

News

Proposed SUB expansion must be downsized

by Gordon Loane

University officials have asked the UNB Student Union to significantly scale back expansion plans for the Student Union Building.

The original plan unveiled last summer called for a 9.8 million dollar expansion of the SUB, some two million of which would be used to renovate the existing building.

Now university officials want the plan to come in at about six million dollars, most all of which will go to the expansion phase.

Student Union representatives have been asked to forget about extensive renovations to the current building.

"We've been asked to reduce commercial space envisioned in the original proposal and re-think the scope of the project," said Ben Bedard, SUB Expansion Co-ordinator for the UNB Student Union.

"We've also been asked by UNB administration officials to give top priority to student space for clubs and societies, for social and cultural activities and for food services," Bedard said. "The next priority will be for student services such as health and counselling services for example. The last priority will be for commercial space," he said.

"So naturally we're thinking about the plan again. We've had a very useful and productive discussion with university officials and we expect to continue these talks for several more months," Bedard said.

The change in the overall plan

has not been finalized but it will not sidetrack plans for a student referendum in conjunction with Student Union elections next spring. Students will be asked to approve a five dollar per-year levy for expansion.

The fee will jump to between 20 and 25 dollars per-year once the building opens in a couple of years, at which time a thirty-year mortgage will be taken out. If student approval ensues construction could begin as early as next spring.

"We still have a number of priorities which we want to retain in the scaled down plan," Bedard said. "One important priority is an elevator for the office wing of the building. The second and third floors are inaccessible for those with mobility challenges," he said.

As for what new services will be provided in the building, that's still open for discussion, Bedard said.

One question mark is a banking facility. "We don't know what's going to happen yet. We still would like to see a bank in the new expansion but we're not sure. We're not even sure whether the Bank of Montreal is interested. Maybe we'll have to seek other alternatives," Bedard said.

One facility that will not be located in the future SUB is the UNB bookstore. "They're apparently staying put," Bedard confirmed.

Meantime, discussion are ongoing with other student groups in effort to firm up their commitments and possible financial involvement. "We've had the most fruitful discussions with CAMPUS, the asso-

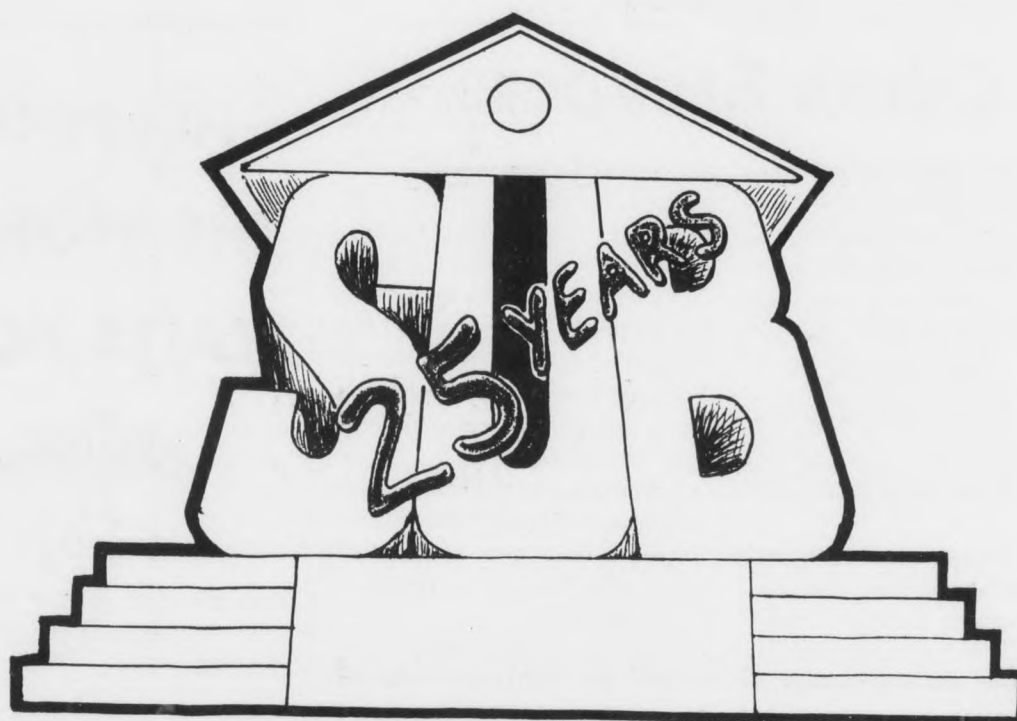
ciation representing mature and part time students. They're looking for permanent office space and a centre to organize their activities. CAMPUS are in the midst of preparing a proposal and we expect to get a financial contribution as well,"

he said. "We'll be discussing the CAMPUS proposal as soon as we can, he said.

"We've also met with the executive of the Saint Thomas Student Union and expect on going discussions have not yet begun with rep-

resentatives of the UNB Graduate Students Association.

"They've just held elections so needless to say we'd like to get discussions going very soon. Hopefully, they'll indicate something positive as well," Bedard said.



SUB 25th anniversary logo unveiled

by Denyelle Theriault

The Student Union held a contest throughout September to find a new logo design to commemorate and kick off the SUB's 25th anniversary.

The new logo will be used on the Student Union's letterhead beginning in January of 1994.

Of the more than 30 submissions, the winning logo was drawn by Tom Giberson, a first-year physical education student

The fortunate Giberson won \$500 for his design, which incorporates the word 'SUB' within the iconic representation of the front of the SUB. The 25th anniversary is indicated across the face.

Mark Gaudet, an MBA student, submitted the second prize logo and received \$250.

The third place logo was drawn by Hiep Vu, a second-year Law student. Vu won \$150 for his logo.

The SUB's upcoming 25th an-

niversary will be marked by a celebration on January 29, the day the SUB first opened in 1969.

The celebration is being coordinated by Mary Dable, a business student who graduated in 1993, who has been hired to head the SUB Campaign Committee.

To mark the occasion, a number of events will be held to honor the SUB's anniversary, including a reception in honour of the people who were instrumental in the opening of the building on campus.

UNB storm cancellation policy

Press Release

The first snow has already fallen, and the UNB campus has its snow removal equipment in readiness for the city's first big storm.

For several years, the university has had a storm leave policy in place to help the president, or his delegate during his absence, to decide when circumstances dictate a curtailment of university operations.

Local radio stations will be asked to make announcements to the public. Information about scheduled classes, laboratories or events will be announced with appropriate announcements before 7:00am, if possible.

The university's security and traffic office may also be called for information at 453-4830.

In order to meet its commitments to its students, employees and the public, the university shall remain open and in operation in all save exceptional circumstances wherein operations must be curtailed.

Where a decision is taken prior to the commencement of the normal work day, it will be conveyed

to designated university personnel for implementation.

Where a decision to curtail university operations is taken after the commencement of the normal work day, it will be communicated by the department of personnel services to deans, directors, and heads of administrative units, who are to advise their departments.

Implementation of this decision will not be discretionary. All employees will be permitted to leave at the same time.

However, this will not apply to those employees whose duties require them to perform some specific tasks prior to leaving or to those employees designated as required maintenance and operating personnel who are required to report to work or remain at work.

Where storm conditions exist, but there is no curtailment of university operations, department heads may allow individuals who are in particularly difficult circumstances to be absent for the day or, if the storm develops during the day, to leave for home early.



The winner of the 25th anniversary SUB logo contest was Tom Giberson, centre. Handing him a \$500 cheque is VP Finance Paul Estabrooks, and co-ordinator Mary Dable. Photo by Marc Landry