

Reaction to plan positive

Future residences to be styled after apartment complexes

by Greg LeBlanc

Last Wednesday, UNB unveiled its master plan for the next 50 years of its growth. Three separate presentations were given, first to the media, then to the students and staff of UNB and lastly to the public as a whole. Reaction to the plan was awash with interest and positive comments.

"This plan... is long overdue and very necessary," remarked Marie Maltais, Director of the UNB Art Centre. "It looks like it's... bringing together a community."

"It's good to see a long term plan..." noted Noreen Barwise, a commercial realtor. "At least now, when they make decisions about building design or size, they will be able to rely on... the plan."

UNB president John McLaughlin, Associate Vice-President of Campus Services and Planning Mike Ryan, and Calvin Brook of Brook McIlroy Inc., the plans design company, hosted the event. Their nearly hour long presentation went through many aspects of the plan, which addresses many problems that UNB faces today and will face in coming years. The vision of the plan and its forward-thinking design were noted by Ryan as the biggest benefits of this project.

Ryan went on to give the five guiding aspects which molded the

plan's vision: making UNB a sustainable campus; being pedestrian oriented; building on treasured aspects of UNB; circulation and parking as part of a broader picture; and connecting UNB with the rest of its community.

However, McLaughlin made it clear that this plan is a concept, a vision, and will be manifested over a long time frame.

"We do have to be patient, it is going to take time but we are committed to it," McLaughlin asserted.

Brook went on to note the challenges of working with UNB, with the hill, building dispersion and parking and traffic congestion as his major concerns. Because of the pedestrian focus, parking will receive some major restructuring. Many future buildings will have underground parking in order to help the more compact campus design. There was public concern over the parking issue, yet most agreed over the importance of the pedestrian aspect of the plan.

"I think that [pedestrian orientation] is necessary, especially with the kind of campus and the kind of city we have," said Maltais. "It's very difficult, unless you have a car to get around."

"I think the concept of a pedestrian and the circular traffic route to take traffic away from the core is a tremendous positive change," said Jim McElman, graduate of Physical Education in 1971. "It should improve the safety aspect."

Funding for these projects was also questioned.

"I thought it was very interesting, but a little ambitious maybe, since the funds aren't there yet," stated Sherly Weyman, who graduated in 1942.

McLaughlin said this funding was not going to come from tuition, nor from our Provincial government. Instead, UNB is looking for funding from private sectors, such as the UNB alumni.

"It's very necessary that we have a university with a high pedestal in terms of why New Brunswick needs a university, [to which] the people will say yes, we need this university, and yes we need to fund and provide the resources for it, for lowering tuition, for providing competitive professor salaries..." stated Passaris. "I think it's on the right track," remarked Weyman. "We [the alumni] are very proud of this university."

The Capital Campaign is one aspect of UNB's new fundraising initiative. It will be establishing more scholarships and bursaries, draw in new professors and build a new Health & Wellness Centre for the university. Research will also help raise funds for new projects.

Ryan also stated that any new residences would be built in a more apartment style format, to satisfy an increasing demand for space and accommodations.

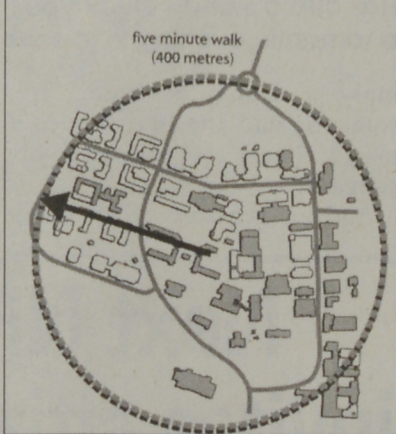
Perhaps the most exciting aspect about this plan is that it is constantly developing and changing. Every few years it will be re-evaluated and

updated, so that it will continue to act as a guide in the future.

UNB has a long, rich history and it plans on continuing with its feet planted in the past, its eyes set on the future, while its character stays true to itself. McLaughlin said in order to become better, UNB's future needs to be planned today.



Expansion to the east and along the slope.



Courtesy of UNB

Proposed campus plan to be implemented in the next 50 years.

NEWS SHORTS

compiled by Graham Cox

Civilian death toll reaches 10,000 in Iraq

According to the web-page IraqBodyCount.org, a research group which keeps track of the number of civilian casualties in Iraq, near 10,000 Iraqis have died because of the US lead war in Iraq.

The research group, as well as British Labour MP Bob Marshall Andrews, is calling for an inquiry into finding the official number of Iraqi civilians that have died and the causes of death since the beginning of the conflict. To date there has been no effort by the occupying forces to keep track of civilian casualties.

Opposition giving Martin hard time

Opposition parties in Canada have increased their calls for the Prime Minister Paul Martin to get his family out of the shipping industry and get his sons to sell-off Canada Steamships Lines.

All three parties are giving the new PM a hard time in the House, the most vocal being Jack Layton of the NDP. Layton goes as far to suggest that Martin will be in conflict of interest with any government business dealing with trade with the US, tax shelters, the propping up of the Stelco steel company, and the Kyoto Protocol all because of his time as CEO of Canada Steamships Lines.

The Liberal Party has retorted by questioning the sincerity of the attack since the opposition opposed an investigation by the Auditor General into their allegations.

Canada not consulting "key players"

Quality of service could decrease for immigrants according to a press release from the Canada Employment and Immigration Union arm of the Public Service Alliance of Canada.

The immigration union is raising concern that the Government of Canada is not consulting the "key players" in immigration during its devolution and reorganization of immigration services from the federal to the provincial level.

The main worries are over the possibility of varying levels of funding and services between the provinces and an overall cutback in aid given to newcomers in need of food, shelter and medical care.

US dollar plunges, Canadian loonie rises

The G7 has finished discussions on how to deal with the increasing decline of the US dollar.

European negotiators backed off their original hostile attitude toward the sinking US dollar with the insertion of statements into the agreement indicating that if the markets become too "disorderly" governments will be allowed to intervene. Europe has been eyeing the drop in the US dollar with disdain because of the decrease in exports to the US.

The US administration, on the other hand, has been mum about the decline partly because of the benefit it will give US exports especially to its ailing steel and manufacturing industry. Canada is one of the advocates for increasing the freedom of the market even though the falling US dollar and strong loonie have put Canadian exports in a similar position as Europe.

The straight facts on tuberculosis

by Jessie Davis

Tuberculosis (TB), the disease that used to be known as "consumption," is a bacterial infection that usually attacks the lungs. TB has two main forms: latent TB infection and TB disease, both of which can be effectively treated.

Latent TB infection occurs when someone breathes in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the airborne bacteria that cause TB. Someone with latent TB infection doesn't feel sick and is

not contagious but may develop TB disease later in life if the bacteria are left untreated.

Infection generally requires prolonged exposure to a contagious individual. Health Canada reminds people that, "you cannot become infected with TB by handshakes, sitting on toilet seats, or by sharing dishes with someone who has TB."

A skin test is done to determine if an individual is infected with *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. A positive skin test may lead to other testing, which might include chest x-

rays or further skin testing.

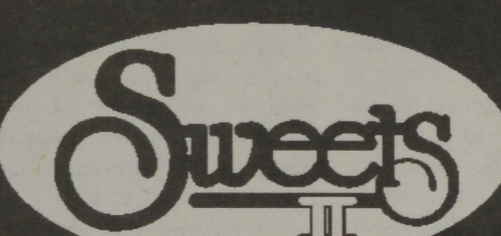
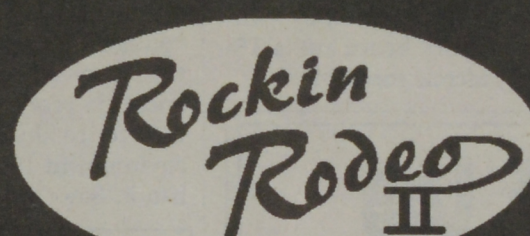
TB disease occurs when the body's immune system is unable to fight off the TB bacteria. This can happen soon after being infected, or after a long period of latent TB infection if the immune system is weakened for other reasons.

The Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists the main symptoms of TB as: a bad cough that lasts longer than two weeks, pain in the chest, coughing up blood or sputum (phlegm from deep inside the lungs). Other symptoms include:

weakness or fatigue, weight loss, no appetite, chills, fever, sweating at night.

The treatment for TB disease (and for latent TB infection for individuals in high risk groups) involves taking antibiotics, and sometimes other drugs, for an extended period of time. According to the CDC, the disease is almost always completely cured with medication.

More information is available from the Student Health Centre on campus, from the Public Health Office in Fredericton and on the internet at: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/english/iyh/diseases/tuberculosis.html>.

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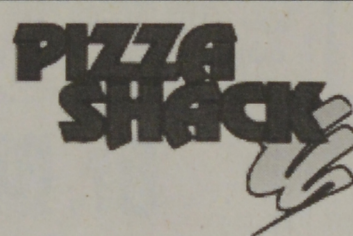
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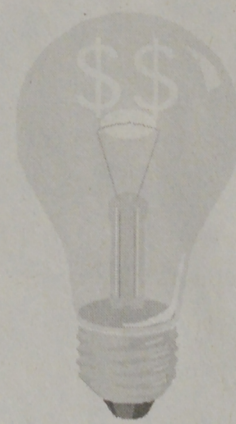


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