, witnessing just a handful of onlookers.

Stephanie Lord, VP Student Services of the Student Union and head of managing and promotions for the MTV Leak Live show, pointed out the amount of effort that went into promoting the show.

"The publicity that MTV and Rogers spent on this campaign was ridiculous. It was myself managing a team of nine students every day from Monday to Friday.

There was a lot of free stuff being given away and we had high hopes that the word was being spread around about it."

She cited the weather as the primary reason for the dismal attendance.

"It definitely had a significant impact on the turnout. I think that otherwise our numbers would have been up there," she said on Monday.

"Between myself and the Toronto team we were pretty disappointed."

Further proof that students knew about the show lies in the sheer fact that it was held in between the middle of UNB's vibrant residence community and the Student Union Building.

If that wasn't an obvious enough

indication of the show that was to follow, sound check between the two bands lasted a large part of the afternoon. Bass kicks emanated throughout the entire campus and piercing guitar riffs filled the office of The Brunswickan in the SUB.

An advertised, completely free barbecue also took place prior to beginning of the show, but didn't seem to make much of a difference.

Megan Murray, a student living in residence, knew about the event but didn't make plans to attend.

"Who the hell is Mobile? Seriously?"

Other campus residents cited

Buckets, The Cellar, and residence charity events as alternate plans. It's evident that event promoters need to seek out support in UNB's residences in order for on-campus events to be successful.

Despite the circumstances, Mobile and The Midway State still managed to pump out solid sets, barring the former's mistakenly-named performance of Baba O'Reilly by The Who, which they announced as 'Teenage Wasteland', and the fact that the group played four covers during their hour-long set.

SEE MOBILE PAGE 13

**fredericton SPCA Texas Hold'em Charity Tournament**  
**Location College Hill Social Club - Every Tuesday - Registration 4:45pm until 6:45 pm - \$15.00 buy in - Nightly Prize Up to \$672.00.**  
**Proof of Age Required. Plus Tuesday's 35 cents Wings!**