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## Football proposal finances questioned Lamrock says no to football

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UNB's Dean of Kinesiology Terry Haggerty has concerns about a proposal aimed at reviving a varsity football program on the Fredericton campus.

A group called "Friends of UNB Football" is circulating a financial plan which forecasts start up costs of \$133,000 and first year operational expenses of some \$110,000.

"My initial concern is the numbers are not high enough," said Haggerty, who indicated he has not yet seen a detailed breakdown of the proposal.

"I am not sure that things like merit awards are factored in there and that is a reality of operating a high quality program in the ACAA."

Haggerty estimates that at least \$30,000 a year would be required for merit awards based on 20 players receiving a maximum of \$1,500 a year each.

"Most years that total would be higher," said Haggerty.

"Quite frankly, to compete for top athletes in many cases, given the cost of schooling and everything else, that is a consideration."

Another concern for Haggerty is that a prospective financial plan provide enough resources so that a football program could be done well.

"The worst thing that could happen is to offer a program that won't succeed."

"It would be nice to have a successful football program," he said.

"It can do a lot of things as it has at other universities in terms of morale, cohesion and esprit de corps on campus."

Haggerty is also assuming that all the money for a varsity football program would be coming from outside the

current UNB Athletics Budget, which is what the "Friends of UNB Football" are proposing.

"If these efforts in adding another team are going to jeopardize our current varsity teams, that is a real concern," he said.

"If reviving football would jeopardize recreational facilities that is a concern."

Then there is the hurdle of what fields would be used for varsity football.

Both Haggerty and Athletics Director Jim Born point to Buchanan Field for practices and Chapman Field for game days.

The Dean said depending on the weather it would be difficult, but not impossible, to use Chapman Field for field hockey, soccer and football.

"We are certainly restricted in our facilities," he said.

"A field used for football can be ripped up pretty much, especially in the center area."

"We have got one of the best field hockey teams in the country and they would actually benefit from an Astroturf field which many of their competitors play on," Haggerty pointed out.

"But that is a high budget item," he said.

Both Buchanan and College Fields have seen better days, according to Haggerty.

"College Field needs significant work before it could be used for varsity football," he said.

Both Buchanan and College Field hold water and there are probably as many weeds on both fields as grass, according to the Dean.

Asked whether he would vote yes or no in a referendum scheduled for November 5th and 6th were he a student, Haggerty had a diplomatic response.

"I can see both sides of the issue." "I can see a tremendous benefit yet I can see some real concerns," he said.

"If for a ten dollar contribution you are going to give me at least some guarantee that we are going to offer a competitive football program at UNB involving student athletes, keeping it in the right perspective, that is a good deal," Haggerty said.

Yet, given the current fiscal climate at UNB, with further budget cuts expected for the next few years, Haggerty said adding another program at this time would not be impossible but very difficult.

"If it can be done with entirely new monies with strong support of alumni and with a ten dollar contribution from students and it wouldn't affect the other programs then it is possible," the Dean concluded.

Meanwhile, Athletics Director Jim Born told *The Brunswickan* this week that he has met with the "Friends of UNB Football" and reviewed their start-up and first year operational costs.

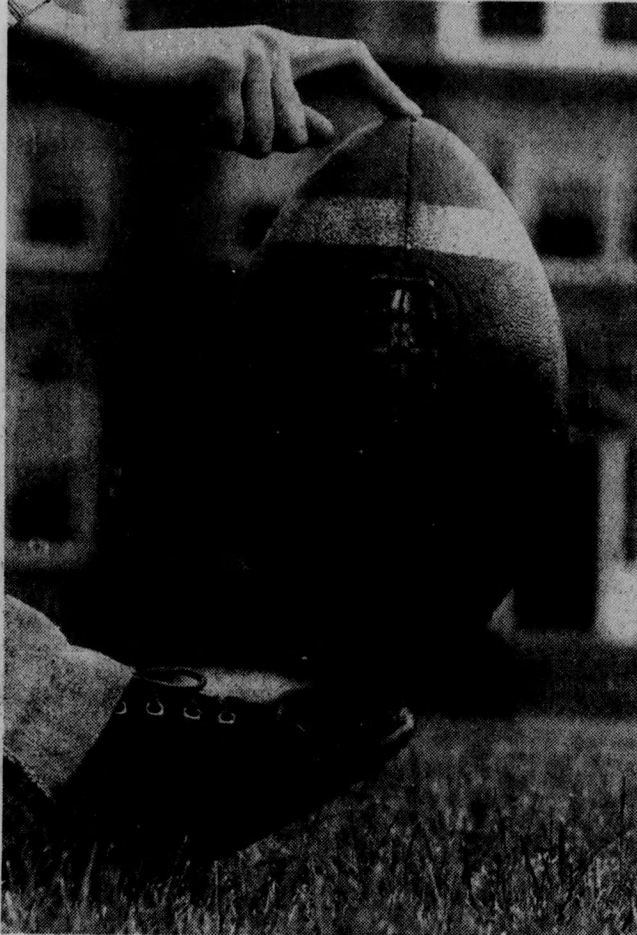
"We looked at travel, pre-season camps and went over everything with a fine-toothed comb and I dare say they have done a good job in that regard and certainly their figures are appropriate," said Born, who was head football coach at UNB before the program was cancelled in 1980.

"They based their budget in terms of operational costs on 50 football players which is not a bare bones budget in that sense," Born said.

Born also wants to make it perfectly clear that if a football program gets the go-ahead, no money will be coming from the current Athletics Budget.

"In all the conversations I have had I have basically said there is not one dime available."

"We have got thirteen sports now



Football, football, football.

DIRK NIELSEN PHOTO

and we are bare bones with our sports," Born continued.

"They cannot come in here expecting that we are going to give them any

money." "If they are going to do this the money has to be coming from outside," Born concluded.

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Former UNB Student Union President Kelly Lamrock has levelled a blast at the current student council and the "Friends of UNB Football" over a referendum scheduled for November 5 and 6.

The referendum will ask students to approve a \$10 annual fee for the next 10 years aimed at reviving UNB's varsity football program.

Lamrock says he will be among those supporting the "No" side in a referendum campaign that begins on campus next week.

He calls the SU Council's decision to proceed with a referendum this fall both premature and irresponsible.

"I think it is irresponsible to simply throw out, based on one presentation to Council, a question that would bind the students of this university to pay \$710,000 before we have seen one dollar promised from Alumni, before we have a guarantee the plan is going to go ahead, before we have even looked at other options and plans at other schools," he said.

"People have not done their homework and students deserve a real choice and I think by defeating this referendum we can make sure that people go back and do their homework and do this right," Lamrock said.

Next, Lamrock wants to know what the university administration thinks of all this.

"They have got to get the university to say whether this will happen or not," said Lamrock.

Lamrock thinks the "Friends of UNB Football" have not been honest about what the real costs of a varsity program are.

"What are the hidden costs that have not been given to the SU Council, like Athlete Scholarships, which were not in the original budget?" Lamrock asked.

Lamrock thinks that Alumni out there who have the money and who want this project should be the first ones at the table and they should be doing that by approaching businesses now.

"I think they should have a season ticket drive to see if there is enough support in the community for football." Essentially Lamrock thinks the "Friends of UNB Football" went about this all the wrong way.

"They found a council that did not want to dig too deep and ask questions before they bought into this white elephant," he said.

"They have got their hands in our student pockets to pay for their toy and that is just not right."

### Sexual Assault Reported to police

A sexual assault allegedly took place on Saturday October 19, between 1 and 1:30 am in the wooded area by the tennis courts on the UNB campus. The victim did not know her assailant. Police are currently investigating. Rick Peacock, Director of Security, said "We want to, once again, encourage the use of Safewalk programs as a precaution." Safewalk, 453-4830, is a free service for students that provides a team consisting of a man and a woman to accompany walkers from dusk until dawn.

CYNTHIA KIRBY

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A local daycare will not be celebrating Halloween because the owner believes the holiday to be connected with Satanic activity in the Fredericton area.

Marilyn Keirstead of the Regent, New Maryland, and Northside Daycares, declined an interview with *The Brunswickan*, but explained her reasoning in a letter entitled "Unmasking Halloween." The letter, which resulted in one family removing their child from one of the Daycares, stated: "The practice of witchcraft and the occult is on the upswing. Whether or not we want to acknowledge it, witches' covens and satanic groups exist in this area."

"When asked on what she was basing this, Keirstead replied, 'I'm not divulging my information on that because that would be betraying a confidence.'"

The letter also details what Keirstead believes to be the origins of Halloween: the druid festival of the dead, which could include human sacrifices to Samhain, the lord of death. She also mentions Satanic cults; Dungeons and Dragons; children's cartoons with "evil and demonic creatures"; and the recent

Saskatoon killing by 15 year old Sandy Charles, who was "obsessed with the occult," as examples of how children are being influenced.

Keirstead said that this information is available in several encyclopedias, available at the Harriet Irving Library.

Several university members disagree with her conclusions. UNB Professor Gary Waite, quoted in *The Daily Gleaner*, said, "The roots of Halloween have nothing to do with Satan...The arrival of Christianity in Europe led to the christianization of non-Christian festivals, and it was, in fact, Christianity that demonized non-Christian religions. In order to make the conversion of pagans easier, Christians would alter the name and focus of an event. Halloween became All Souls Night, the Winter Solstice became Christmas."

Christmas is another holiday that was affected by a decision made by Keirstead, according to former Daycare worker Faith Bye.

"We were allowed to celebrate with a tree and the lights, but we could have nothing to do with Santa Claus," said Bye, who last month left the Daycare after a year and a half, for reasons she said are not related to Keirstead's decisions.

Bye said that the workers did not receive an explanation for that decision, but they followed it.

As for Halloween, Bye has no objection to celebrating Halloween. "I feel it's a matter of personal choice if someone wants to celebrate Halloween or not, but since she owns the business, we have to comply with her decision."

Last year's decision, Bye said, was to

allow celebrations, but only with "happy little witches, smiling cats, and pumpkins, not anything scary like monsters."

At UNB's College Hill Daycare, however, Halloween is going ahead. It will not involve junk food, though. "Snacks will be brought in by the parents," said Wendy Lunney, Administrator, citing pumpkin muffins as an example.

Lunney believes that dressing-up for Halloween is a good opportunity for children to practice dramatic play. The holiday itself does not need to be tied in to religion. "For us to make it a religious event wouldn't be kosher because we have kids of different religions," she said.

"I think it's how you represent it to the kids. If you want it to be a fun event, it can be."

### Student Union Elections to be held soon

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It is time, once again, for students to make sure that they are adequately represented. This Friday, October 25th at 4:30pm nominations close for the following positions: Council Representatives: Science (3), Education (3), Engineering (1), Kinesiology (1), Nursing (1), Computer Science, Arts.

Interested students must be a full time student in the particular faculty and cannot be on academic probation.

Grad Class '97 also has the following positions available: President, Vice-President, Project Coordinator, Secretary/Treasurer. The above

mentioned rules apply in addition to the fact that the applicants must be graduating in 1997.

The Chief Returning Officer for this election is Matt Tingley. Tingley will be hiring pollworkers. If interested drop off your hours available at Student Union Office.

Following the close of nominations on Friday candidates will have one week to campaign.

Elections will be November 4, 5, and 6. While students are voting for who they would like to see represent them on council they can also make their opinion known regarding football at UNB. A football referendum will be held at the same as elections. Anthony

Knight, VP External Affairs, says about the referendum, "We are putting it in the hands of the students to give us some direction. If we are going to make a 10 year commitment it should be given to the students to decide."

The referendum question is as follows: "Do you wish to see a varsity football program supported and maintained at UNB through a \$10 annual student levy in addition to the student activity fee to be collected starting September 1997 until September 2007?"

If students would like any information on the positions available or the football drop into the Student Union Office Rm 126 of the SUB.



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