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Daycare's construction approved

by Gordon Loane

The Finance Committee of UNB's Board of Governors has given final approval for construction of a new Daycare Centre on campus.

The Finance Committee had been delegated the responsibility following tentative approval of the Daycare Project at the last Board of Governors meeting on February 17th.

The university has received bids for construction of the facility and expects to award the contract very soon. Construction will begin in the spring with completion set for September 1994. The Centre will be built on Montgomery Street near the MacLeod and MacGee student residences. The university plans to demolish the Muskeg Building to make way for the centre.

It is the latest in a long list of favourable announcements coming from Nancy Mathis, Chair of the College Hill Daycare Co-operative and a Doctorate degree student in Chemical Engineering.

"We've received nearly \$21,000 in grants towards construction of the Daycare Centre in the last two weeks," said Mathis, "I'm pleased to say that the AUNBT, the association representing faculty members and librarians, has granted us \$15,000," she said.

"A second association of employees, the UNBEA have donated a further \$5000," she continued.

A benefit concert recently held at the College Hill Social Club raised \$800. Beth Quarry, Secretary of the Board of the Daycare Co-op says various performers such as Denis Leger, Scott Adams, Mesa Blues, Troy Clone, Steve Cole, Colour Blue, Joel LeBlanc and Professor David Bedford should be thanked for appearing at the benefit.

Overall, just about \$42,000 has been raised from various groups to help with construction costs. Groups that have contributed include the UNB Student Union, CAMPUS representing UNB mature and part-time students, the UNB Graduate Student's Association as well as those already mentioned.

The Daycare group had hoped to raise just over \$66,000 but will fall about \$24,000 short.

"It just means we'll have to pay rent to the university until the mortgage is retired," said Mathis. "We expect other cost increases associated with the tender process, so this will be factored in as well," she said.

This week the Daycare Co-op hired its first full-time Director, with the help of a Canada Employment Project Grant. Wendy Waite-Snow will serve as Director and will be temporarily located in an office set up in a vacant three bedroom apartment at McGee House.

"The office will be quite close to

the construction site and we're very pleased to receive the university's co-operation," said Mathis. "The Employment Grant also included some \$3300 for new office equipment that will be transferred to the Centre in the fall."

Meantime, a recent budget announcement by the provincial government is not expected to

have an adverse effect on the Daycare Centre. The government recently eliminated a \$9500 annual subsidy for each facility in the province.

"We did not factor this amount into our budget calculations so we'll escape the initial negative effect," said Mathis.

But more encouraging to Mathis

is a recent government announcement which raises the annual income a daycare client can receive before their Daycare subsidy will be cut.

"This is especially good news for students and low income expenses: since many prospective clients for the Daycare facility fall into this category," she concluded.

STU to hold SUB referendum

by Gordon Loane

Both candidates running for President of the Saint Thomas Student Union agree on at least one issue.

Melanie White and Shane Donovan say STU students should vote "yes" on the SUB expansion referendum, being held in conjunction with spring elections next week. Both also predict the vote will be close.

STU students are being asked to contribute a yearly \$15 fee towards an estimated six million dollar expansion of the SUB. The fee would continue for several years until the mortgage is paid off.

The \$15 fee would be collected beginning in September 1995, one year after a \$20 student fee aimed at helping pay for the Sir James Dunn Building ends. The \$20 fee will be collected for the final time in September 1994.

Last month, in a referendum held on the UNB campus, students voted to pay a yearly \$25 fee for SUB expansion. Subject to approval by the UNB Board of Governors, the fee will be collected for the first time in September 1994.

"I happen to think that STU Students would use the SUB more if new services were provided," said White, a second-year Arts student who took over as SU President in October following the resignation of Doug Trevors.

White, seeking a second term in the job, thinks SUB expansion will provide future benefits and feels it's important to focus on that as referendum day nears.

"It sure looks like we won't be building our own SUB on the Saint Thomas Campus for the foreseeable future," White continued. "That's all the more reason to contribute to the current expansion proposal."

Despite solid reasons for supporting SUB expansion, White admits it's a hard sell at STU. "We use the SUB less than UNB Students so that's a factor," she continued.

Overall, White says if a referendum were held now it would fail.

"We intend to mount a solid publicity campaign in favour of the idea and we'll just have to wait until next Wednesday to see what happens," she concluded.

White's only challenger for SU President has some solid credentials of his own.

Shane Donovan has been Vice-President Activities of the SU for the past year. On SUB expansion, Donovan says the \$15 annual price tag will be worth it.

"In addition to providing more general services in the building, we sure would like to get more space for STU Student Activities," Donovan said. "We'd certainly like to get more space for a peer counselling service and for our student advocate. I certainly know *The Aquinian* could use more room."

But overall, Donovan admits the vote will be close.

"I don't want to predict how it will go once the publicity campaign gets going," he concluded.

Kelly Lamrock and Tanya Clark are co-chairs of the SUB referendum campaign at STU.

"While I'm advocating a 'yes' vote, I know the vote will be close," Lamrock predicted.

But the campaign promises to be a low-key affair.

"The absence of a 'No' campaign is the key to that," Lamrock said. "We'll be spending some money on posters but I don't expect the total cost will exceed \$100," he concluded.

In addition to the SUB referendum, there is a second question on the ballot. Students will be asked to approve autonomy and a sepa-

rate fee for the newspaper the *Aquinian*.

The Aquinian fee would be set at eight dollars per student next year and the autonomous paper would be run by a six member Board of Directors. The Board would be selected during general elections each spring.

Karen Strang, the current Editor-in-Chief, has already been acclaimed to one of the Board positions. Nominations were being extended until late this week for the five other seats.

Lamrock is predicting the referendum on *The Aquinian*'s future will pass.

"I think this issue has been talked out satisfactorily and if students agree, the new arrangement should be good for the newspaper, the STU SU and everyone else," he said.

Meanwhile, only one position has been acclaimed on the Saint Thomas Student Council executive at the close of nominations.

Former Harrington Representative Shaun Rouse is the new VP Administration. The three other Vice-President seats are being hotly contested.

It's a three-way race for VP external and for VP Activities. Rochelle Chisholm, Christopher

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UNB's Krista Foreman grabs a rebound during semi-final action at the CIAU's in Calgary. UNB lost to Toronto. See story page 21.
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