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Orientation '96 under budget Gym closed over chlorine leak

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It looks like the Orientation '96 committee has completely reversed the financial plight experienced by their predecessors.

While Orientation '95 ran a large deficit, Orientation '96 looks like it will run a fairly large surplus, according to UNB SU Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Monique Scholten.

"It is looking very good," Scholten told *The Brunswickan* this week. "So far they are showing a \$15,000 surplus."

Scholten emphasized there are still

some expenses which have not been paid but they are not significant. "I certainly anticipate a surplus when all the expenses are accounted for."

"They budgeted for a \$3,000 surplus this year, but it is pretty safe to say that Orientation '96 will do better than that," she said.

Scholten also pointed out that revenues from some sponsorships are still not in yet and a contribution of about \$5,000 from the UNB Dean of Students has yet to arrive.

"A significant factor in the healthy financial picture is that Moist performed at Orientation '96 for free," said Scholten.

"A booking mix up occurred with the band and they offered to change the night and they said if we agreed to change the night they would do the concert for free."

Scholten was quick to praise Sean Burnett and his Orientation '96 committee for a wonderful job. "Sean worked all summer, he got a lot of sponsorships and extra revenues and the price of the frosh packs did go up."

Scholten admits she kept a close eye on the Orientation Committee when it came to finances.

"I did watch them pretty closely and sometimes they were not too happy with me," she said.

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A worker mixing pool chemicals created chlorine fumes that forced the evacuation and subsequent closure of the Lady Beaverbrook Gym on Tuesday.

The chlorine fumes spread throughout the building until the Fredericton Fire Department arrived on the scene shortly after 9:30 am.

Firefighters equipped with breathing apparatuses removed the covered container of chlorine from the building.

UNB employee Richard O'Neill was taken to the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital after apparently breathing some fumes. He was later released, and returned to work the next day. There were no other injuries.

As a precaution, the Gym was closed for the remainder of the day on Tuesday. Normal operations began the following morning.

Fredericton Fire Platoon Chief



The Lady Beaverbrook Gym: closed due to chlorine

MARIA PAISLEY PHOTO

Lawrence Burton, the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Officer, said a chemical company was called in to help neutralize the chlorine fumes.

According to UNB Security Chief Rick Peacock, the chemical has been removed to a storage area on campus. "The chlorine waste will be disposed

of through our normal procedures," he said.

Peacock said he and UNB Campus Safety Coordinator Pat Ovenden will be meeting with the workers involved to see what needs to be corrected and to determine how the incident occurred.

SU audit forthcoming says Scholten

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Six and a half months after the UNB Student Union's 1995-96 fiscal year ended in April, a full financial audit of last year's operations has not yet been finalized and presented to Council.

UNB SU Vice-President (Finance and Administration) Monique Scholten predicts it will be at least two more weeks before the audit is ready.

Scholten told *The Brunswickan* this week that the chartered accounting firm Doane Raymond, should complete final adjustments today.

The audit would then be presented to the SU Finance Committee before arriving on Council's desks November 26.

Scholten admitted the audit has been dragging while final arrangements were being hammered out between the SU

and the UNB Administration over a long standing sponsorship agreement with Coca-Cola.

SU General Administrator Barb Kirk told Student Council on October 29 that a cheque for \$16,820 had been received from university officials to make up for money the Union discovered it was promised but had not received over two years.

A cheque for \$6,080 is expected from the UNB Administration in the Spring of 1997, marking the end of the Coke contract.

"A major hold up was trying to figure out what was going on with the Coke agreement," said Scholten, referring to the delay in presenting a completed audit.

Scholten said she is also consulting with the auditors about an internal SUB expansion fund containing some \$45,000.

"The auditors have a few technical accounting concerns about this fund which we should resolve this week," said Scholten.

Pending any last minute minor adjustments, the preliminary indication is that the SU recorded a \$13,000 surplus on its day to day operations in 1995-96, according to Scholten. The surplus has not yet been allocated to any area of 1996-97 SU Budget.

"The UNB Foundation for students has a policy of incorporating the surplus/deficit from a previous year into the current budget year, but that has not yet been done," said Scholten. "The surplus will likely be allocated to the contingency or reserve fund."

Moncton last to join NBSA

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The New Brunswick Student Alliance now represents all university students in New Brunswick after l'Université de Moncton voted to join the provincial student lobbying group on October 30.

Moncton joins UNB, UNB-SJ, St. Thomas, Mount Allison, University de Moncton (Edmonston), University de Moncton (Shippigan), and St. Andrews College.

"The Alliance has proven itself as an effective voice for post-secondary students through its lobbying campaigns," said Martine Blanchard, Vice-President of U de M's student association (Federation des Etudiant et Etudiantes du Centre Universitaire de Moncton - FEÉCUM).

NBSA President Shawn Rouse points out that the addition of U de M means that students of New Brunswick now have a unified voice when lobbying the government. Rouse contends that this will "definitely increase the credibility of the Alliance."

"When you speak for every university student in the province," he continued. "The government must listen."

According to Rouse, U de M will pay a pro-rated membership fee of \$1 per student. Membership will start in December, the middle of the fiscal year.

The total number of students represented by the NBSA now stands at 22,000 (full-time and part-time). UNB and STU are both members of the Alliance, and pay an annual membership fee of \$2 per student.

Computerized confessionals coming?

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It appears that surveillance of citizens in our high technology society may even extend to the confessional.

Canada's Privacy Commissioner Bruce Phillips has related the contents of a story that he recently read in a Toronto newspaper.

It's a story about the computerized confessional.

"It seems it is no longer necessary to seek the intercession of a living, breathing priest any longer," he said.

"You can now walk into the booth, punch up the appropriate venial or mortal sin as the case may be and pull the lever."

"The proper penitence would be

described to you on the screen," said Phillips, to the amusement of many in the audience at a lecture at Saint Thomas University.

But Phillips was not quite finished. "The matter raised an interesting question in my mind," he said.

"Who is keeping the data base and how are they going to ensure that it gets to the proper destination?"

Nurses Association of New Brunswick says

Nurses in the workplace at risk

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A position statement aimed at reducing violence against nurses in the workplace was ratified by the Board of Directors of the Nurses Association of New Brunswick.

Ruth Rogers, Nursing Practice Consultant for the NANB, says that nursing students at UNB would be exposed to the same hazards in their clinical work as nurses in the workplace.

"Violence does not just mean physical violence, but verbal and emotional abuse as well as sexual harassment," says Rogers.

Roxanne Tarjan, president of the NANB, said "As a group of professionals the Board of Directors stated its position on violence in the workplace. The rate of incidence recognizes that a problem does exist and that we must turn this situation around."

"Research shows that nurses experience high rates of verbal and emotional abuse, physical violence and sexual harassment in the course of their work from a variety of sources including patients, families of patients and co-workers," Tarjan said.

Tarjan went on to say the NANB's position is one of zero tolerance. "A safe and secure work environment is an undeniable right of every nurse and is an essential element in providing quality care. Individual nurses, employers, government and nursing organizations have a shared responsibility in promoting changes in societal attitudes regarding violence."

An accompanying position statement dealt with outlining when and under what circumstances nurses can provide

non-traditional, complementary therapies.

Lucille Auffrey, NANB executive director referring to the position statement on complementary therapies said, "public safety was the basis for looking at this issue." Auffrey outlined

the standards and guidelines that must be set down, some of which included successful completion of a formal education program in the particular area and ensuring client access to information to ensure there is informed consent.

Aquinian Editor resigns

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A week after being put on probation, *The Aquinian's* Editor-in-Chief resigned.

In a letter presented to *The Aquinian's* Board of Directors on Wednesday, former Editor-in-Chief Tracy Carr stated that she could not continue to hold her position due to staff tensions.

"In light of the recent conflict between the editorial staff and myself I feel that this would be the best choice both for the newspaper and for myself personally," she wrote.

Carr had prepared a letter of resignation for the November 6 meeting of the Board of Directors, to present if she were not impeached. When asked why she bothered to sit through the process if she intended to resign, Carr responded, "I had to prove I'm not wrong."

However, following the Board's decision to allow Carr to remain as Editor-in-Chief on a probationary basis until January when the Board would review her performance, Carr decided to wait until Wednesday's meeting to put it forward. "I wanted to give it a week to see if the situation improved," she said. "It didn't."

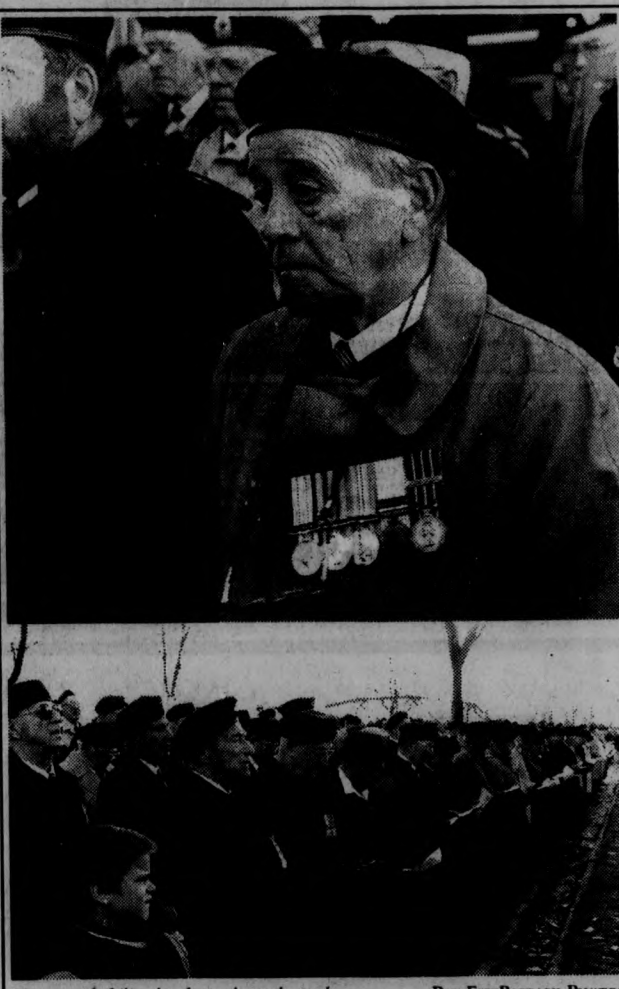
This is *The Aquinian's* third resignation in as many weeks. Alex Hachey resigned as Entertainment Editor before the Editorial Board's attempt to impeach Carr, which was reported in last week's issue of *The Brunswickan*. "My reasons for resignation have nothing to do with my co-workers," Hachey wrote in the November 6 issue of *The Aquinian*. He could not be reached for comment.

J. Scott Forward resigned last week, following the Board of Directors' decision last week. He said that he would like to help with the last issue, but is unsure of what he'll do beyond that. "I'll definitely go in and help them with the Christmas Issue and after that I think the whole Editorial Board has to sit down and make a decision about what needs to be done."

"I'll see how things go," he added. "I might appeal [my resignation] later."

Forward was the only member to follow through after telling the Board of Directors that the Editorial Board would quit if Carr were not impeached.

Adam Jarvis, who, as Managing Editor, will act as Editor-in-Chief until a replacement can be found, could not be reached for comment.



To you with failing hands we throw the torch

PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTOS



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Do you know where you're going TONIGHT?

BALLROOM BASH

Don't Forget "Lets Make A Deal" Thursday Nights

For members and guests only

