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UNB's Jim Cuddihy (#27) fires a shot at Dalhousie goaltender Josh Disher in AUS league play last Friday. Cuddihy notched a goal and an assist in a Reds 10-2 victory over the Tigers. UdeM will play the Reds this Friday night at the Aitken Centre, before meeting rivals St. Thomas at the Lady Beaverbrook Arena this Saturday.

Still more to do, says new PSE minister

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

When Donald Arseneault was named the new minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, he says the first thing he did was call all of the student group presidents in the province.

He called universities, community colleges, and technical schools to talk to the students and find out what the issues were that concerned them.

"On my first day, I took the time to contact each of the universities' student presidents," said Arseneault. "I also got in contact with all of the community college student presidents, because my number one priority is the students."

"I'm the youngest minister here, I'm 33 years old. The messages that they're telling me, I understand," continued Arseneault. "I've been through it, I've been through it not that long ago."

"Everything to do with post-secondary education has to revolve around students. We have to put them at the forefront and include them in the process," said Arseneault.

Arseneault will be taking over for former minister Ed Doherty. Doherty is the new minister of Supply and Services.

"We have to commend minister Doherty," said Arseneault with a few kind words for the former minister.

"The issue of post-secondary education had not been talked about for a very long time, and I think it takes a lot of leadership to bring it to the forefront and have that debate," concluded Arseneault.

However, Arseneault doesn't want to be a carbon copy of the former minister. He wants to do things differently, and sees areas that can be improved. One of those areas is that of the situation regarding UNB Saint John, which was threatened for closure in Fall 2007.

"There was an independent commission that was brought forth to create a report and as we've all seen it was very controversial. It created a lot of emotions out there across New Brunswick, but the good thing about the report was that it created discussion," said Arseneault.

"Some of those recommendations didn't really seem to have the support of the community. Some of the recommendations were a little more controversial so another group was put together to look at some of those recommendations and see how some of them can be changed or adapted," he continued. "We've come a long way but there is still more to do."

Arseneault is the former minister of Natural Resources. During his time as Resource minister, Arseneault found

Impact of economy unclear, says UNB President

SARAH RATCHFORD
THE BRUNSWICKAN

An especially urgent concern arises amid the hubbub over the current economic crisis: How will it effect universities?

The unstable economic situation may pose problems for both students and staff of UNB, including issues such as scholarships and pensions. President John

McLaughlin pronounces the situation as "a real concern, and something we have to deal with."

"In a tight economic time with fiscal challenges, post-secondary education should be focused on. This is not a time to back off, it's a time to reinforce what really matters," he says.

In a recent report issued by the university, McLaughlin addresses the topic. Because the economic downturn has had an affect on the investment returns of UNB's endowment and pension funds, fewer funds are available for spending from those accounts, which

may effect future pension costs.

The report goes on to share that UNB's endowment was about \$170 million at the beginning of 2008 – the second-largest university endowment in Atlantic Canada. The fund is comprised of donations made up of "gifts to UNB, donated generously by friends, alumni, corporations and foundations over decades."

The university then invests the \$170 million, and uses earnings to fund "the creation of scholarships and bursaries, research chairs and library acquisitions," says the report.

Out of the earnings from this investment, UNB's VP of Finance and Operations Dan Murray says that \$3 million goes toward scholarships. Coupled with the other \$3 million from the University's \$160 million operating budget, the university has a budget of \$6 million per year to spend on scholarships and bursaries. When asked what effect might be had on the level of funds available, Murray responds that there are "no plans to change the operating budget at all."

As far as the endowment, however, he

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Rock with rhyme and reason

DOUG ESTEY
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Slowcoaster and four local acts, including solo artist Andy Brown, will be hitting the Student Union Building this weekend, but it won't be in support of new albums or band merchandise.

Fourth year kinesiology student Brian Beaudette is busy assembling the third annual Rock for Life concert. The entire focus of the show is to

raise money for the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which in turn sponsors community programs that assist in "turning the tides on the HIV/AIDS crisis in Africa."

Beaudette started the program in his second year at UNB after discovering Stephen Lewis and his cause.

In his freshman year, Beaudette attempted to attend a lecture that Mr. Lewis was giving on campus, but didn't manage to snag a seat due to the overwhelming turnout at the presentation.

"When I got there, it was packed. There were still people that hadn't made it in and there were like four

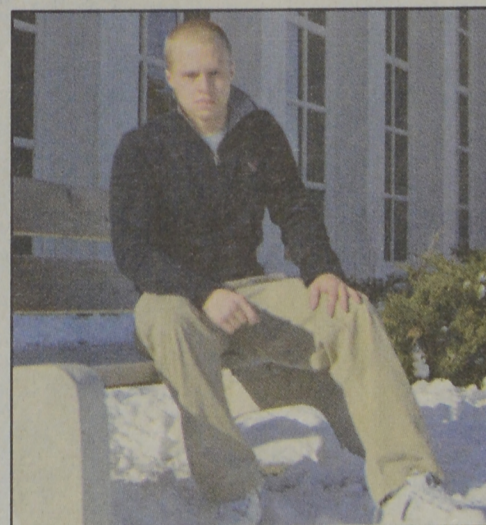
extra rooms for the overflow."

Intrigued, he set out to discover just who this man is.

"I went back to my room and looked this guy up on the internet. Turned out that this guy is a huge, influential public speaker and he was trying to raise money for the AIDS crisis in Africa. I remember sitting there thinking 'Wow, this guy is huge. What can I do for this?'"

Inspired by international fundraising efforts such as Live 8, Beaudette got to work assembling something that could run each year instead.

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Brian Beaudette is organizing Rock for Life.

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\$1.50 Liquor 9pm -11pm



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