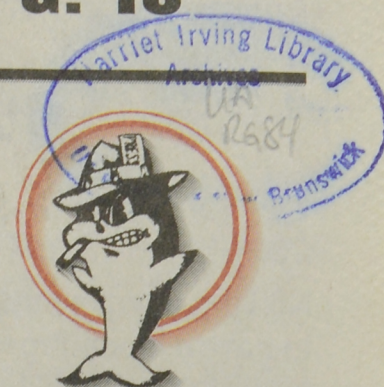
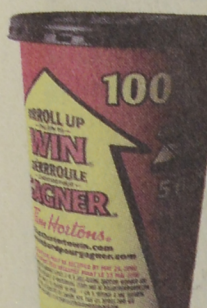




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Beautifully Herbal

Aeriol Liera offers a unique assortment of chemical-free beauty products with her line, Sanctuaerie

by Naomi Osborne

I'm sure that every Frederictonian has ventured out, at least once, to the Boyce Farmer's Market on a Saturday morning to explore the vast varieties of delicious treats, jewelry, and neat things you can't find at the malls.

And Aeriol Liera knows better than anyone how important it is to offer alternatives to everyday commercial products – in particular, beauty and skincare products. She has been a vendor at the market for the past nine years.

Her business is called Sanctuaerie Botanicals, and is a line of herbal health and body care products that are chemical and cruelty-free. Liera makes 70% of all her products and buys the rest from a chemist in Ontario.

Liera, an herbalist, creates everything from essential oils and clay salts, and offers everything from lip balm to decongestants to aromatherapy soaps. She was inspired to begin making these products soon after she moved from British Columbia to Fredericton ten years ago.

"I took for granted that I could buy chemically-free products right off the shelves in the stores in B.C. [In New Brunswick] I can't, so that motivated me to make my own products and start this business," she explained.

The best thing about her organic products, she adds, is that they don't fill your body with unwanted chemicals.

"There are chemicals from the products people use that stay in the body and build up over time," said Liera. "The body doesn't flush these toxic chemicals out, so when people reach the age of 50 or 60 they start getting strange illnesses."

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Sanctuaerie products can be found at the Boyce Farmer's Market every Saturday morning.

UNBSU 2008 ELECTION The Presidential Debate



Mike Miller / The Brunswickan

Student Union Presidential candidates squared off last Friday.

by Sarah Kellerman

"What can you do for me now?"

That sentiment seemed to be widespread among the students that filled the SUB cafeteria on Friday afternoon, as Student Union presidential candidates Bethany Vail and Artigas Cruz took centre stage in the SU Candidates Debate.

Vail, who serves as the current VP Academic, and Cruz, current Science Rep, presented their campaign platforms while responding to questions from moderator Jennifer McKenzie, The Brunswickan's Editor-in-Chief. Questions were either e-mailed to the Editor, written by The Brunswickan staff, or submitted by members of the debate

audience.

Both candidates were given the opportunity to make opening statements before the debate turned to direct questions. One candidate would be asked a question, and the other would later be given time to respond.

The candidates faced questions on how they would make UNB more fun and exciting for students; how they planned on getting students more involved with student athletics (both Varsity and otherwise) and how they planned to make UNB more energy sustainable.

Some of the major issues tackled included a discussion about what each delegate would bring to their role of president, their vision of the Student Union, methods to combat perceived student apathy, tuition costs, and the proposed bus pass.

The candidates agreed that there was no need to have the Student Union buy the SUB back from the University and also agreed that better communication with students was needed, but had different way

of achieving this. Both spoke of wanting a more energized Union - Bethany through a day to celebrate UNB and more involved councilors. Artigas planned for a more active Student Union - more involvement in charities, more face time with students, and more events, including tickets to Varsity games.

The debate was not well attended, and other than a few students close to the stage, most seemed rather ignorant of the importance of the debate. McKenzie encouraged bystanders to become engaged on more than one occasion, but aside from a small group of interested students near the stage, there was not much concern shown for the candidates.

Attendance fluctuated throughout the hour-long event, though it appeared that most spectators were there to support one of the two candidates.

Thomas Caines, a third year Arts student, said the lack of interest speaks volumes about the plight of the Student Union.

"The fact that people were there and couldn't be bothered to pay any attention is cause for great concern," commented Caines.

"Bethany and Artigas presented themselves incredibly well and were able to articulate their positions strongly. However, it could be argued that [the debate] was nothing more than a wasted effort by the candidates."

CHSR re-broadcast the debate immediately following the event on the air.

The debate was only open to presidential candidates and not candidates running for executive positions.

Voting for the Student Union positions opened on Sunday, February 24 at 12:01 am and runs until 11:59 pm Friday, February 29. Voting is done online through e-services, though the Student Union has voting booths with laptops on campus.

Questions about the election can be directed to the Chief Returning Officer at cro@unb.ca.

V-Reds take AUS Women's Volleyball Championship

UNB will be more than just a host school when they kick off the CIS Championships at the Aitken Centre

by Mitchell Bernard

The sound of screeching sneakers will fill the Lady Beaverbrook Gym and the Aitken Centre this week as the UNB Women's volleyball squad prepares to host the upcoming CIS Women's Volleyball Championships.

This will be the first time in 20 years that a team from the Atlantic Canada will host the national finals.

In addition to hosting, UNB is fresh off their AUS championship this past weekend. The Reds defeat Saint Mary's 3-2 in a thrilling final Sunday afternoon, marking UNB's 18th Atlantic conference title – the most of any team in the conference.

"They are real excited," said Coach John Richard. "We found out a few years ago that we would be hosting the championship, so everyone is well prepared. The girls are pretty excited to be playing in the championship."

Richard was pleased with his team's play on the weekend, and he feels his team is adequately prepared for the next task.

"It was real important to get banner. Obviously, we wanted to win our way into CIS championships. We have talked all year about it so it was good to win our way into the championship. We will continue to build from there," said Richard.

The Varsity Reds will have a busy week in preparation for the tournament. A full list of events is scheduled from Wednesday through to the conclusion of the tournament on Saturday evening. Coach Richard knows his team will have to stay focused on their play and continue to play strong.

"Times are tough right now. We didn't get back until late Sunday night; we will obviously be taking [Monday] off. We play our first game on Thursday. It will be difficult to prepare with all the distractions and with the banquet during the week," said Richard.

Eight teams from across the country will compete in this year's national finals. Rankings for the tournament are as follows: (1) University of Alberta, (2) Université de Montréal, (3) University of Calgary, (4) University of British Columbia, (5) Université de Sherbrooke, (6) McMaster University, (7) University of New Brunswick, and (8) Saint Mary's University.

UNB's win over Saint Mary's helped the Reds boost their rankings for the tournament, but rankings have little significance in a single-elimination tournament.

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Thursday 28th
Renovation Clearance -
Win cool signs
Jager Bomb
Jager Bomb
Jager Bomb
& lots of Jager Swag to be had

Social club

Friday 29th
Buckets
& Trivia