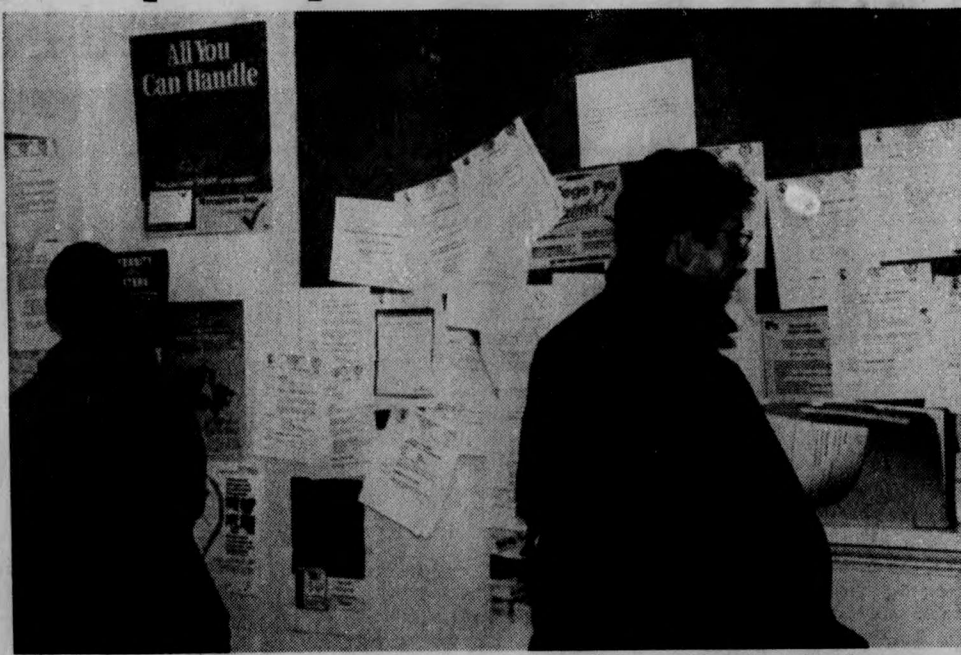


Job prospects not so bleak



Two students examine the job board. Many more will come, and some will find gainful employment for the summer. JUDSON DELONG PHOTO

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An increase in the number of job postings in recent months has left the Manager of UNB's Student Placement Service feeling cautiously optimistic about student summer employment prospects.

"With government again involved in creating student employment this year plus what seems to be an increase in the private sector side I think it could be better than it has been in the past few years," said Kevin Bonner, Manager of the Placement Service.

"It is certainly not a huge leap but it looks better." Bonner points out that the summer job market tends to reflect the permanent job market which currently gives the edge to students with a background in information technology and computers.

"Students with a background in information technology should certainly be able to market themselves more effectively," Bonner emphasized.

As for where all the jobs will be this summer Bonner said it is too early

to say at this point but he does expect an increase in all levels of employment generally.

Students looking for summer jobs in the Fredericton area should look for the opening of the Canada Employment Centre for Students around May 1st.

The Centre is expected to be located in King's Place in downtown Fredericton.

Bonner points out that a lot of employers who receive government grants will be placing job postings at the Employment Centre for students.

But he also urges students to seek out employment on their own and to use a personal network to obtain that all important summer job.

He also is emphasizing that Youth Connections in the Regent Mall offers student support in terms of helping prepare and print out job resumes.

Students on campus can also walk into the Placement office, centrally located in Neville Homestead, until the end of April to check out the latest job prospects.

For students who are about to graduate this Spring, Bonner said job

prospects are better overall than the last few years.

"While graduates are still facing what appears to be a tight and competitive job market, there seems to be more openings right now," Bonner said.

"The job market is particularly strong for those on the information technology side."

"Students in Engineering, Forestry, Computer Science and Business seem also to be faring better," he said.

"We have seen a fair number of jobs that require the good generalist skills in Arts and Sciences, too," he emphasized.

Students in Nursing and Education face a tight local market, however. While there have been plenty of media stories about Nursing students from New Brunswick leaving to work in the United States, Bonner expects the trend to continue for awhile.

The trend is no better in Education, Bonner points out.

"We have seen school closings and a drop in the number of students in school so the number of teachers being hired to replace retiring teachers just has not been there," he said.

New procedure makes voter registration easier for students

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Amendments to the Canada Elections Act passed in 1993 will make it easier for students to vote should a federal election be called in the next few months.

While enumerators have now completed the task of going door to door throughout Canada to establish a permanent voters list, questions have arisen about how students moving to their home riding or moving to take a summer job can vote.

Information supplied by Elections Canada shows students can vote in their home area simply by ensuring they are on a voters list.

Students should check with their local returning officer to ensure this is the case shortly after a federal election is called.

Students who plan to continue their studies in Fredericton this summer also have the option of voting locally, by ensuring their name is on the local voting list.

Students can vote in the usual manner either at an advance poll or at a poll in their neighbourhood on election day.

Students who expect to be away from their home electoral district or out of the country on voting day for whatever reason can also opt to have their vote counted by registering for a special ballot. Students should begin the process by

obtaining a registration form from the nearest federal returning officer as soon as possible after the election has been called.

Students outside Canada can get registration forms at diplomatic missions and consular posts around the world or directly from Elections Canada or down loaded from the Internet.

The registration form asks for a home

address for voting purposes and a mailing address where the voting kit may be sent, a declaration of eligibility and a copy of proof of identity and residence (such as a driver's license for example).

The registration form should then be returned to the nearest federal returning officer who will then provide a voting kit. The form can also be sent to Elections Canada in Ottawa but must arrive no later than 6 pm on the Tuesday before polling day.

Voters outside Canada should send registration forms directly to Elections Canada in Ottawa by mail, courier or fax also by the deadline of 6 pm on the Tuesday before polling day.

Students should begin the process by obtaining a registration form from the nearest federal returning officer as soon as possible after the election has been called.

It is the elector's responsibility to inform Elections Canada of any address change.

The elector then fills in the ballot, seals it in three envelopes provided and returns it by the quickest means possible to Elections Canada in Ottawa, ensuring that it is received no later than 6 pm Ottawa local time on voting day.

A further provision in the

Elections Act now allows students to vote by special ballot in their own electoral districts. This is intended for students who can not get to the ordinary or advance poll in their district due to time, distance or mobility considerations.

Registration forms for the special ballot can be obtained and should be returned to the returning officer in the elector's local riding.

It should be noted that in the case of special ballots, once a voter is registered this way, they cannot vote at the ordinary or advance polls.

Voting results from special ballots are forwarded to the returning officer in each electoral riding and merged with local vote results.

Quality assurance goal of new UNB initiatives

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Universities throughout North America are fielding questions about quality assurance and accountability as people both inside and outside university communities question, among other things, the quality of programs, how well student needs are being met and how well educators are performing their duties.

UNB is no exception. As a result, the Board of Governors has approved a \$60,000 addition to UNB's operating budget in fiscal 1997-98 for a new program in institutional research. One full-time equivalent staff position is being assigned to the program.

"The allocation will assist the university in tracking more accurately how well it does in meeting student needs, recruiting students, obtaining research funding and other measures of quality," said UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston, in a bulletin issued in the university community last Thursday.

The Board of Governors has also approved a \$60,000 allocation in the 1997-98 operating budget for an internal audit function.

"It will examine the university's financial and business procedures to ensure effectiveness," the President said.

Parr-Johnston also announced that a Joint Committee has been set up comprised of UNB administrators and representatives of the AUNBT, the bargaining unit which represents professors and librarians on the Fredericton and Saint John campuses.

"The committee is currently investigating the area of performance indicators and the way in which they

might best be utilized in the future," Parr-Johnston stated.

Meanwhile, the whole issue of quality assurance is currently being investigated by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) which recently released a discussion paper titled "Options for Quality Assurance in Higher Education in the Maritimes."

The discussion paper presents a number of approaches to quality assurance including assessment of programs before they are introduced, assessment of all programs in a given field or discipline, implementation of quality assurance policies in each institution and reviews of assurance procedures and practices.

The MPHEC is now seeking reaction to its discussion paper and plans to hold three all day public forums early next month in Fredericton, Charlottetown

and Halifax.

The Fredericton meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7th in the Chancellor's Room of the Wu Conference Centre on the UNB campus.

"We want to hear from students, parents, teachers, institutions, associations, governments - everyone involved with or concerned about university quality assurance," said Dr. David Cameron, Interim Chair of the MPHEC.

"The aim is to assure the public that university programs in this region are high quality," Cameron said.

"At the MPHEC, it will be our job to help Maritime institutions with this quality assurance."

The MPHEC will use the feedback from the public meetings to draft recommendations to the Council of Maritime Premiers and the region's universities.

Cellar gets new Chair, CHSC elects 4

Campus Bars fill Boards of Directors

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Matthew J. Hanrahan will be only the second student to Chair the Board of Directors of Student Union Beverage Services, the company which oversees the operations of The Cellar pub.

In February, Hanrahan was elected to his second term as Business Representative on the UNB Student Union Council.

Shona Bertrand who is graduating with a Law degree in May, will step down as Chair on April 30, after serving three years.

Other members of the Board of Directors still to be named are: the Chair of SMART-PACC, the Vice-President (Finance & Administration) of the UNB Student Union, a member of the UNB Foundation for Students and a member of the UNB Student Union elected at large.

The Cellar wasn't the only campus bar filling up a Board this past week. The College Hill Social Club also recently elected 4 of its 5 members. At the Annual General Meeting of



A typical scene at the CHSC. And look here, one of the "old" members of the CHSC Board of Directors with a helping of Vitamin K, the Breakfast of Champions.

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the College Hill Social Club on Sunday, April 20, four members were elected to the Board of Directors. Randy Hickey and Bill Traer (also advertising manager at The Brunswickan) were elected to two-year terms. Hickey will be serving his sixth term, and Traer is serving

his seventh. Chris Daigle was elected to his second one-year term. Former UNB Orientation Chair Sean Burnett was also elected to a one-year term. The fifth position on the Board is currently held by Derrick Weaver, who has another one year left.

The Results from the UNB Student Union Plebiscite

The Cellar, Toonie Movies are tops with students

	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	Satisfied	Very Satisfied	% Positive	Points	Turnout	Weighted Score
SRC	6.70% (24)	9.78% (35)	55.03% (197)	28.49% (102)	83.52 (358)	318	53.92%	47.89%
Paper Trail	4.07% (17)	7.42% (31)	38.52% (161)	50.00 (209)	88.52% (418)	514	62.95%	77.41%
The Brunswickan	8.93% (55)	12.18% (75)	42.53% (262)	36.36% (224)	78.90% (616)	525	92.77%	79.07%
CHSR	16.41% (65)	20.96% (83)	40.40% (160)	22.22% (88)	62.63 (396)	123	59.64%	18.52%
SMART-PACC	6.84% (21)	16.29% (50)	45.60% (140)	31.27% (96)	76.87% (307)	240	46.23%	36.14%
The Cellar	3.25% (17)	5.74% (30)	31.55% (165)	59.46% (311)	91.01% (523)	723	78.77%	108.89%
Orientation	6.60% (27)	9.54% (39)	35.21% (144)	48.66% (199)	83.86% (409)	449	61.60%	67.62%
Campus Safety	9.20% (32)	11.78% (41)	49.14% (171)	29.89% (104)	79.02% (348)	274	52.41%	41.27%
Advocacy	9.57% (22)	17.39% (40)	46.52% (107)	26.52% (61)	73.04% (230)	145	34.64%	21.84%
Beaverbook	9.07% (35)	8.81% (34)	31.87% (123)	50.26% (194)	82.12% (386)	407	58.13%	61.30%
SU Website	11.72% (32)	11.72% (32)	42.86% (177)	33.70% (92)	76.56% (273)	205	41.11%	30.87%
Yearbook	11.38% (28)	21.54% (53)	42.28% (104)	24.80% (61)	67.07% (246)	117	37.05%	17.62%
Employment	10.92% (32)	17.75% (52)	44.03% (129)	27.30% (80)	71.33% (293)	173	44.13%	26.05%
Volunteer	8.86% (21)	15.70% (38)	52.89% (128)	22.73% (55)	75.62% (242)	158	36.45%	23.80%
C&S	7.98% (32)	8.98% (36)	48.13% (193)	34.91% (140)	83.04% (401)	373	60.39%	56.17%
Campus Ent.	8.01% (35)	13.27% (58)	40.50% (177)	38.22% (167)	78.7% (437)	383	65.81%	57.68%
Grad Class	14.34% (37)	18.99% (49)	49.22% (127)	17.44% (45)	66.67% (258)	94	38.86%	14.16%
Health Plan	12.47% (49)	15.27% (60)	38.42% (151)	33.84% (133)	72.26% (393)	248	59.19%	37.35%
Guide	18.99% (49)	16.28% (42)	46.51% (120)	16.67% (43)	63.18% (258)	66	38.86%	9.94%
Anti-Poverty	16.17% (38)	21.28% (50)	45.53% (107)	17.02% (40)	62.55% (235)	61	35.39%	9.19%
Social Issues	10.21% (24)	18.30% (43)	53.62% (126)	24.26% (57)	77.87% (235)	149	35.39%	22.44%
Toonie Movies	10.21% (24)	11.06% (26)	63.40% (149)	115.32% (271)	178.72% (235)	617	35.39%	92.92%
Student Directory	15.27% (69)	9.51% (43)	32.30% (146)	42.92% (194)	75.22% (452)	353	68.07%	53.16%

University of New Brunswick Spring Fitness

Monday: Luncheon, 12:30-1:20 STEP Laura
5:00-6:00 TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING Luanne

Tuesday: AEROBICS 12:30-1:20 Vanessa
5:00-6:00 STEP Silvy

Wednesday: Lunch time 12:30-1:20 STEP Laura
5:00-6:00 TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING Luanne

Thursday: AEROBICS 12:30-1:20 Vanessa
5:00-6:00 STEP Silvy

Friday: Luncheon 12:30-1:20 STEP Laura

Instructors: Moon., Wed., Fri. 12:30-1:20 Laura Mellin
Tues. and Thurs. 12:30-1:20 Vanessa Morgan
Mon. and Wed. 5:00-6:00 Luanne Inman
Tues. and Thurs. 5:00-6:00 Silvy Moleman

Classes: May 5-June 25
No class on Mon. May 19

Limit of 40 participants per class. Please pick up step tag at the desk in the lobby to ensure admittance to class. Fees: UNB/STU students & campus recreation members \$30, nonmembers \$52. All fees include MST. Registration: Wed. April 30 & Thurs. May 1, 12:00-1:00 pm & 4:30-6:00 pm, LB Gym lobby
No refunds will be issued after the second class.