

Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

UNB undergraduate students interested in running for open seats on student council and the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate in the SU general election later this month are reminded that nomination forms are now available at the UNB Student Union office, room 126, of the Student Union Building.

The forms must be completed and returned to the SU office by the close of nominations set for next Tuesday, March 20th at 4:00 pm.

Five executive positions at the UNB Student Union are up for grabs including the newly created positions of full-time President and part-time Vice-President Executive.

Other Vice-Presidential positions include VP Finance and Administration, VP Student Services and VP University Affairs.

A total of 26 council seats are available including Arts (4), Business (3), Computer Science (2), Education (3), Engineering (4), Forestry and Environmental Management (2), Kinesiology (1), Law (1), Nursing (1), Science (3), and Student at Large (2).

Five seats are open on the UNB Fredericton Academic Senate including four one-year seats and one two-year seat. The UNB Student Union General Election is being held on the Fredericton Campus from Wednesday, March 28th to Friday, March 30th.

A call for nominations has been issued to UNB 2001 graduates interested in running for three valedictorian positions for graduation ceremonies A, B, and C at Spring Encaenia.

In addition, four positions on the 2002 UNB Graduating Class Executive are also open including, President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and Grad Class Project Co-ordinator.

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The elections for Valedictorian and the 2002 Grad Class Executive will take place in conjunction with the SU General Election set for March 28th to March 30th.

Kathleen Doncaster, a second year nursing student on the UNB Bathurst campus, will represent UNB in the Monique Begin Nursing Advancement Award Competition being held in Fredericton tomorrow.

The national public-speaking competition for undergraduate nursing students was launched in 1990 by the UNB Nursing Alumni.

It was named in honor of Monique Begin, who was federal Health Minister during the passing of the Canada Health Act in 1984.

Students competing this year are representing the University of Alberta, Memorial University of Newfoundland, University of Moncton and UNB.

Valerie Hagerman, Regional Telehealth co-ordinator for NB's Region 3 Hospital Corporation and a UNB nursing graduate, will deliver the Monique Begin Public Lecture tonight beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the MacLaggan Hall amphitheater. Her topic is entitled "Pursuing the Promise of an Information Age Health-Care System."

For more information contact Roxanne Tarjan at (506) 459-2831.

High-tech navigation will be the subject of the 21st Dineen Memorial Lecture at UNB Fredericton next week.

Philip Mattos of ST Micro Electronics in England will deliver the Dineen Lecture entitled "Navigation from the Astor labe to GPS and beyond."

Dr. Mattos is the company's chief engineer for GPS and navigation.

The Lecture is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, March 21st at 8:00 p.m. in Head Hall's Dineen Auditorium.

The lecture and a reception to follow are open to the public.

In addition, Dr. Mattos will present a technical lecture for students, faculty, staff and interested members of the public on Wednesday, March 21st at 2:30 p.m. in the Dineen Auditorium.

The lecture is entitled "GPS from Suitcase to Silicon: From the Chassis of the 80's to the Chip of Today."

Stephen Toope, a Law Professor at McGill University, will deliver the 9th Annual Ivan C. Rand Memorial Lecture at UNB Fredericton next Thursday, March 22nd at 5 pm in Room 2 of Ludlow Hall.

His lecture is entitled "Inside and Out: The Story of International Law and Domestic Law."

Toope teaches and conducts research on many aspects of international law and family law.

His articles have won awards from the American Society of International Law and the Canadian Tax Foundation.

Sue Johanson and Judy Rebeck will be the two Keynote speakers at the 12th Annual Nurturing Ourselves Conference being held in Fredericton next Friday and Saturday, March 23rd and 24th.

Johanson, the host of WTN's Sunday Night Sex Show, will speak about sexuality throughout the human lifespan.

Members of the public are invited to hear her talk, which is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd at 7:30 pm at the Playhouse. Tickets are available at the Playhouse.

Rebeck, an author, journalist and social activist, will speak on Saturday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m. about the relationship between personal healing and social activism.

There will also be 30 health-related workshops that day, with all sessions taking place at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. Lunch will be provided.

More information is available by contacting Carolin Galvin at (506) 450-9440.

To register for the conference contact Lana Oldford at UNB's Department of Extension and Summer Session at (506) 453-4646.

UNB Chemistry Professor Cathleen Crudden and UNB History Professor Beverly Lemire have been named the first University Research Professors.

To be eligible, faculty members must have attained the rank of Associate Professor, demonstrated a consistently high level of scholarship and produced research of international stature.

University Research Professors will have reduced teaching loads to allow more time for scholarly research and may hold the designation for up to 5 years.

The UNB South Asian Society is holding its annual night tomorrow, March 17th from 6:30 pm to 11 pm at the Student Union Building on the UNB Fredericton campus.

For more information please call Rahul at 454-8645 or Deebea at 455-3496.

SU wants student group to move out of SUB office, but has no plans for space

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The new President of UNB's AIESEC organization, Gregory Smith, is surprised that a committee of the UNB Student Council wants his group to vacate Room 31 of the SUB by August 31st.

Just 12 days into his year-long term of office, Smith was hit with the eviction recommendation when he returned from March Break earlier this week.

Smith, a third year Business student, said nobody from the SU office, located one floor above AIESEC's office in the SUB, had talked to him about the matter, and no one from the Clubs and Societies' Committee of Council, which is making the eviction recommendation, has spoken to him either.

"I guess I will have to take the initiative to talk to the SU to open a dialogue on the matter," Smith said. "I would have appreciated it if the SU had told me or tried to contact me at least, but they didn't do anything."

AIESEC, which has occupied part of an SU-controlled office in the SUB since 1985, is considered a special interest group under the Clubs and Societies' rules set by the UNB Student Council.

Since AIESEC is membership-driven and charge their own membership fees, and are not considered a directly related SU service, the Council Committee feels the group is receiving preferential treatment over some 70 other clubs and societies on campus by receiving office space in the SUB.

The SU used a similar argument in the early 1990s but failed to convince AIESEC to vacate their SU-controlled office at that time. The matter was eventually dropped until late last month when the Clubs and Societies Committee of Student Council made its recommendation.

"I want to talk to the SU to see what they consider a special interest group and why they are not giving us any more explanation right now," Smith said. "I'll see what their stance is and say where I stand on this and why we feel we should have an office."

AIESEC, which currently has a growing list of 16 to 20 members, offers UNB students the opportunity to participate in work exchanges in some 85 countries around the world.

The organization also allows its campus members to do human resources work and gain knowledge in that regard, as well as organize meetings and talk to local companies that might be interested in sponsoring a work term for a student from another country.

UNB orders tree assessment for building site

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UNB Education Professor and conservationist Gary Whiteford is encouraged by a top university official's decision to order a tree assessment on the proposed site of the National Research Council's new e-Commerce Centre on the Fredericton campus.

Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning Michael Ryan recently asked the university's Property Manager Mike Baldwin, a Forestry graduate, to conduct the study at the proposed site for the centre, to be located in a wooded area just off Dineen Drive near Ludlow Hall.

"The Assessment identified four blocks of tree types which we have categorized as A, B, C and D clumps of trees," Ryan said.

"One block runs along the path on Dineen Drive towards St. Thomas University, a second is at the bend in the path and the two others are in the centre and lower corner of the proposed site," he said.

Ryan has contacted both NRC personnel and the architect working on site planning, ADI Limited of Fredericton, as a follow up to Baldwin's assessment.

"We've asked the NRC and their architect ADI to site their building and parking lot in a way that protects those four defined areas of trees," Ryan emphasized.

"Concerns about the trees on the proposed site are a legitimate issue and I think we have recognized that it is and have tried to respond to it," he said.

For his part, Whiteford said university officials have taken into account the trees on the proposed site and called that 'good news'.

"I think consultations between university officials, the NRC and their architect is also good news and let's see what happens," Whiteford said. "The final analysis will be what it looks like after they finish the project."

He did sound one note of caution about the removal of trees for the NRC

Members can also participate in various regional conferences. For example, Smith will be attending the National Leadership Development Conference slated for Vancouver in May and the National Presidents meeting in Toronto near the end of August.

AIESEC's current office set up includes two desks and chairs, a few filing cabinets, and a computer and printer located in SUB Room 31, which the group shares with the SU's Student Resource Centre. "AIESEC Canada likes us to have an office with a phone number," Smith emphasized.

The group also holds its executive meetings on a regular basis in its office area.

For his part, UNB Student Union President, Charles Goguen, said earlier this week he can understand why the AIESEC group is alarmed about the possibility of losing its office space in the SUB. "I don't blame them, it is kind of shocking," Goguen said.

The SU President confirmed that

he has not been talking to AIESEC about the issue and could not say whether members of the Clubs and Societies committee had spoken to the group before presenting its recommendation to Council late last month.

Goguen did say the committee's recommendation is not yet final. "We'll have to take a look at the recommendation and see what Council finally decides," he said.

Goguen also wasn't sure what SU service would be located in Room 31 should AIESEC be required to leave in the next few months.

"At this point my personal feeling is that if the case was made in the past to give them an office and the situation hasn't changed much since then maybe they deserve it and maybe they will keep it," he said.

Goguen conceded the fact that the perception might be that a large group, such as the Student Union is picking on a smaller group of students such as AIESEC.

Goguen is holding out the possibility of future assistance to AIESEC should Council ultimately decide in the next few weeks to ask the group to leave the SUB.

"If the situation arises where we feel that we want that space back to use for something else, we have a responsibility to try to help them out and find somewhere else for them to go on campus," he said.

With limited space elsewhere on campus, Goguen is at this point unsure whether the group might be able to obtain an office in Tilley Hall. "That's something we may need to look into," he said.

Nonetheless, Goguen said he hopes Council will make a decision on the matter in the next few weeks and not leave the issue hanging for the summer months.

Smith said his group would like to know about the office space status soon. "Moving offices in the summer months would be difficult as many of our members are away," he said.

Fiscal year ended in April 2000, Cellar Audit released in March 2001

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Student Union Beverage Services Inc (SUBS), a company owned by the UNB Student Union that manages both the Cellar Pub and a separate bar services operation at events around campus recorded a \$2,726 surplus for the 1999-2000 fiscal year that ended April 30, 2000.

In an audit of the company's books prepared by the chartered accounting firm Grant Thornton both the Cellar and the bar services operation recorded a gross profit on sales of \$125,472 for the fiscal year; down slightly from the previous year.

But expenses to run both operations whittled the bottom line to just \$2,726, well down from the \$23,410 surplus recorded in 1998-99.

On the expenses side of the ledger entertainment expenses during 1999-2000 fell from \$5,193 in 1998-99 to just \$1,223 in 1999-2000 as the UNB student Union bore more of the entertainment bottom line in its own operating budget.

Wages and benefits for staff at the Cellar pub rose just over \$10,000 in fiscal year 1999-2000, compared to the previous year.

In addition, the audit for 1999-2000 revealed a \$10,000 grant provided by the UNB Student Union to the Cellar pub, down from a \$12,000 grant provided by the SU the previous year.

The Cellar also owed the UNB Student Union \$26,154 in payables

and other long-term accruals as of April 30, 2000.

The UNB Student Union also provided book keeping and other administrative services free-of-charge to the Cellar Pub and the bar services operation during the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

Equipment owned by the Cellar Pub carried at net book value as of April 30, 2000 of \$17,070.

The company that owns the Cellar has also been paying a capital lease for stereo equipment, which expired in November 2000.

The audit also revealed that the Cellar Pub currently has a two year lease for its premises in the basement of the Student Union Building from the UNB Administration, which

expires August 1, 2001.

Under terms of the current lease, the Cellar Pub makes monthly rent payments of the greater of \$1,000 or 8 percent of gross sales.

In fiscal 1999-2000 those rent payment totaled \$28,691, up from \$28,618 in the previous fiscal year.

The 1999-2000 Cellar audit also revealed that \$7,233 has been written off as an expense for an item called "theft-break in."

But developments in provincial court in recent weeks suggest that at least \$3,500 of that amount may be recovered since the person charged and convicted of two thefts at the Cellar Pub in March and April 1999 must pay restitution under a court order.



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CHA-CHING! Cellar turned a profit for its last fiscal year.

Center and wondered how long the four identified clumps of trees will last.

"In other words when you start thinning out a forested area you make the trees that are left much more vulnerable to the elements."

"Gradually over time those trees are going to go anyway," he maintained.

While Whiteford would have preferred to have seen the university locate the new NRC Center on campus

in another location that would not have eliminated so many trees, he is pleased that the proposed site will apparently take up less land near Ludlow Hall than had originally been planned.

However, Whiteford remains concerned about the future of the rest of the wooded area between the Student Union Building and Marshall d'Avray Hall in the core of the campus.

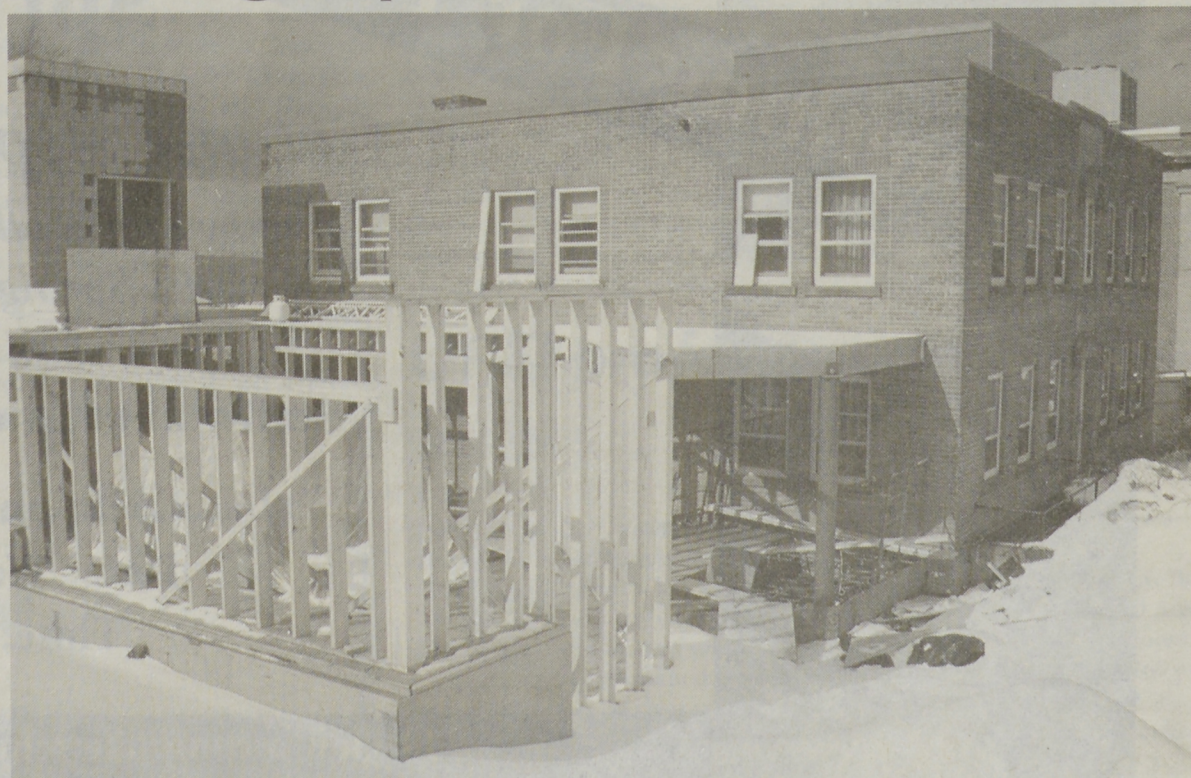
"We need to be vigilant on the rest

of that wooded area," he said.

"My hope was that there would be some plan to retain that wooded area indefinitely if at all possible without any development."

"I'm not overly optimistic on that one." "I think eventually the trees will be subject to removal because the wooded area in question is conveniently located in the core of the campus," Whiteford said.

Bio-Eng expansion behind schedule



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Bio-Eng building...a little slow going.

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Construction on a new \$1.163 million extension to the Bio-medical Engineering Building on the UNB Fredericton campus is proceeding a little slower than had been originally anticipated.

"The projected completion date of May 2001 is going to be a challenge," said Michael Ryan, UNB's Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning.

"At this point I would say we are probably looking at completion in June or July, well into the summer," he said.

Regent Construction Limited is the main contractor for the three storey, 8,000 foot extension to the building, which will also feature an elevator.

Once completed the extension will nearly double the existing research and teaching space currently being provided to the Institute of Bio-Medical Engineering, famous for its development of myoelectric controls for powered prostheses.

The building which houses the Institute is located immediately adjacent to the Bank/Bookstore Building on Dineen Drive on the UNB Fredericton campus.