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Knowledge Park Grows

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The Greater Fredericton Knowledge Park is expanding with the official announcement that a 2,700 square meter second building is under construction at an estimated cost of \$4 million.

Smart Force, a major tenant in the first building at the Knowledge Park, has pre-leased the second building with the intention of doubling its current work force in Fredericton from 150 to 300.

Ken Anderson, General Manager of Smart Force in Fredericton, described the new jobs as specialized information technology and support positions related to the Internet and product development.

Starting salaries will be in excess of \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year.

The announcement that a second building in the Knowledge Park is being constructed comes less than two years after the first building opened its doors and is leading to speculation that a third may be started in the late Fall of 2000 or early in the Spring of 2001.

The long term goal for the Knowledge Park is to have six to eight buildings all geared to meet the specific needs of the Information Technology sector.

The park effort is to forge strong links with the university sector and tie academic research to real-world business growth.

To that end, UNB provided a 40-year lease for the 10 hectare site located near the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex on Upper Regent Street.

The Park has been set up thanks to \$175,000 provided by NBTel for communication infrastructure, a further \$1 million in support and services from the City of Fredericton and a \$1.7 provincial loan guarantee.

Further additional assistance has been provided by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

Chosen on account of STU's growth STU President to chair United Way Campaign

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St. Thomas University President, Daniel O'Brien, has been named Campaign Chair for the 2000 fundraising campaign of the United Way-Centraide of Central New Brunswick.

O'Brien has been President of STU since 1990.

"The United Way is delighted that Dr. O'Brien will be heading our fundraising campaign this year," said Don Doherty, United Way Board President.

"His major contributions to St. Thomas and our community as a whole over the past decade are very well known. Under his direction, STU has seen significant growth in its student population, as well as its academic programs and infrastructure over the years," he continued.

"We know Dr. O'Brien's campaign leadership this year will be a major benefit for everyone involved in the Central New Brunswick United Way," Doherty said.

Approximately one-quarter of the United Way-Centraide of Central New Brunswick funding is distributed to the following sectors: family programs (28 percent), disabled programs (27 percent), children's programs (27 percent), youth (12 percent) and senior's programs (6 percent).

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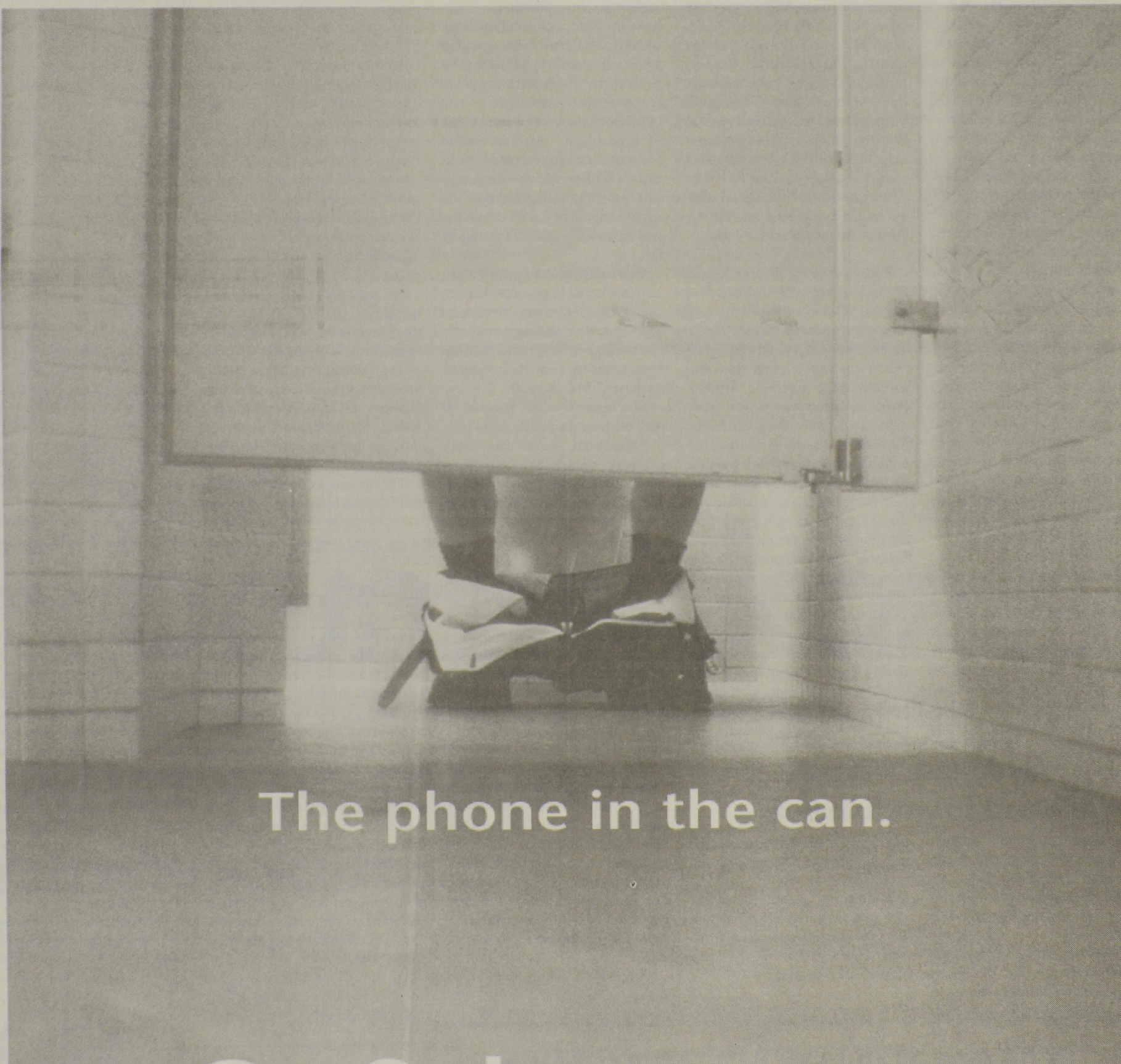
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