

Newsbits

by Gordon Loane

NRC Facility to be awarded soon

An announcement is expected before the end of September on which of four New Brunswick cities will become the new home of the National Research Council's (NRC) e-Commerce facility.

UNB Fredericton, UNB Saint John, and the cities of Moncton and Miramichi have all submitted bids.

The new NRC e-commerce facility will be funded as part of the federal government's \$700 million Atlantic Investment Partnership for boosting high-tech industry in Atlantic Canada.

The five year initiative, announced over two months ago, includes \$110 million for the NRC to develop new research facilities and expanding existing ones.

Grad Studies Dean says good times ahead

UNB's new Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Gwen Davies, believes climbing university enrollment, combined with projections for a large number of retirements among professors, makes this an ideal time for students to pursue their studies to the Master's or Doctoral level.

Over the next 10 years, university enrollment is projected to increase 20 percent in Canada, while 31,000 new teaching positions at Canadian universities are expected to open up because of faculty retirements and an expansion of programs, etc..

New marketing, recruitment position at UNB

UNB has taken out advertisements in provincial newspapers seeking to fill the newly created position of Director of Student Recruitment and Integrated Marketing on the Fredericton campus.

Reporting directly to UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, the new Director will lead the development of a collaborative campus marketing and student recruitment team.

A Bachelor's degree, a track record over five to 10 years in the field of marketing, customer communications and public relations, and direct experience in the area of student recruitment, are some of the requirements and assets for the position.

The application deadline has been set for September 29th.

Chair in Political Science named

Dr. Richard Sigurdson has been appointed Chair of the Political Science Department at UNB Fredericton.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Manitoba, and a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. Sigurdson taught in British Columbia before joining UNB's Political Science Department as an Associate Professor in 1999.

STU hires former Brunswickan Staffer

Peter J. Cullen, a native of Saint John, N.B., has been appointed Communications Officer at St. Thomas University.

A graduate of UNB and a former staff member and Entertainment Editor at *The Brunswickan*, Cullen worked at both the *Telegraph-Journal* and UNB Saint John, before taking up his new duties in recent weeks at STU.

Ground Water lecture next Monday

The National Ground Water Association's Henry Darcy Distinguished Lecture will be given at UNB Fredericton next Monday, September 18th, at 7:00 p.m., Head Hall, Room C11.

M. James Hendry of the University of Saskatchewan will describe how solutes, including contaminants such as pesticides, migrate through glacial deposits known as aquitards. He will also discuss the implications of this migration on our water supply.

The lecture is open to the public and admission is free.

For more information, contact Kerry MacQuarrie in the UNB Department of Civil Engineering at (506) 453-4521 or e-mail kfm@unb.ca

SU won't renovate SUB Room 26

It looks like renovations to Room 26, located next to the cafeteria in the SUB will not likely proceed after all.

UNB Student Union President, Charles Goguen, said there is not enough funding left over from the SUB expansion to proceed with plans that were to include minor renovations and the addition of a some-time games area in SUB Room 26.

Room 26 will continue to be used as both a large meeting room and for cafeteria customers during peak hours.

SUB Offices shuffled, will shuffle again later

UNB's Orientation Committee has moved into temporary offices once occupied by Beaver Foods Limited in the SUB.

Beaver has recently moved into new administrative offices in the newly expanded SUB.

Eventually, UNB's Orientation Committee will be moving into SUB Room 32, currently occupied by the St. Thomas Student newspaper *The Aquinian*.

Once renovations are completed in the former Beaver Foods Limited administrative offices, *The Aquinian* will be relocating to facilities that will include a new photo darkroom, slightly increased office space, and offices with an exclusive entrance from outdoors.

Chinese delegation visits UNB

A four-person delegation from East China Jiaotong University of Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, in the People's Republic of China, paid a visit recently to the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

Two vice-presidents, Xiaoyan Lei and Guoping Sha, led the delegation. East China Jiaotong University was founded in 1971 and specializes in Engineering, Business and Management, and Physical Education.

The East China university concluded an Agreement of Co-operation with UNB in September 1999, and the delegation was visiting UNB to explore ways in which the agreement might be implemented.

In Fredericton, they were welcomed by John McLaughlin, Vice-President (Academic), and Peter Kent, Director of International Relations for UNB's Fredericton campus. During their visit they met with Keith Radford, Associate Dean of Education; Dan Coleman, Dean of Administration; Michel Couturier, Associate Dean of Engineering; and Jane Fritz, Dean of Computer Science.

Liuchen Chang of UNB's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering acted as their host and interpreter.

Digital Earth Conference needs volunteers

Organizers are looking for volunteers to help with the organization and preparation of an up-coming international conference to be held in Fredericton.

The Canadian Institute of Geomatics Fredericton branch, is hosting the second Digital Earth Conference to be held from June 24th to the 28th, 2001. Digital Earth 2001 is expected to attract hundreds of engineers, scientists, and entrepreneurs.

Volunteers are needed not only for pre-conference organization but also during the conference. To get more details or to become involved, please contact Tatiana Froes at fores@caris.com or call (506) 462-4316.

Overall UNB enrollment stable

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UNB's Acting Registrar, David Hinton, projects no change in overall enrollment at UNB this year. He forecasts enrollment at 6,753 full-time undergraduate students.

He also predicts the first year class is about 1,200 full-time undergraduate students, the same as last year.

Hinton made his projections at the September meeting of the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate held this week.

"These are early days," said Vice-President Academic John McLaughlin. "But there are encouraging signs."

Undergraduate enrollment is not

even across Faculties, however. The number of first year students in Arts has increased "to the point it has become a challenge" to accommodate them in the mandatory first year class, Arts 1000, Hinton reported.

The upswing in Arts enrollment bucks a trend which has seen a decline in Arts enrollment at UNB. Some observers suggest neighbouring St. Thomas University's lower tuition for Arts contributed to the lowering enrollment at UNB.

Hinton singled out Stephanie Slauenwhite for praise, highlighting her "efforts directed" at on-going, directed communications with prospective students.

The numbers Hinton presented do

not include students in co-op programs or those enrolled in the Professional Engineering Program. The enrollment figures measure the number of students who have registered for 3 or more courses and have paid their fees. This is a change which brings UNB internal enrollment numbers in-line with the methods of Statistics Canada. Since UNB only charges full-time tuition to students enrolled in 4 or more classes, UNB previously would report the UNB number (which would be lower than the others), and a StatsCan number, leading to some confusion over UNB enrollment.

Graduate enrollment is not at all clear, partially because deadlines for

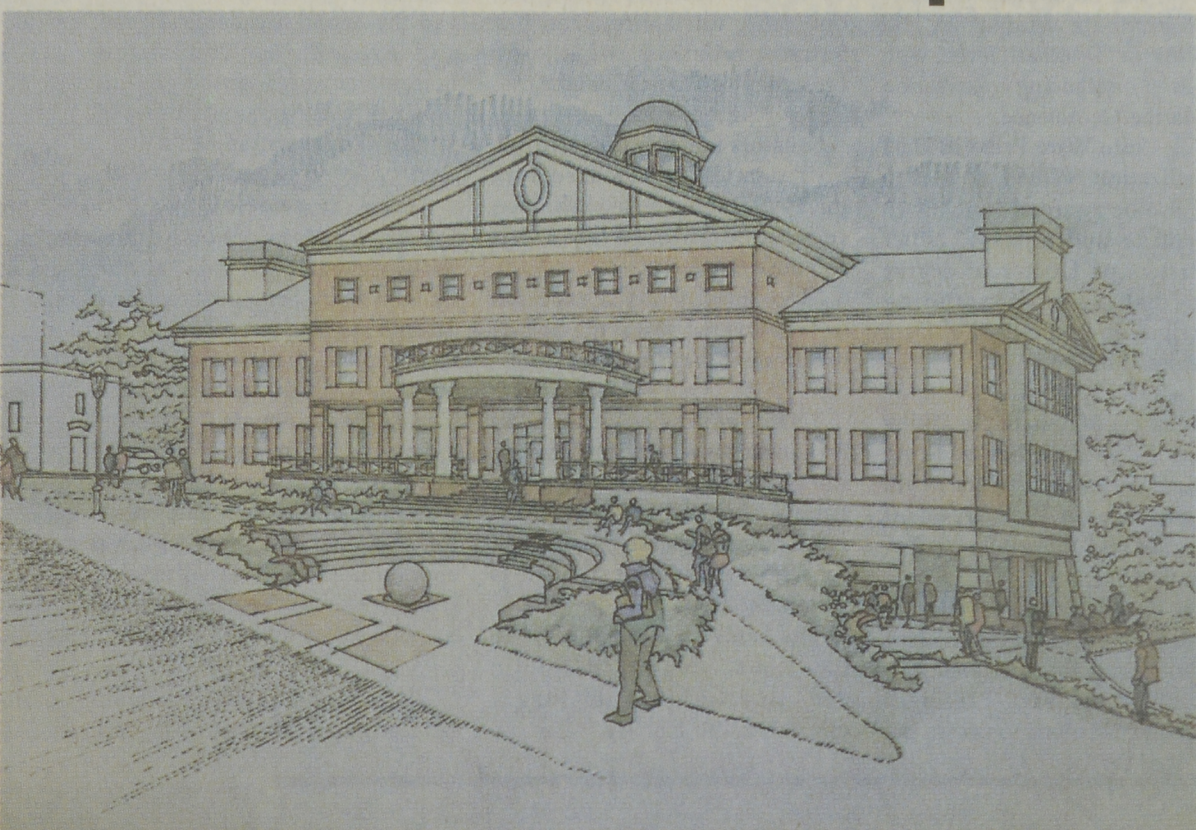
fee payment are different. Gwen Davies, Dean of Graduate Studies, told Senate there were 1,280 graduate students in August 2000, but only 325 had paid their full fees by the second week of September. She expects to have more accurate numbers for the October meeting of Senate.

Economics Professor Constantine Passaris said the enrollment numbers gave him "mixed" feelings, because UNB has made significant efforts to combat declining enrollment in the past year, but had only flat enrollment to show for it. He suggested examining UNB's efforts and finding which strategies were successful in which areas.

St. Thomas opts for 20% more classroom space

STU plans second building

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An impressive building is set to begin construction between Holy Cross House and George Martin Hall.

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Construction is expected to begin next month on a new \$6 to \$7 million Professional Studies Building at St. Thomas University.

The Building will house academic programs in Social Work, Gerontology, Criminology, Education and Journalism.

Tenders for the project are expected to be called this week with a closing date for bids set in about three weeks.

The 36,500 square foot building will be located near the outdoor hard surface basketball court between Holy Cross House and George Martin Hall on the STU campus.

To be erected on four levels, the new facility will house at least 14 new classrooms and provide office space for 25 faculty and support staff with the capacity to accommodate nine more if necessary.

Two classrooms will be multimedia

and computer equipped, while two others will seat 50 to 60 students each in a theatre format.

Two other classrooms will accommodate 60 to 70 students each, while a large lecture room on the ground floor will seat 90 students.

Seven smaller seminar or project rooms, intended to be multi-purpose in nature, will seat between 20 to 30 students each.

The large number of new classrooms will increase overall classroom space by about 20 percent at STU, which has been in need of additional space in recent years because of growth in both the student population and academic programs.

Financing for the project is expected to come from a variety of sources in both the private and public sectors.

STU currently has a fundraising campaign underway which has received a very good response from the corporate/private sector, according to Vice-President Finance and Administration, Lawrence

Durling. In addition, the university is looking for funds from all three levels of government.

The City of Fredericton has been approached for an undisclosed amount, while an application for general funding has been submitted to the provincial government. Both levels of government will be considering these requests in their upcoming budget process, Durling confirmed.

In addition, Durling said there are certain aspects of the new Professional Services Building that my qualify for some targeted federal government funding.

In the meantime, construction on the new facility will proceed from bridge financing provided by the university, together with funds obtained from the private sector.

The new building, when completed next summer, will be about 10 percent smaller in terms of total square footage than the Sir James Dunn Building on the STU campus.

Basement bar gets facelift

Food service in The Cellar Pub & Grill soon

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In an attempt to broaden the appeal and draw in student customers for lunch and after classes, UNB Student Union President, Charles Goguen, announced this week that a new kitchen should be up and running in about a month.

Located in the former Cellar, now the Cellar Pub and Grill, construction on the new kitchen should begin shortly now that an invitation for bids has been sent out to several firms in the Fredericton area with a deadline set for next Tuesday, September 19th.

Once the construction firm has been chosen, Goguen said some equipment located in a separate room adjacent to the bar area will be moved, a new wall will be erected and a new equipment room will be created off the proposed kitchen area.

Then, the kitchen equipment, some of which has already been purchased, will be installed and a new full-time Supervisor/Manager of the kitchen area will be hired.

Goguen hopes all will be in readiness by the middle of October.

The new kitchen will have a pub-style menu which will include hamburgers, French fries, fish and chips, wings, nachos, sandwiches, soups and pastas.

The food service will initially be available from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00

p.m. and, depending on business, a limited menu featuring wings, nachos, and other finger goods, will be available from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. or so, after evening classes.

The upcoming availability of food service is just the latest change that new or returning students will notice at the Cellar Pub and Grill this Fall.

During the summer months, SU Executive members and new Cellar Manager, Leah Murchison, have seen the installation of new flooring, lighting and ceiling.

New smoke eaters have also arrived and are due to be installed shortly.

The renovations are being paid for thanks to an \$83,000 loan provided by UNB which must be paid back over the next 10 years.

Depending on whether the SUB Advisory Board comes through with money to help defray the cost of new flooring and other monies arrive to pay for new ceiling tiles, Goguen does not feel students will be required to pay very much for the Cellar's renovations through fees paid to the Student Union.

"For the capital cost of renovations at the Cellar, I would not anticipate that more than a few thousand dollars will be required, if at all," he said.

Meanwhile, Goguen is taking a wait-and-see attitude over the next several months before deciding whether to proceed next summer with construction

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New tiles on the floor and in the ceiling add a bright, new look to the UNBSU-owned and operated pub.

of an outdoor patio in connection with the Cellar Pub and Grill.

The outdoor patio would be constructed on the ground level between the two office wings on the west side of the SUB.

A new door would be installed from the outdoor patio to the current Cellar location.

"We are still thinking about an outdoor patio but that's on the back burner for now until we get the kitchen up and running," he said.

"In a few months we will evaluate

the kitchen situation and the situation at the Cellar in general and then make a business decision on whether to pursue the outdoor patio idea," Goguen said.

Goguen also noted that the Cellar Pub and Grill is continuing to operate Campus Bar Services again this academic year.

Campus Bar Services caters to events in the SUB and around campus, as well as to the Pillar Pub, owned and operated by UNB Engineering students.