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  2. Clothing thickness recedes.
  3. You can see Robin outside taking a bath.
  4. Students work their butts off in order to find one of those good \$5.50 per hour summer jobs.
  5. Physical Plant shovels the steps.
  6. Really really pale people emerge wearing shorts, even though its only 5 degrees Celcius.
  7. Collection agencies start making the rounds visiting students.
  8. *The Brunswickan* classifieds become the only means you have of paying rent.
  9. SU spin doctors try to put a positive slant on their records.
  10. Less frostbite reported by smokers.

## SUB expansion project downsizing

By Gordon Loane  
*Brunswickan News*

UNB Administration and Student Union officials are studying a new proposal calling for a \$4.2 million expansion to the SUB.

If this plan is adopted, it would be the second time in just under two years that the SUB expansion plan has been scaled back.

A plan unveiled in June 1993 called for a \$9.8 million expansion, some two million of which would have been used to renovate the existing building.

But in November 1993, university officials asked for a plan that came in at about six million and nixed most of the renovations and considerable commercial space proposed for the new structure.

Now, the project is being scaled back yet again because university officials do not plan to centralize student services in a future expansion.

The health centre, counselling services, campus ministry, international student advisor, off-campus housing, a bank and bookstore and the Dean of Students office were some of the student services originally being considered for a move to the expanded SUB. The university, citing financial reasons, has decided to forgo the move, sources say.

It would be a dramatic reversal from the optimistic forecast of UNB student services directors outlined in the origi-



**Funding restraints may reduce the size of the SUB expansion.**

nal June 1993 expansion report prepared by the UNB Student Union.

"Student Services Directors were approached about this idea and their feedback has been very favourable," the report said.

"The common view was that these services should be located in the area of greatest traffic so as to increase convenience and usage."

"Directors felt that the current locations were removed from usual student traffic areas and are difficult to find," the report continued.

"The space which would be allocated to the Student Services would provide a central location from which these faculties could serve a large number of stu-

dents," the report said.

Financing for the SUB project is another question which is still up in the air.

It has been 13 months since UNB undergraduates approved a referendum calling for the collection of a \$25 annual fee for SUB expansion.

Talks began for the first time since the referendum last week at a meeting of the SUB Advisory Board attended by officials of the UNB SU.

Those discussions were held behind closed doors, but details are slowly beginning to leak out.

"A major part of the discussion called for better lines of communication between the SUB Advisory Board and the SU," said one person who attended the

session, but spoke on the condition that their name not be used.

"Communication has not been good at all," the source said.

Another person who attended the meeting said the new floor plan presented did not include offices for SUB Director Kim Norris or his secretary.

"Norris was miffed about the turn of events," the source said.

The financial package discussed at the meeting includes provision for revenues from commercial space, a \$1.5 million contribution from private donors through UNB's Venture Capital Campaign and an eventual mortgage on the expanded building.

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## Election irregularities and botched ballots

By Janice McConnell  
*Brunswickan News*

A serious election violation occurred this week when a poll worker allowed several students to walk away with ballots.

The problem occurred at the poll in Singer Hall early on Wednesday afternoon when an unidentified poll employee did not ensure that the ballots he was handing out were deposited into the ballot boxes, revealed Chief Returning Officer Graham Smith.

According to Smith, the incident occurred when a poll worker became overwhelmed with students during a change of classes.

"Not more than 20 ballots were taken," said Smith.

The election officials became aware of the problem when they arrived at the poll at the end of the afternoon.

Michelle Jameson, a 4th year BBA student, confirmed that she had been given several ballots and had walked away with them. She explained that she didn't have time to wait to deposit them so she took them home. She has since ripped the ballots up and thrown them out.

Smith estimates that approximately 100 ballots were deposited into that particular box in total during the day.

"There was fairly heavy voting there today," said Smith. "That would be a lot of ballots to disqualify considering the problem."

The elections officials have not yet decided how they will handle the situation. In other election news, CFS has been

fined \$100 for a poster violation. CFS representatives were found placing flyers on the windshields of UNB-stickered cars on UNB property after the media deadline earlier this week.

In another media violation, Tricia Davidson, one of two candidates for the position of VP Student Services has apparently violated election regulations by mass circulating flyers after the media deadline.

Davidson's campaign flyers were delivered to all residence mailboxes in MacKenzie House on Wednesday, one day after the media deadline. However, Davidson said she delivered the pamphlets before the deadline.

"I dropped them off on Tuesday, just after four," said Davidson.

"I was under the impression that they were to go in Tuesday's mail," she explained. "I told them that they absolutely have to be put in today."

Rod Hoyt, Residence Housing Systems Staff confirmed that he delivered the flyers to MacKenzie on Wednesday morning. He also confirmed that several other houses would also have received the campaign material on Wednesday, the first day of the election.

Davidson said that she had been assured that mail she dropped off on Tuesday would be delivered to the resi-

dences the same day, and a Residence Housing staffperson confirmed that she had spoken to Davidson earlier in the week and told her that mail dropped off would be delivered later that day.

Graham Smith, Chief Returning Officer, said that he will not make a decision on penalties until he has reviewed the situation, but it is probable that she will be fined.

This is the second time in as many elections that Davidson has violated election media rules. She was fined \$10 last October in the SU bi-elections when she was running for Arts representative. She had failed to remove 11 election posters from Kierstead Hall by the required deadline.

## Search for VP Academic narrows to two

By Mary Rogal-Black  
*Brunswickan News*

Two candidates have been shortlisted by the hiring committee choosing UNB's new VP Academic.

Dr. Edmund Biden, Director of Biomedical Engineering at UNB, and Dr. Lou Visentin, VP Academic at Mount Allison, are entering the final stages of the selection process in the search for a replacement for Tom Traves.

Biden is a graduate of UNB, and a former Rhodes scholar. Among his achievements at UNB is his success in raising in excess of one million dollars for the Biomedical Engineering Institute.

Visentin, currently in his second year as VP Academic at Mt. A., has also been

a Dean at Memorial University in Newfoundland.

Visentin has been active in developing provincial distance education in New Brunswick.

A biomedical researcher by trade, Visentin reportedly distributed samples of his artwork to the hiring committee, to show that he also has an artistic side.

The two candidates will be making campus visits to meet student groups, faculty and staff, the Board of Directors and the administration. Biden is scheduled to meet with these groups on March 31, and Visentin will be doing his campus visit April 5.

Faced with the task of choosing between these two well-rounded individuals is a search committee made up of

seven representatives of UNB, including Pat FitzPatrick, SU VP University Affairs, Penny Erikson, Dean of Nursing, Al Sharp, Chair of the Department of Physics, and Margaret McCallum, Associate Dean of Law.

Tom Condon, a former VP of UNB SJ and Mike Schofield, former chair of the Board of Governors, also sit on the committee.

The committee is chaired by UNB President Robin Armstrong, and University Secretary Steven Strople is also a non-voting member of the committee.

The search for a new VP Academic began in October, following the announcement that Tom Traves would be accepting the position of President of Dalhousie University in Halifax.