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Weekend Weather

On Friday, the day will start off with showers, followed with sunny conditions finishing off with scattered flurries. Expect a nice day on Saturday, with temperatures ranging from -2 to 4. Sunday will be cloudy and +3.

Brunsbits

Top Ten comments Allan and Aime make on their way to the SMT bus station with the Bruns flats:

- 10) "You can tape the box along the way! Run!"
- 9) "C'mon car, please start, c'mon."
- 8) "Aime, that door doesn't open anymore. You'll have to crawl through the back."
- 7) "We are not going to make this bus. We are definitely not going to make this bus."
- 6) "Allan! That light's changed orange! Allan!!"
- 5) "Run the light! There's nobody coming!"
- 4) "Do you think that taxi driver minded when I cut him off?"
- 3) "Hey, Gran'pa! The light is GREEN!"
- 2) "Would the bus driver run over the car if I parked right in front of it?"
- 1) "Excuse me Mr. Bus Driver, but we have another small parcel. Do you mind waiting?"

Could mean a \$25 increase in student fees

Referendum on SUB expansion possible

by Gordon Loane

A referendum on expanding the Student Union Building will be held in conjunction with Student Elections this spring if a survey currently being conducted shows positive results says Eric Burchill, President of the UNB Student Union.

"The survey is being distributed to about one thousand students at UNB and Saint Thomas and we should have the results in a few weeks" says Burchill.

The survey seeks student opinion and asks each respondent to rate the current facilities in the SUB.

Each student is asked to react to suggested new services like child care, a post office, bank, laundry, and desk top publishing facilities. An expanded SUB might centralize student services and add new space for Counselling and Health Services, Campus Ministry, Manpower and Placement Services, the International Student Advisor and the Dean of Students office.

New food facilities could be added, such as a coffee shop, Deli, natural foods, larger cafeteria or a small grocery store. A Leisure Activities Centre might be added, as well as a pharmacy, gift shop and school supplies center. The UNB Bookstore might be relocated, and new theaters and meeting rooms added. "It's all up to students," Burchill says, but he admits SUB expansion will not be cheap.

The survey asks respondents to react to a twenty-five dollar increase in student fees to help pay for the new SUB.

"The twenty-five dollar fee is still very tentative," Burchill says, "and may go up or down depending on what's finally decided." He explains that the fee would be used to pay for the student portion of a mortgage that will be required before construction can proceed.

"I hope that students will pay about fifty percent of the construction costs while the remainder comes from administration, government or Alumni sources," Burchill said.

Burchill comments that UNB administration officials have been very supportive to this point, but that there has been no financial commitment. He admits student leaders are encouraged to see that UNB officials are placing an expanded SUB on a priority list for future funding from the Maritime Province's Higher Education Commission.

The UNB Student Council has set up a SUB expansion fund and to date just over sixty-seven

thousand dollars has been contributed. Just over thirty-three thousand dollars, or about five dollars a student, has been allocated from last years Student union budget surplus Burchill says.

A further 33 thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, or about five dollars a student, has been allocated from this year's Student Union Budget. Only a small amount of this money has been spent to date drawing up preliminary survey plans, but if the survey results are positive the money will eventually be used for architectural plans and construction, Burchill says.

Burchill also explains that an 11 person advisory committee has been set up to oversee a possible SUB expansion. Three students from the Student Union Building Board of Directors,

including Burchill, have been appointed to represent UNB undergraduate students. Laura MacLean represents Saint Thomas students. The UNB Graduate Students Association and CAMPUS will be asked to name representatives shortly.

Professor Richard Myers is representing the Saint Thomas University administration, while SUB Director Kim Norris, Dean of Students Tom Austin, and Associate Vice President, Eric Garland represent the UNB administration. UNB student Kevin Ferguson has been appointed SUB expansion Co-ordinator and will be paid a Student Union honoraria, but Burchill says that amount has not yet been decided.

Asked whether the Saint Thomas Student Union is committed to the project

Burchill says they are "so far". Burchill points out that it appears as though the new building currently under construction at Saint Thomas will not include room for student offices.

As a result, Burchill says, an expanded SUB is a realistic option for Saint Thomas, but that for STU, the construction of a separate SUB is a long range Student Union priority. Burchill says that "they're working with us at the moment and that's what counts."

Commitments from the UNB part-time and mature students (CAMPUS) and UNB Graduate Students are still not ensured. Burchill admits both groups have still not been brought into SUB expansion talks but he expects that to happen shortly.

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The UNB Student Union is conducting a survey to determine student attitudes toward the possibility of an expanded SUB. If response to this survey is positive, a referendum could be held to approve the necessary fee increase. Kevin G. Porter photo.

Fire causes unforeseen problems

by Erin Campbell

The fire that damaged the Lady Dunn house has created more problems than its residents could have foreseen.

In the early morning of November 19 a fire broke out in the Third River Wing of the residence. Everyone was evacuated safely and transported to local hotels. The Dean of Residences, Mary Lou Stirling, reports that all but forty-five students were able to return to the house at the week's end. The remaining students most of whom lived in the Third River wing, will not be able to move back until after the Christmas

break.

Stirling says that she is "proud of the women and how they handled themselves". The professors, she adds, have also been helpful by postponing mid-terms and essays for the students. The university has also provided transportation, accommodation and dry-cleaning.

The university's insurance policy, however does not include personal belongings. The financial advisor of the comptroller department, Trevor Gonnason, says that UNB's insurance only covers the buildings and campus property. Gonnason says students should be aware of this as a pamphlet

regarding insurance coverage is handed out to residence students. The best course for students that lost personal effects in the fire is to contact their parents' insurance agencies.

Another recourse, for the students of the Lady Dunn House would be to apply for an emergency loan provided by the Student Union.

Anna MacDonald, vice-president for university affairs (internal) report that the funds have been approved for the program. The loans, however, will not be available until after Christmas as the procedures have not been finalized.