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Six weeks and counting...



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 Any member can see the books on three days notice.

STU can opt out of SUB fees

by Joe FitzPatrick
 Co-News Editor

The St. Thomas SUB Expansion referendum, set for this spring, will include an opt-out clause.

The question was contained in an agreement passed by both the UNB and STU Student Councils over the Summer.

The agreement, signed on July 9, indicates that the UNB Student Union will "assume all expenses and responsibility for campaign materials for the referendum."

This differs from the version given to the UNB Student Union Council. At its summer session, July 7, UNB SU President Kelly Lamrock was authorised to sign the agreement reached with St. Thomas, and \$400 was allocated to the STU "Yes" Campaign. The minutes contain no reference to an opt-out clause.

UNB students have been paying \$25

towards a SUB expansion fund since 1994, following a referendum. The fee is automatically charged to all UNB full-time undergraduate students UNB students.

The UNBSU fund, which stands at approximately \$325,000, is part of *The Venture Campaign*, and not accessible to the Student Union until after the campaign has run its course. The UNBSU also has an accumulated fund of \$66,000 which is invested by the Student Union and is reserved for SUB expansion-related expenses.

At last Thursday's STU Council meeting, councillor Linda Cogswell questioned the fairness of an opt-out clause whereby St. Thomas students, after passing the referendum, could opt-out en masse.

UNB SU President Kelly Lamrock, who attended the STU Council meeting to apprise the STU Council of the SUB

expansion project, claimed that history did not bear this out.

"Basically we [the SUB expansion steering committee] studied about twenty different places... Opt-outs don't seem to go beyond six or seven percent," he stated.

"While in theory, it would cheese us [the UNB Student Union] off as much as anyone if STU voted to pass it, got access to the new SUB, then everybody opted out. Clever as that is, history doesn't show that it happens."

UNBSU President Kelly Lamrock also told the STU Council of some developments at the SUB Expansion steering committee.

"Some of things that are being looked at now: one is expanded commercial enterprises, which would basically put more services close to the students right here on campus. There are a number of, for example, fast food places that would be very willing to look into

moving into an expanded SUB or the Cellar."

"Also, we're thinking about putting out tenders for certain other areas, maybe things like, for example the Bookstore. But also things that aren't currently available on campus that students use."

"The NB Liquor Corporation every few years sends us a little note asking us if we'd like a liquor store on campus. We're still debating whether or not that would be student friendly or not. The other issue of course is going to be office space which should be available. [Not only space for Student Unions] but councillor space, and club and society space."

No date for ground-breaking has been set, no final plans have been made. STU Vice-President Administration, Shawn Rouse, indicated that although the referendum would proceed regardless, the St. Thomas Council would very much like at least estimates of both.

35 years of radio at CHSR-FM 97.9

by Cynthia Kirkby
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CHSR celebrated its 35 year anniversary of broadcasting this Wednesday with a 5 hour party. The celebration also marked 15 years of city wide FM broadcasting.

"It went really well," said Jeff

Whipple, Station Manager. "We've been talking to Alumni, and reminiscing." Whipple estimated that CHSR (College Hill Student Radio) has 2500 alumni since its beginning as Radio UNB.

As part of the commemoration, UNB President Robin Armstrong was on hand to cut the station's birthday cake. "[The

celebration] is mainly on-air stuff," Whipple said. The station replayed programming from over the years, including material from the 3-day reunion held for the 30 year anniversary.

Before moving to the SUB and becoming CHSR in 1968, Radio UNB

broadcast from Memorial Hall under the direction of its founder, Barry Yoell. In appreciation of his contribution, the "Barry Awards" are awarded annually to deserving CHSR volunteers. In 1981, the station switched to FM, and expanded past the campus to the Fredericton and Oromocto areas.

Whipple commented that Yoell had even bigger plans for CHSR. "Barry was on the air with me this morning talking about a quote published in *The Brunswickan* when the station went on the air. [Before Radio UNB], UNB students listened to a New York station, but soon New York would listen to UNB."

This might be accomplished, since Whipple expects CHSR to be broadcast live on the Internet within the next ten years. "Anyone with a computer and a modem can dial in to the Internet. They'll be listening to us anywhere in the world." The immediate goal, however, is a power increase, "to increase the listening area."

Anyone interested in learning more about the history of the station can read about it in "Thirty Years of Campus/Community Radio," a history of the station from 1961 to 1991. Whipple noted that the history will be available on CHSR's web page within the week, at <http://www.unb.ca/web/chsr>.



UNB President Robin Armstrong with Stacey Woods, CHSR Board Chair Photo by Mike Dean

CASA bills now standing at \$10,000

by Gordon Loane
 Brunswickan News

Officials from the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA) in Ottawa are still adding up the bills this week in the wake of a financial fiasco that has many students across the country shaking their heads.

CASA National Director, Alex Usher, says \$10,000 is unaccounted for, \$7,000 of which is a result of a now postponed conference on post-secondary education that had been slated for Fredericton this March.

"We know where some of the money has

gone and we've asked Ottawa Police to investigate," said Usher, adding that the investigation may take months to complete.

Usher is quick to note that an internal audit of operations at CASA National Headquarters in Ottawa has revealed no other problems since the matter was raised.

Expenses associated with the Fredericton Conference are another matter.

Conference organizer Pat FitzPatrick, a former Vice President of the UNB Student Union and Acting National Director of CASA until two weeks ago, may be on the hook for bills he has rung up in Fredericton, according

to Usher.

"We take the legal position that FitzPatrick is responsible personally because he failed to incorporate the Conference in compliance with a CASA board motion."

Usher added that legal counsel has advised CASA "that as a result, FitzPatrick forfeited the right to negotiate contracts on our behalf." For example, FitzPatrick rented an office for conference organizers from local realtor Arnold Chippin.

"Mr. Chippin is owed money for rent and has still not been paid as of early this week," said Usher, who received a phone call on the

matter. "We told Mr. Chippin to call Pat FitzPatrick."

CASA officials claimed in earlier documents that \$700 was owed in back rent. Chippin would not discuss the amount outstanding in an interview with *The Brunswickan* last week. However, a source close to the conference organizers, who did not want to be named, said just \$200 is owing.

There is also a far larger bill for a communications package which included a logo and stationary. Hawk Communications are owed just over \$8,500 according to CASA

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