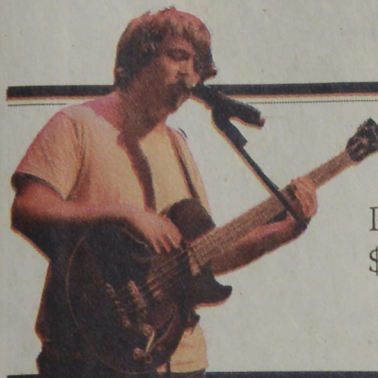


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SUB fee could return

HILARY PAIGE SMITH
THE BRUNSWICKAN

The Student Union Building has been in existence for nearly 40 years. It houses integral parts of the UNB community, including the Student Union offices, Paper Trail, the Brunswickan, Drink Smart and the Cellar Pub and Grill to name a few. It's the place to stop for a quick bite, pick up a UNB hoodie or simply to meet up with friends.

The SUB, though it has been thoroughly enjoyed by decades of students, has also been thoroughly debated by decades of students and administration members. When funds for building and upkeep are scarce, students are turned to and student fees are increased.

In the swingin' sixties there was a university wide vote among students on whether or not students should be charged \$10 toward the construction of the Student Union Building. The decision was made in favour of student funding with 657 students in favour and 363 in opposition.

Last fall saw the building change hands from the Student Union to Residential Life, Campus and Conference Services.

In recent years the upkeep of the student building has been steadily becoming more difficult to manage. Forty years worth of wear has left the building battered. In a recent Student Union meeting the Executive Director of Residential Life, Campus and Conference Services, James Brown, was in attendance to discuss the issues regarding the SUB. His pitch to the student council included a light-hearted comment about having X's drawn on the floor where buckets must be placed when rainy days bring leaky roofs. His joking tone barely masked the urgency of the issue.

RLCCS's solution is this: implement a student levy where each student will have an additional \$25 added on to their annual student fees to support the upkeep of the building.

The problem presented with this situation is: do the responsibilities of the SUB rest on the shoulders of the students or the administration?

Student Union President Bethany Vail said "I feel that ultimately it's the government and the university's responsibility to keep up the maintenance of our buildings and it shouldn't have to be on students backs paying to maintain the building. That being said I do understand how this is the Student Union Building and

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THE REDS ARE BACK



Sandy Chase / The Brunswickan

The UNB Varsity Reds hockey team have picked up where they left off last season. The Reds rolled through their opponents in weekend play to secure a championship at the UNB Fall Classic. For the full story, see page 13.

Deputy minister seconded to UNB

JOSH O'KANE
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Nora Kelly, former Deputy minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour has already made an impact on New Brunswick's PSE system as chair of the provincial government's Working Group on PSE in New Brunswick.

She's about to make a bigger impact on UNB, as she preps to begin a one-year secondment to the institution as an executive-in-residence.

Because of her previous engagements as deputy minister, Kelly will not have any direct involvement with PSE issues—at least in going forward with the province's Action Plan, says UNB President John McLaughlin.

"Given her involvement with PSE, that's a topic she wouldn't be involved in," McLaughlin told The Brunswickan on Monday.

While the specifics of her duties are not yet clear, McLaughlin noted that he has some areas of interest she could explore in her time at UNB.

"I'm concerned about women in leadership positions," he hinted. He would like to see more, he said, and could potentially see Kelly involved in mentoring activities.

The President doesn't consider Kelly's secondment to the institution a process out of the ordinary.

"If you were to go around campus today, you'd see research scientists here on secondment, visiting professors, you name it. It's a very nice idea, and frankly I think we should do a lot more of it."

McLaughlin's only previous experience with Kelly was as part of the Working Group.

"I don't know Nora well, and I certainly don't know her outside of the Working Group, but I enjoyed working with her on that group."

The process of bringing Kelly to the university began several weeks ago, the President noted.

Ed Doherty, Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour, told the Brunswickan that working with Kelly was an honour.

"I had the privilege of working with Nora for a year or two," he said. "She has the wonderful ability of taking challenging problems and coming up with solutions."

Both he and Kelly put a tremendous amount of work into the provincial government's Action Plan, said Doherty, which he calls a pleasing product.

"We were pleased with the outcome of the report, and we certainly look forward to moving on with it."

Byron James, who most recently worked as deputy minister of Fisheries as well as Agriculture and Aquaculture, will take over Kelly's former portfolio. James has worked with the PSE portfolio in the past.

Ready for action: UNB student offers MP candidacy

SARAH RATCHFORD
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Ben Kelly is a fourth year student studying honours history at UNB. He also happens to be running in the upcoming federal election for the Canadian Action Party.

Kelly was born in Edmonton, AB but he has lived in New Brunswick since he was two years old. He grew up in Riverview, leading an "average life" comprised of such things as sports and attending Riverview High School.

Now, at the age of 21, Kelly is running for MP. Sitting in the SUB wearing a black suit and sipping a large Tim Hortons coffee, Kelly laughingly tells the Brunswickan that he had originally planned to run his campaign in sweatpants.

"I don't want to look like a politician," he says. "We're not politicians. We're a group of concerned Canadians who want to make things better," he says of his party. "We don't get paid. We do this because we love our country."

Kelly has been interested in politics since high school, mainly because he has had problems with poverty throughout his life. Part of the CAP's plan is to implement a guaranteed income level so that every family

would be able to survive.

"It's not nice to live outside in the winter, I'm sure. I never want to find out," says Kelly.

Another one of Kelly's primary concerns is to build a strong, sovereign Canada. "I have a large contempt for outside influence in Canada," says Kelly. "It's not that we don't want to work with other countries," he says, "but we need to make sure Canada is strong, safe and healthy first."

The candidate explains that Canada needs to be able to make its own decisions so that the United States will not have a say in our laws. The way in which our country would do this, Kelly says, is by economic reform. Ideally, Canada would pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

"The claim that Canada relies on the US for trade is false," says Kelly. "Over eighty percent of Canada's business transactions are internal. Our country is largely able to sustain itself."

Kelly also supports use of the Bank of Canada. The bank is owned by the people of Canada, he says. While the Bank of Canada is still used to create 5% of Canadian currency, private banks make up the other 95%. It only makes sense to switch to the Bank of Canada, says Kelly, since it would only charge about 1% interest on loans as opposed to the higher percentages charged by other banks.

"At heart I'm a communist to tell you the honest truth," Kelly says



Andrew Meade / The Brunswickan

Fourth-year history student Ben Kelly is running for the Fredericton MP position with the Canadian Action Party.

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Kelly places a strong emphasis on the people of Canada being the most important thing about this country. Due to this belief, he and his party are advocates of complete parliamentary reform. Canadians are not being informed of what is being discussed at Parliament.

"If they're not trying to decrease Canada's sovereignty, what are they talking about?" Kelly questions. "I'm very apathetic to politicians, I guess," he says.

Kelly proposes that Canada "scrap all seats in Senate and have a direct democracy." The representatives would be "regular people who don't have any idea of the politics and policies - just real people with questions," Kelly explains.

When asked where he would like to see change in Fredericton, Kelly cites road construction as a major issue. He says the potholes are terrible,

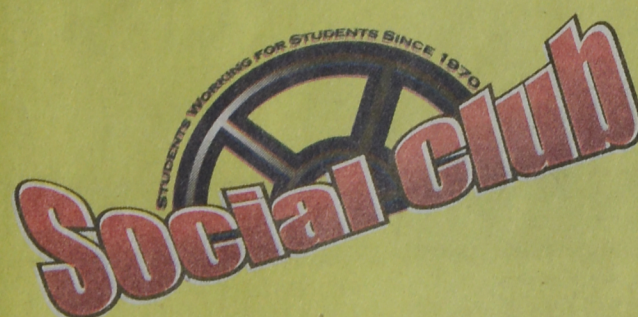
and "maybe there needs to be more money put into construction."

He also puts a focus on education. He says that if elected, the Canadian Action Party will issue between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion per year to be distributed among the provinces to be distributed to universities - some of which would go to UNB.

"Our goal is to lower tuition to 1990-91 levels," Kelly says. As an Arts student, he would also like to promote the idea of thinking for yourself rather than being totally indoctrinated. Grades K-12 would have classes on the government and monetary issues as well.

CAP's motto is "We'd rather be Canadian." Going along with this, Kelly says, "I just want a nice, strong, healthy country that I can live in peacefully."

This is the first of a series of profiles for candidates running in the Fredericton riding in the federal election.



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