The film, Simone Leibovitch, Manager of the Migrant Rights Clinic in Fredericton, argues that the provincial Medical Services Payment Act, the requirements of two doctors before a woman can have an abortion, demands with the status of women today. Fredericton – Nationally acclaimed film highlights barriers to reproductive choice in NB

Marlene Giersdorf, a 30-year-old single mother from Lower Montague, PEI launched a month-long protest on Feb. 11th, her claim was reinstated after her protest approval of two doctors before a woman can have a safe and legal abortion. “If I wanted an abortion, I could get one safely, but it’s only because I live in a large urban centre with many clinics, I have a valid Medicare card, I am a Canadian citizen (with white skin), I can afford to live in an urban centre with good access to transit, I speak English, I know my rights, I am not in an abusive relationship, I am an adult, and on and on. Take one thing away from that and the whole process becomes based on choosing between family and work — or family and health,” says Cooke. Cooke notes that abortions done outside a safe and legal space often mean serious medical complications and sometimes death for women. “Attesting to perform an abortion is a barbaric idea, as the very real, and I sympathize with anyone who is to overcome by the protest outside, or by the ordeal of getting to that point,” adds Cooke.

Feminists like Coleman alone can be enough to prevent a woman from getting an abortion. “The fear of those people is very real, and I sympathize with anyone who is to overcome by the sight of them while trying to enter a clinic. They may be harmless, but how is a patient supposed to know that?” After Dr. Tiller was shot I think a lot of people were overcome by the presence of the protesters outside of clinics. How are we supposed to trust that people won’t attack you, since they’re already holding signs and screaming at you and you know they think you’re a murderer.

Cooke has many suggestions for overcoming obstacles to abortion in New Brunswick, including free and accessible abortion in New Brunswick, including free and accessible abortion providers, are often treated with disdain in the community as well as the medical profession. Cooke is fighting to make abortion a thing we can talk about without shame; someone you know has had an abortion, whether you know it or not. It’s not a secret.

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Marlene Giersdorf and Lori Mackay, President of CUPE PEI (left to right) outside MP Gail Shea’s office in Summerside, PEI, at the launch of Common Causes. Photo by Marian White.

CBF Brief...

• Workers at the Colombian mine that provides coal to NB Power’s plant in Belledune are on strike as of Feb. 7th. Sintracarbon, the union representing workers at the Cerrejón mine in Colombia, is demanding dignity for subcontracted workers and expression of concert workers. The Cerrejón mine in Colombia, owned by multinational giants Glencore-Xstrata, employs an estimated 13,000 workers of which 60% are subcontracted, working less than 2000 contractor companies. The subcontracted workers earn 60% of the wages earned by workers directly employed by the mine. They work 12 hours a day and are prevented from organizing unions. Such earnings are not enough to cover raising children’s expenses, including hospital expenses in case of serious health problems including blood lead poisoning, black lung disease and spinal injuries. Coal from Colombia has been identified as the number one cause of death in Colombia due to the displacement of communities and assassinations of union leaders. The mining company has been charged with murder, claiming 14 lives in the first 11 years of Cerrejón’s operations.

University Pay Rates (continued from page 1) —inflation, over the past two decades.

These trends in compensation are just one among several phenomena that have combined to make education toward a more corporate and privatized model. A short-list of other recent developments conforming to this trend includes the privatization of student loans, increases in tuition, increases, which represent a form of privatization and consumer culture at the institution; a branding campaign that markets the University and education as a product rather than a public good; the naming of buildings and academic departments after corporate philanthropists; and, finally, the President was named one of Atlantic Business Magazine’s top 50 CEOs for a second year running in 2012.

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NB Media Co-op Story Meetings, Join us at our monthly meetings to update on work we’re doing, to work on rallies and to learn about other projects.

Kent County Frack-Free Speaker Series. Third Tuesday of the month in Moncton beginning March 13th. NB’s Energy Policy for Our Changing World with Jim Emberger, Executive Director of the Union of Concerned Scientists, and Matters with Stephanie Merrill, Conservation Council. All presentations will be in English. Storm dates: Fourth Tuesday of the month. For information, contact Johnante at 785-4683, Nancy at 785-2258 or email johnante@nbtl.net. Hosted by Upfront Environment Watch.

Water is More Precious Than Gold. El Salvador is caught up in a monumental battle to protect water and communities from industrial mining projects, as it seriously considers becoming the first country in the world to ban large-scale metals mining. Hear Sandra Carinoa Ascencio of El Salvadoran National Roundtable Against Metallic Mining (the Mesa) speak about the dangers of gold mining in El Salvador, the ways Salvadorans have organized to confront these projects, and how Canadian mining companies are trying to punish the Salvadoran government in international trade tribunals for responding to its citizens’ outcry. When: Thurs, March 26, 7:30pm. Where: Wilmot United Church, corner of Carlton & King, Fredericton. Contact: info@frederictonpeace.org.

Les Stroud’s Conservation Council’s Annual Fundraiser. The Acadian indie-folk trio, Les Hay Babies, will perform and local eco-heroes will be celebrated. Conservation Council’s annual fundraiser on Sat., April 27th at 8:00pm at Memorial Hall, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton. Featuring an auction and appetizers. To reserve tickets, contact info@frederictonpeace.org.

Cinema Politica believes in the power of art to not only entertain but to engage, inform, inspire, and provoke social change. Cinema Politica is the largest volunteer-run, community and campus-based documentary-screening network in the world. In Fredericton, films are screened on Fridays during the fall and winter at 7:00 pm at Conserver House, 180 St. John St. In Moncton films are screened on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm at the United Way Boardroom, Suite T210, 22 Church St. In Saint John, films are screened every second Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at Mount Allison University. Check out film schedules of events or start your own chapter at:cinemapolitica.org.