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By GORDON LOANE

CHSR-FM Stereo 97.9....By now you have probably seen posters everywhere on campus reminding us to tune in to CHSR when they hit the FM airwaves tomorrow at 6:15 p.m. Members of CHSR have been really busy this week getting ready for the big day and the 20th anniversary social that follows that same evening. We have included a new program guide for the station in this week's issue. The guide has been prepared by various members of the station, and we hope you keep it for future reference. Congratulations to Doug Varty, the executive and all station members. I hope your debut goes well...An historical footnote, CHSR is the first student owned and operated FM station in Atlantic Canada.

The UNB Student Directories finally arrived this week. Did you get your copy? If not you are probably out of luck. The SRC had several copies but they have all disappeared. The directory has been late but I think the product is quite good.

Speaking of products...the new UNB yearbooks are now in and on sale in the SRC office. The product is really excellent in my personal opinion. I leafed through the book the other night and it may be the best yearbook in the last two or three years. Congratulations are extended to the hardworking executive and members of the staff.

The Brunswickan now has a new editor in chief. Joey Kilfoil, news editor of our paper for the last year and a half was elected to the position by the staff Wednesday night. Joey succeeds Bob Macmillan who resigned recently.

Last week I suggested that the SRC inform the Brunswickan and all students about legal services available through our SRC office. I talked to Kevin Ratcliff, president of the SRC this week about this very issue. The SRC does retain a lawyer for \$3,500 per year. Each case is treated individually, but the SRC lawyer's services may not be free depending on your legal problem. If you require the services of a lawyer please contact the SRC office during normal business hours at 453-4954.

Big plans are afoot to renovate the SUB cafeteria. I am told that, if the offer is right, the SUB may swing a deal to remove the coffee shop from its present location and make the cafeteria larger as a result. Officials of Beaver Foods were in town last week to meet with university officials and presented their plans to the SUB board last Wednesday night. The food service contract expires the end of August and if Beaver Foods gets the contract again at the right terms they are prepared to pay some of the costs of renovating the SUB cafeteria. SUB Board Chairman David Kay is off to Dal this week to look at a set up now in effect on that campus. It will be interesting to see what happens.

The MPHEC report released last week recommends that tuition fees increase at a rate similar to the increase in general operating assistance. The general operating increase recommended by the MPHEC was 10.3 per cent. Are we to assume that tuition fees could increase by this amount? We certainly hope not, but it is almost inevitable that a fee increase is on the way. Everyone has to pay their fair share I guess. Two interesting pieces of information were revealed by Youth Minister Jean Pierre Ouellette in late November. New Brunswick now has the third highest average tuition costs in Canada, just behind the leaders Nova Scotia and PEI. In addition, in a brief submitted to the federal provincial task force on student aid the youth minister said the "consolidated debt load of the average Maritime students is 40 per cent higher than the Canadian average." This is certainly food for thought when government and university officials make decisions on tuition fees. Can the average student afford to go to school, especially in the Maritimes?

Next week...comments on possible SUB renovations and expansion and who will pay the bill ultimately.

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Goldberg sets the record straight

Dear Sir:

In last Friday's edition of the Brunswickan, the quotation attributed to Mary Jane Logan with regards to Saga Foods Limited is in error.

Saga Foods served the University of New Brunswick for seven years and in that

time the University never found them less than

honourable in any of their dealings.

Our current contractor Beaver Foods Ltd., came to the campus as a result of an excellent

tender proposal. The fact that Saga Foods no longer serves

the University of New Brunswick does not reflect any

dissatisfaction on the part of the University, but only the

reality of getting the best deal possible in the tendering process.

I appreciate this opportunity to set the record straight.

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