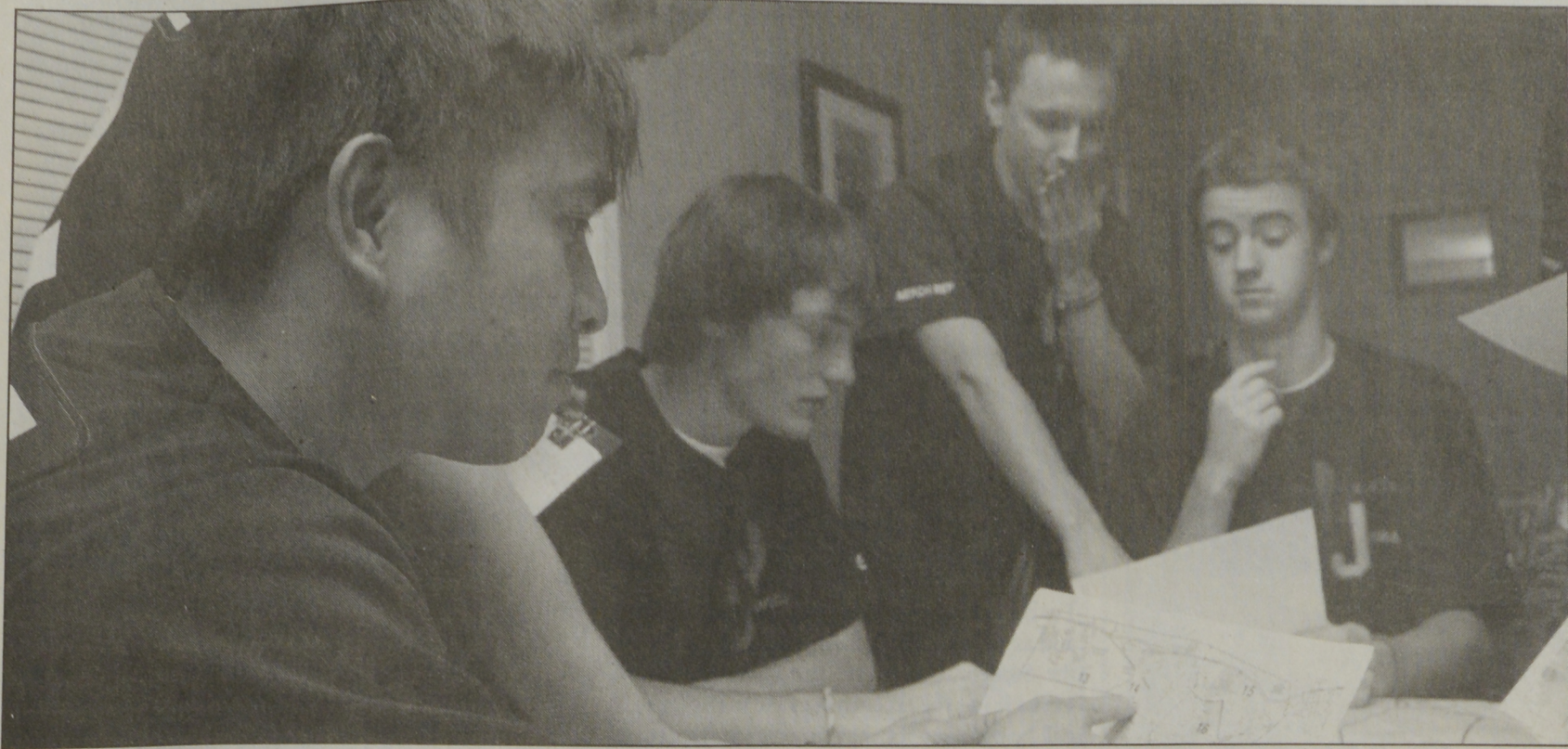


Pushing for a better community

History on ice



Members of the Neville-Jones House Committee are in preparation for Oct. 18's Bed Push, now in its fifteenth year. The Bed Push generates funds in support of ending violence against women.

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On the evening of Friday, October 24, a bunch of UNB students will be partying and hitting up the Fredericton bars. But a hundred kilometres away, in Saint John, the men of Neville/Jones House will be preparing to push a bed all the way back to Fredericton. And why do they do this? They do it to raise money for the Women in Transition House Inc. (WITH), and in an effort to spread the word that violence against women will not be tolerated.

For 16 years the Bed Push has been an integral fundraising effort for WITH, and a crucial way to raise awareness about violence against women.

"(WITH) is a shelter in Fredericton for women and children that are forced to leave abusive situations," elaborated the Don of the House, Nick Ouellette. "It is a place where they can get their life back on track."

The shelter provides both a place to stay and some education programs. There are programs that teach everything from how to

get a job and approach an interview to a person's rights in a landlord tenant situation. Because of their oppressive situations, a great deal of the women that check into the shelter don't have these necessary life skills. "It is things like these that you kind of take for granted ... and most of the money we raise goes towards these programs," Ouellette said.

But what actually is the Bed Push? "You can think of it like a marathon," Ouellette explained. "For instance, if you're running a marathon you collect pledges from your friends, family and the community ... We (Neville/Jones) collect pledges for running this marathon from Saint John to Fredericton, but the quirk of the whole thing is that we're pushing a bed instead of just running."

On the evening of October 24, the men of Neville/Jones will bus down to Saint John. They will construct a bed on wheels and start pushing it towards Fredericton. Four people push at a time and the rest follow in the bus. It's about 30 seconds to a minute per push, and the whole ordeal makes for a long night.

They will arrive in Fredericton at 10 a.m. on Saturday October 25 at the Boyce Farmer's Market in the west parking lot. "Anybody is more than welcome to come out just before ten o'clock to see us as we present our next donation to

WITH," encouraged Ouellette.

Overall, the actual bed push takes about 10 hours. However, the preparation and fundraising that takes place beforehand is even more of an extraordinary effort.

Since 1993 the Bed Push has generated over 190,000 dollars for WITH. This year Neville/Jones is looking to push that number over the 200,000-dollar mark. Considering that they raised 31,000 dollars last year, that shouldn't be too hard to accomplish.

"Last year our goal was 20,000 and we raised 31,000," Ouellette continued. "We set our goal again a 20,000 this year, and we'll see how it goes."

The majority of money raised comes from door to door fundraising. Out of the 31,000 dollars raised last year, 26,000 of that came from door to door canvassing.

"On October 18, we'll be holding what we call the drive for five," Ouellette explained, elaborating that it is usually the biggest day for fundraising. "We will have a booth at the Farmer's Market that morning, and then we will be canvassing door to door throughout the day in hopes of raising 5000." And the men from Neville/Jones don't just focus on families and the permanent residents, they also canvas across College Hill looking for donations from

students.

The Neville/Jones Bed Push is an extraordinary event, put on by 85 young men. And even though it is about raising money for WITH, it is also about so much more. As Ouellette explained, "it's not enough for us, as men, not to be violent. It's not enough for us to simply not abuse women. It's not enough for us to not go out there and say this has to stop." So Neville/Jones goes out in the community and spreads awareness about violence against women, and they raise funds to help with the problem.

"(Violence against women) is something that is tragic, and something that we wish didn't happen," Ouellette continued. "But as long as it does, we'll be there raising money for WITH. Ultimately, at the route of our cause is the hope that one day we won't have to raise that money anymore." This year the men of Neville/Jones will once again embark on their bed-pushing journey from Saint John to Fredericton, in hopes that one day things will be better.

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EDMONTON (CUP) - University of Alberta researchers have landed themselves in the centre of the debate on global warming, but instead of melting icecaps, this time their findings have revealed 740,000-year-old permafrost.

The permafrost was discovered south of Dawson City in the central Yukon and is the oldest ice ever found in North America.

Because atmospheric carbon levels and global warming are positively correlated, permafrost is an important component to global-warming models, due to the large amounts of carbon that will be released if the ice melts. The recently discovered ice has caused a stir because its age and location do not directly subscribe to these models.

"The models tend to over-predict the instability of permafrost; they tend to predict the very rapid thawing of permafrost [in the Yukon]," said Duane Froese, author of the study and assistant professor in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the U of A.

Permafrost in the Yukon is thought to be unstable because of previous "interglaciations" - abnormally high global temperatures - which occurred 120,000 and 400,000 years ago.

All ice during these periods is said to have melted. Froese's study argues for more balanced climate models because the recently found permafrost predates these predictions.

"Our research is simply putting limits on these models," he said.

Froese says this isn't to say that current global-warming models are incorrect, but that part of the challenge in creating these models was the previously missing data on permafrost age.

"If you're using a radiocarbon timescale within the last 50,000 years, it's usually not too difficult

to date. Once you get beyond the timescale, however, the dating aspect becomes quite challenging."

In the study, Froese and his team were able to date volcanic ash lying directly on top of the permafrost - a fortuity that provides valuable information to global-warming models.

"It means that the ice below the volcanic ash is older than the ash itself; this allowed us to get a relative age of the ice," he said.

According to Alberto Reyes, co-author of the study and PhD student, the findings act as a key link to the historical implications uncovered by the permafrost.

"Our study is the one missing piece of the puzzle. This is the first study that has really addressed what happened to permafrost during older interglaciations," said Reyes.

Permafrost can be distinguished both as shallow (less than two metres) and deep (greater than two metres). In the McKenzie Delta or Siberia, permafrost can span as far as one kilometre below ground level. A 2006 study published in Science posits that about half of available carbon is stored within 20 m of the surface.

Carbon to depth ratios and Froese's study are being used as ammunition by the media and skeptics of global warming.

Skeptics claim the study highlights the post-hoc nature of climate models correlating interglaciations with melting, because the discovered ice proves current models' predictions about deep and shallow permafrost wrong - a conclusion Reyes advises against.

"Global warming is incontestable. It's been interesting to be involved in a high-profile assignment like this to see media reaction and how easily things get distorted," he said.

"For one, our study only addresses the issue of deeper permafrost, not [the more temperature susceptible] shallow permafrost. And we don't yet know how regionally representative our findings are."

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Keeping up with Jones

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the side doors as well, Forrestall adds. The building's alterations are now entering "Phase Two" - the Student Health Centre.

"The Student Health Centre is a top priority," says Forrestall. "The space in Tibbits East was too small. The new space will be much larger, more spread out." The new location of the Health Centre is expected to "create efficiencies," Forrestall says excitedly. At the Health Centre's current location, each physician has his or her own office. In the new Centre, Forrestall says, they will each have two offices in order to enhance the service provided for students.

The move will also make it possible to create partnerships with other health care providers, Forrestall says.

"Currently, we have a psychiatrist come in two times per week in the evenings," she says. The timing is due to lack of space in the current location. With more space, Forrestall says, there will be room for flexibility.

The second floor of Jones House will be home to Counseling

Services, placing Counseling Services in close proximity to the Health Centre.

"Sometimes physical ailments can be attributed to stress," Forrestall points out. "Rather than pointing students down the hill in this case, they can just be pointed downstairs."

"This is all about making the University more student centred," she says.

Currently, Student Services are spread throughout four different buildings. The Alumni Memorial Building is home to the main office, the Health Centre is in Tibbits East, the Student Accessibility Centre is located in Marshall D'Avery, and the Student Employment Centre is in Neville Homestead.

D'Avery and Neville Homestead will retain their divisions of Student Services, Forrestall says. "The benefits to stay outweigh those to leave," she says.

The first floor of what used to be Jones House will be divided into two wings. The one on the right hand side will include additions to Services which pertain to UNB's international students. It will "house the offices of the

international students' advisor as well as the international relations office, which is not part of Student Services, but overlaps in looking after exchange students," Forrestall says. There will also be a lounge for international students.

The other first floor wing will include Anne Forrestall's office, Financial Aid office, and the Student Advocate.

When asked when the new home to Student Services will be completed, Forrestall responds, "the latest I've heard is May or June 2009. My hope is that we'll be ready, up and running in September '09."

It is interesting to note that C.C. Jones, after whom Jones House was named and who served as President of UNB from 1906-1940, was known as a hands-on President. He kept in touch with students who went overseas in World War I, attended many student events, and hosted a celebration for each graduating class of students at UNB.

He was known as a President who was very student oriented - letting this new incarnation serve his memory well.

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