

Parking dilemma



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Lack of parking spaces on campus raises concern among students.

Students are finally fed up with the lack of parking space at UNB.

by Naomi Osborne

Limited parking space at UNB has been an ongoing issue for a while now. In addition, the recent construction that has consumed the parking lot behind MacLaggan Hall has caused controversy among students on campus.

Most UNB students who have vehicles and drive to school everyday are burdened with the task of taking an extra ten minutes driving around campus just trying to find a parking spot. Now, with the construction behind MacLaggan, parking spaces have become severely limited.

For fourth-year business student, Jordan Condren, who has been driving to campus ever since his first year at UNB, says he is fed up with the lack of parking space provided for students.

"Actually, I am pissed off. I don't park behind MacLaggan Hall but every day I do drive up Windsor Street and it's definitely a huge mess," said Condren.

Most students feel the university should invest some extra money into improving the parking availability

on campus. There are a lot of students who live off campus and travel to class in vehicles everyday. They should be accommodated.

"I know it's costly, but I really think UNB should consider building parking garages," said Condren, "An ideal location would be the SUB parking lot."

Physical Plant directed The Brunswickian inquiries to the Dean of Nursing who was unavailable for comment as of press time.

Right now the only ones who are providing alternate suggestions are the students.

"To me it makes sense, and I would actually be willing to pay more for a parking pass if I knew that I would be guaranteed a parking spot and not have to waste 10 minutes driving around campus to find one. And also that my car would actually be sheltered somewhat from the elements," said Condren.

UNB students are not provided with bus passes like STU students are, so using public transportation to get to campus is often not as convenient.

Condren feels that the parking is bad enough in the fall and the rest of the year, but when the snow hits, it really limits the parking areas.

"In the winter, the snow plows make the parking lot much narrower," said Condren. "I am often forced to park somewhat illegally by those 'tow-away' signs, or in some other random self-appointed parking space."

What is love? Baby don't hurt me, no more

An introspection,
by Ed Bowes

When my editor came to me last week and asked me to do a Valentine's Day story on love, I was a little surprised.

I thought to myself, "Wow... love... what an awful, broad topic. What on earth can I say about love? I don't know anything about love. I'm just a young pup."

After much reflection and a few drinks, I decided that I would go around town asking random strangers, "What is love?"

Naturally, the first person I turned to was the guy who comes and takes our empty bottles off the back porch every week.

"Sir," I said, "I was wondering if you could tell me what love is?"

"Love," he said, "Love is the shed full of empties I got sitting in the backyard waitin' to be cashed in."

Wow, absolutely ridiculous.

One slightly bitter interviewee was a girl who was currently in the midst of a breakup – her answer was simply, "A pain in the ass."

Love is a pain in the ass? That can't be right! I thought love was special.

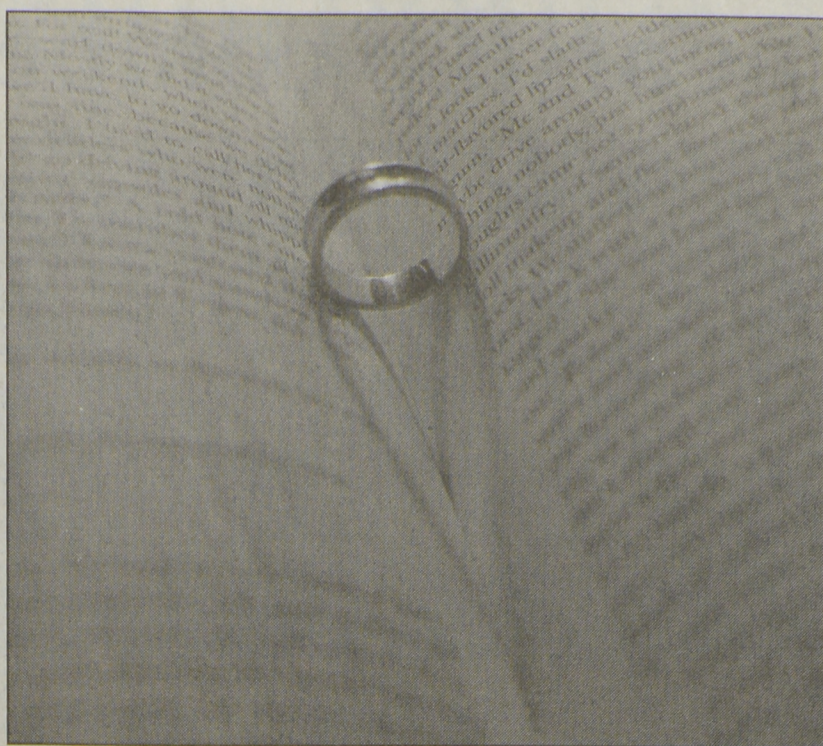
Next to talk was a Leafs fan sporting the blue and white at the liquor store.

"Love is the fact that my Leafs lost to the Florida Panthers 8-0 last week and I still wear their jersey – proudly."

Ouch!

It didn't take long to realize that it was time to turn to a professional for help with my questions about the enigma that is "love." What better than to turn to a psychologist?

Love is actually a subject that has been heavily debated in the world of psychology. Many psychologists have tried to come to a collective understanding about the nature of love but have not been able to reach an agreement. I had the opportunity to speak with UNB Professor Sandra Byers, Chairperson of the Psychology



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Love takes many forms and reporter Ed Bowes tries to figure out what love is.

department and professor of human sexuality.

When it comes to the topic of love, Byers connects her understanding with the Sternberg Triangular love theory, which breaks love down into three major components.

According to Byers, "The first component is the intimacy or emotional aspect of love."

This involves sharing yourself with someone, trusting, and knowing the person you are with, and making sure they know and trust you back.

The second component, and prob-

This is the cognitive component of a love relationship, when you commit to be in a long-term relationship – aka Facebook official.

"A good relationship should have all three aforementioned components in order to be successful," said Byers. "Commitment without passion or intimacy will not spell a great relationship... Just think about a situation where two parents barely even speak to each other. Although the passion is gone, the two stand by their commitment and stay together. By the same token, a relationship based solely on

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ably the favorite according to university students, is the passion aspect of being in love.

"This is the feeling of sexual attraction, or the spark between you and someone else," said Byers. This is the immediate infatuation felt for someone.

The third and final component of Sternberg's theory is the decision or commitment aspect of a relationship.

sexual attraction will not be a successful relationship in the long term."

Byers also went on to break down the first and second wave of love.

"In the beginning, it's passionate love. We can't think of anyone else and want to spend every waking moment with them. Everything they do is amazing." This "honeymoon" period lasts 18 months on average.

"Now this all consuming love turns

into companionate love, which is based on really knowing the other person," said Byers. "This is a much deeper and enduring form of love, but still highly passionate. We overlook the differences, and realize that the other person is not perfect, but continues to love them anyway."

In today's society, we learn a lot about the world through the various outlets of popular media. Love is no exception. Television, music, and film have really become the new mom and dad; they teach us about dating, the birds and the bees (sex), and most importantly, true love. Just think for a moment all that you have learned about the nature of love from Britney and her escapades over the last few years.

You want to see true love? Just turn on The Simpsons. Marge and Homer: now that is undying, head over heels, love. Remember that time Homer got super stoned off those crazy Mexican peppers at the big chili cook-off? He tripped hard for hours and eventually discovered that Marge was his soul mate. Very romantic.

If Homer can do it, anyone can. My advice is to keep searching for that somebody – you're bound to find them eventually. Try the tannery, because there's some real gems hanging out down there. If the bar's not your thing, a couple hours of Facebook creeping should get you going in the right direction.

I will leave you all with a little bit of Valentine's Day inspiration from everyone's favorite news team, the guys over at Channel Four.

Brian Fantana: "I think I was in love once."

Ron Burgundy: "Really? What was her name?"

Brian Fantana: "I don't remember."

Ron Burgundy: "That's... not a good start, but keep going."

Brian Fantana: "She was Brazilian... or Chinese, or something weird. I met her in the bathroom at a K-Mart and we made out for hours. Then we parted ways never to see each other again."

Ron Burgundy: "I'm pretty sure that's not love."

Brian Fantana: "Damn it."

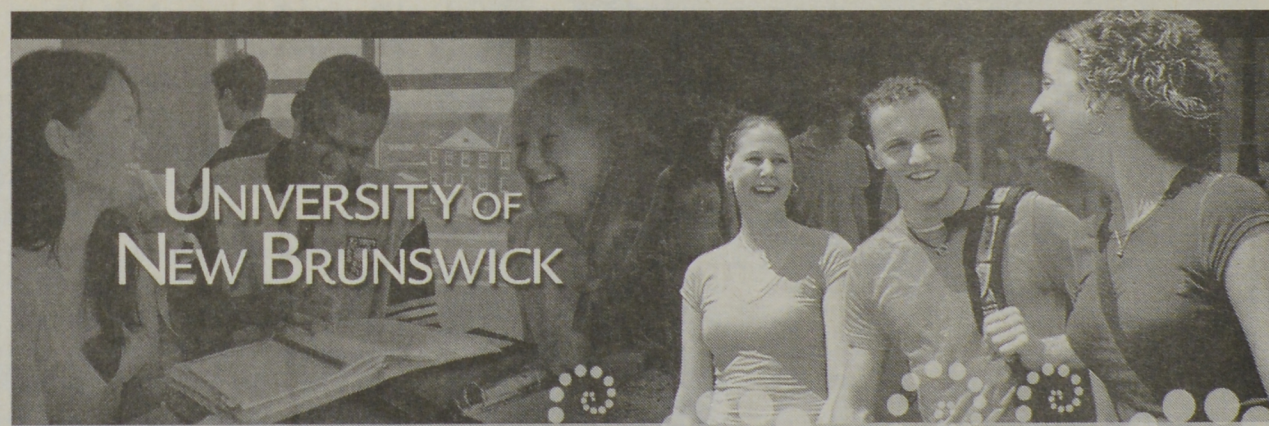
Brick: "I love... carpet."

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