

March 12th, 2009
Symbiose

Students send anti-uranium message by courier

Students at the Université de Moncton gathered to listen to some live music and send a message to Shawn Graham regarding the proposed uranium mine in south-eastern New Brunswick. This event was the second of its kind this week, organised by UdeM's environment and social justice group Symbiose.

Patrick Thibeault, current member of Symbiose, informed the packed student pub that the group had bought a box at Canada Post and had placed two yellow "no uranium mine" t-shirts within it. One t-shirt, Thibeault said, was for Shawn Graham himself and the other was for the former's father, Alan R. Graham, who is a member of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission.

"We shouldn't have to fight this hard to maintain our health and the health of our environment," Thibeault said to the crowd, reading a letter which will be included in the package. Addressing the prime minister and his father, he said "We urge you to take a hint and declare a permanent moratorium on uranium mining in New Brunswick. We will not back down. You will lose this fight."

A May manifestation in Fredericton is being organised which will bring students and all concerned citizens to the gates of the Legislative Assembly to further drive the plea to permanently stop uranium mining. "If our demands aren't met by then," Thibeault said, "we will not be asking for a permanent moratorium, but ordering it. We live in a democracy. We make the rules."

The group also circulated a poster which briefly informed participants of the horrible effects uranium mines have on the environment and the people who live within it. The poster also included a list of contact names and their information so that people could send personal messages to those responsible for our governance. Amongst these persons were Shawn Graham, Wally Stiles, Roland Haché, and David Alward.