



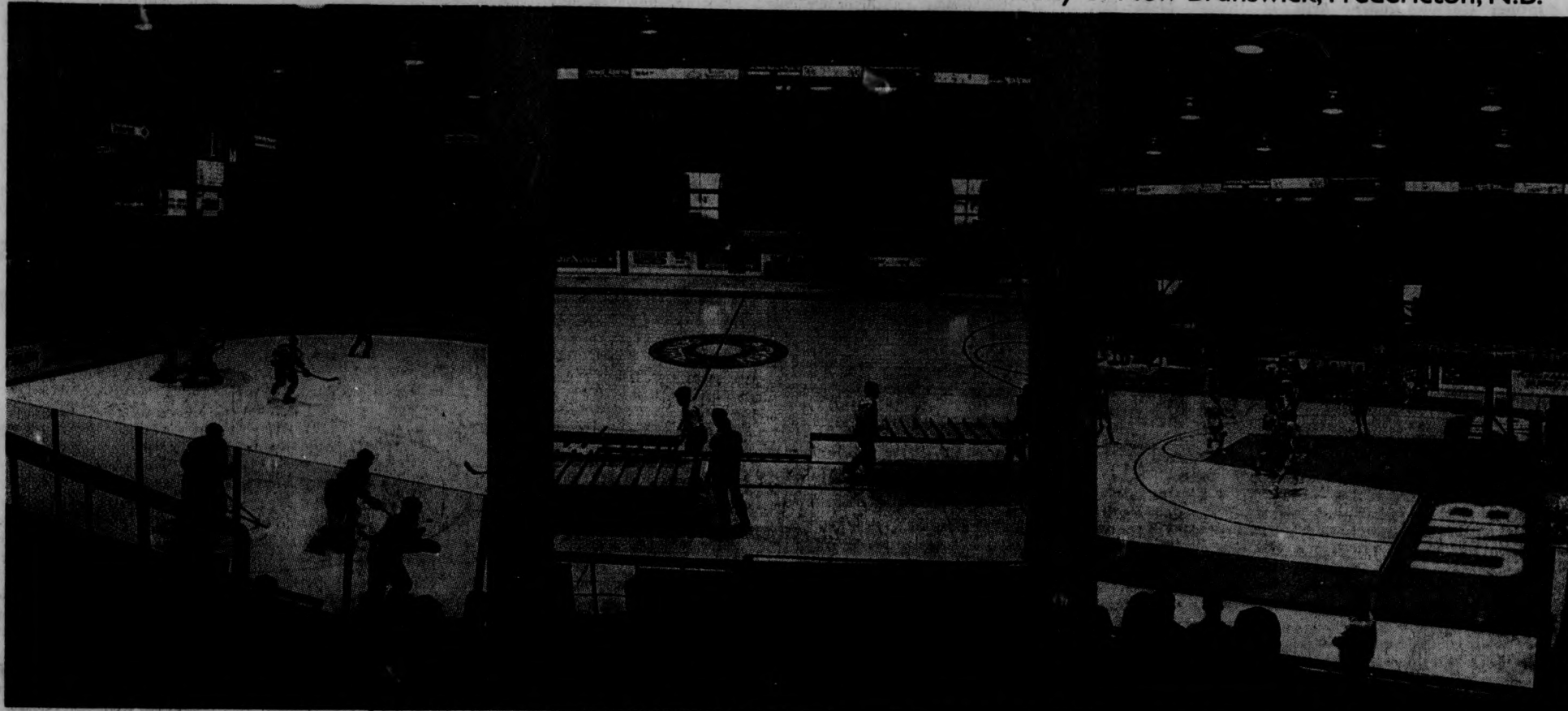
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Basketball to Hockey in under three hours. The entire floor of the Aitken Centre had to be taken up following last weekend's Final 12 Provincial High School Basketball Championships, just in time for the AUAA quarterfinal game between U de M and UNB. It took only 35 people and a bit of machinery to take up the hardwood court, exposing the icy surface underneath.

JUDSON DELONG PHOTO

Football fails: 566-444

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By a vote of 566 to 444 UNB Students have voted "No" to a proposal that would have revived a Varsity football program on campus.

Just over fifteen percent of eligible voters turned out to the polls in two days of balloting this week.

The football proposal is dead there's no question about it," said Joie Hellmeister, President of the UNB Student Union.

"It was a democratic process and by voting 'no' student have expressed their right not to put their money towards football," she said following the results of this week's vote.

Former SU President and student activist Kelly Lamrock who voted "no" on the football question, thinks students made the right decision.

"I don't take any glee in the results though, since I know there were many students who favoured the 'yes' side," he said.

Lamrock still thinks football has a chance on campus if the Alumni are willing to go out and raise money from corporate sponsors and start-up a season ticket drive.

"I have never felt a student referendum is the right way to go about things, and I think that is based on the issue of spending priorities," Lamrock commented.

"A ten-year commitment to football from students was ridiculous," he said.

Anthony Knight, President-elect of the UNB SU, was also happy with the "no" vote on football. He feels going with a football referendum question this week was premature.

"I think we should have thought this thing through and got the administration

[on side] and some reassurance from Alumni before the SU asked students to take money from their pockets and put it into a bank account not knowing exactly where it was going to go," Knight said.

"I don't think the preparations had been made," he said. "I don't think the Friends of UNB Football have really thought this through and brought

Voter turnout 15.5%, down from 23% Jeff Clark is VP Finance

AARON MACEachern

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Whoever said there was power in numbers was certainly not talking about the power to vote.

Only fifteen and a half percent (15.5%) of UNB undergraduate students voted in the election for their new student government. Last year's turnout was over 23%. The election also saw a Student Services plebiscite rating the value of the Student Union and a referendum on whether Varsity football should return to UNB.

Few positions on the council were contested. Current Student Union President, Joie Hellmeister commented on the lack of candidates. "I'm very concerned," Hellmeister said.

"We have tried our best to get information out there this year to tell everyone what the SU does, so the situation is very discouraging."

One of the most closely watched races was for the position of VP (Finance and Administration), with four candidates in the running. Current Grad Class President, Jeff Clark defeated fellow

candidate Nick Valcour by sixty-seven votes, gathering a total of three-hundred

and eleven votes compared to Valcour's two-hundred and fifty-four. Stephen McDonald gathered one-hundred and sixty five votes, while Daniel Malley trailed with one-hundred and sixty.

Anthony Knight will lead the 1997-98 SU Executive, with VP (Student Services) Kate Rogers, VP (University Affairs) Richard Williams, VP (External Affairs) Bob Prince and VP of (Finance and Administration) Jeff Clark. Knight was very pleased with the election turnout. "I am happy to have the nod of approval from students."

Knight and Clark will also represent the students on the Board of Governors next year, defeating Prince in a three-way race.

Current VP (F&A), Monique Scholten, will remain on the council as student at large. Arts representative Sarah Mullaly, Business representatives Matthew Hanrahan and David Teskey, and Computer Science representative Gilles Comeau, will sit on council for a consecutive term.

Mullaly will also sit on the UNB Senate with Matthew Hanrahan and Richard Williams.

Results for all other positions were unavailable at press time.

Scholten tables 1997-98 budget at Council UNB SU fee may decrease

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The UNB Student Union activity fee could decrease to \$3.50 to \$98.50, down from \$102, if the budget document table 4 at the last council meeting is not significantly changed.

UNB Vice-President (Finance & Administration) Monique Scholten has tabled the first draft of the 1997-97 budget for the UNB Student Union. (See Page 5 for details)

The most significant change is a policy change to carry forward the \$28,000 in accumulated surplus of the Union, rather than keeping it aside.

Large changes include the elimination of funding for the Consumer's Guide course evaluation project, and \$8,000 towards funding the

debt owed by the Cellar pub.

Three large faculty groups, the Engineering Undergraduate Society, the Computer Science Association and the Business Society faced reduced budgets from the SU, a significant shift in past budget practice.

The African Student Union also received a substantially less than last year.

Campus Media edged downward, with a reduction of nearly \$4,600 or 4% to \$109,000 from last year's \$113,750.

Student Services are down sharply, 15%, owing largely to a capital acquisition for the Resource Centre made last year, which will not be repeated.

Two conferences for SU executives were cut. According to Scholten, the primary reason was not enough benefit

for the cost. The conferences budget now stands at \$12,000, down 24% from \$15,850.

Honouraria for the SU executive, the Editorial Board of *The Brunswickan*, and CHSR will be increased for the first time in nearly a decade. Summer salaries for SU executives would also increase bringing the total compensation package for the five Executives to \$44,009.

The Editorial Board of *The Brunswickan* would receive \$12,350 in honouraria and \$5,500 in summer salaries.

The SU budget received first reading at last Council's meeting; there was no debate. The debate following second and third reading of the Budget tends to be acrimonious.

Provincial legislation pending City taxi fares set to increase

JENN BROWN

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UNB students are about to be dealt another financial blow. Taxi fares are on the rise. When the third reading is heard in legislature, which is expected to happen shortly, a bill will be passed allowing municipalities to implement a minimum fare for taxis. The fare is yet to be determined but will be discussed at city council as soon as the bill is passed.

When asked about the reason for the minimum fare, Mayor Brad Woodside said "People have to realize

that a lot of these drivers are working for considerably less than minimum wage, and they have families to feed and other financial commitments. They are wearing themselves out because the owners keep getting involved in price wars. If we come up with something that is fair and equitable for the consumers, drivers and the owners then the situation can be alleviated."

George MacDonald, owner of George's Taxi feels that the situation is fine as it is. "I set my own fares, they are OK."

"I don't think that a minimum fare can be set. There's a government law that says there has to be competition."

Currently George's taxi is the company called most frequently by students because it has a special student fare. With literally hundreds of trips being made to the campus every day by the drivers, George's Taxi will be greatly affected by the implementation of a minimum fare. "I know students don't have money and that's why my fares are as low as I can get them," says Mr. MacDonald.

Another change that is going to cost students is the installation of meters in Fredericton cabs.

"A number of city councillors have indicated that they would favor going to a meter system."

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