SUB Expansion Memorandum passed

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UNB and STU have reached an understanding about SUB expansion.

A "Memorandum of understanding for the expansion of the Student Union Building" was passed by the STU SU on Thursday, February 22 and then by the UNB SU on Tuesday, February 27, stating the ten terms of the agreement.

1. Accessibility to all students on campus: the Student Union Building, its facilities, services and amenities shall be equally accessible to students at both

2. Increased office space for St. Thomas: the Student Unions affirm that the STU SU shall receive increased office space for its use, including meeting space and club and society offices as the STU SU may see fit, in the amount of 20% of the expanded space or a doubling of its current facilities, whichever shall be the greater. There will be a doubling of space available to the "Aquinian" newspaper, and the New Brunswick Student Alliance (or an equivalent provincial organization) shall be provided with office space.

3. Facilities for mature students: the

STU SU announces election candidates

The St. Thomas Student Union has closed its nomination for positions for the 1996 General Elections. The elections will be held on Wednesday. March 20

Carrie Ricker VP External Photo: Warren Watson

All of the Executive positions are being contested. Current VP External Carrie Ricker and current Council chair Rob Suffron will square off for the position of Student Union President. Allen Price will re-offer as VP Finance, his incumbancy is challended by Councilor Linda Cogswell and Kyle Jenses. Nathan Benson, Tanya Clark and Jeff Embleton are running for VP Administration. Tracey Adams and Cristy Demerchant have submitted nominations for VP External.

VP Activities is a hotly contested position, with six people having put their names in the race: Angela (Ang) MacLean, Julie LeBlanc, Andrew Keleher, Robin Martin, Dennis Saunders, and Laura Wallace.

Several positions were won by acclamation. Jocelyne Gauvreau becomes 2nd-year Representative to Council. Jodi Lewis is the next 3rd-year representative. Georges Guavreau will sit as Mature Student representative. Andrew Carhart and Sally Cogswell (currently STU SU President) were acclaimed to the CHSR Board of Directors

Sally Cogswell, Karen Corcoran, Thomas Havey, Andrew Keleher, Amanda J. Shortall, and Rachel Ann Taylor were acclaimed to the Board of



Sally Cogswell, President Photo: Warren Watson

Directors of the Aquinian. Current Aquinian editor Steven Hinkley will defend his position against Tracy Carr and Caroline Rose Layes.

Valedictorian is also highly contested with seven candidates. Ian Brodie, Sally Cogswell, Linda Gionet (President of the New Brunswick Student Alliance), Eva Nash, Gina Raymond, Karen Strang, and Christine Wolstenholme.

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Unions will undertake to ensure office and social lounge space for mature students on both campuses. The Unions shall jointly fund and undertake a feasability study for a babysitting service on campus.

4. Opportunities for commercial space: both student unions favour the use of expanded facilities to bring in commercial tenants which will serve the student market, and shall jointly work with the administration of the University of New Brunswick to see these opportunities fulfilled. The unions shall jointly agree upon which tenants shall be approached. As well, the Unions shall jointly examine possible mutual business opportunities, including launching a feasability study for a movie theatre on campus.

5. Extended social areas: upon the terms, conditions, and requests of the Board of Directors of Student Union Beverage Services Inc., the "Cellar Pub" will see more space made available for

6. Joint Help/Resource Centre: The Unions affirm that they shall begin making arrangements for a jointlyfunded and operated Resource Centre in the SUB. Features of the Centre will include bill payment centres, student loan information terminals, and campus

7. University Services: the Unions shall jointly approach services on campus such as Health Sevices, Counselling Services and the Bank of Montreal about their possible

inclusion in the SUB Expansion project.

8. Renovations of existing facilities: the current Student Union Building facilities will be renovated and improved, including existing office space and lounges.

9. Computer facilities: the Unions shall seek to ensure that the SUB is "hard wired" for Internet use, and the Unions will enter into discussions regarding the provision of publiclyavailable computer facilities in the SUB.

10. Partnership of the student unions: while other stakeholders, significantly the administration of the University of New Brunswick, will have an impact upon the direction of the project, both Unions, having agreed that their goals and interests are compatible, shall work in partnership and with due diligence to see that the interests of the students of STU and UNB are met through the expansion of the SUB.

STU representatives Shawn Rouse (SU VP Administration) and Allen Price (SU VP Finance) wrote in their initial draft of the memorandum that they would like to see alternatives to the Bank Of Montreal. However, the bank has an exclusivity contract with the UNB Administration.

Rouse and Price were also concerned about about equal employment for STU and UNB students in the expanded facilities. UNB President Kelly Lamrock responded that the SUB hiring policies currently in place allow students from either campus to be hired.

All other STU concerns were addressed in the memorandum that passed.

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is not a person who mixes greatly with faculty, unlike some previous presidents

The faculty president characterizes the administration as generally open to ideas.

"In the last year in particular we have been pushing her to be more open, to be open to our input in this whole rationalization process and I think with some success."

He said Parr-Johnston is capable of said. being open, but she is also a strongwilled person who makes up her own mind and has her own way when she

"But then again," he said, "we have been reasonably successful in creating a culture that requires she consult with us."

Andrea Bannister, Editor-In-Chief of the student newspaper, The Picarro, has spent three years at the Mount after graduating from Mount Allison University in Sackville, N.B..

"Parr-Johnston projects a good image about Mount Saint Vincent to the

public," she said. She noted that the administration is quite open at the Mount, unlike her previous experience at Mount Allison.

"Parr-Johnston will be missed around here if she is confirmed as UNB's next president. She is always well spoken and professional," said Bannister.

"There have been no major controversies with the administration during my three years here," Bannister

However, "some people are disturbed she is leaving after just being confirmed to a second term as president.

"The even greater buzz is that this might be the right time for her to leave, given the rationalization talks around here," Bannister concluded.







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