

# NEWS

## Unexpected Rise in Student Numbers

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Full time undergraduate enrolment on the UNB Fredericton campus has jumped 2.3 percent over last year, preliminary figures released this week by the Registrar's Office indicate. As of October 1st, 6903 students had registered for classes compared with just 6745 last year. First year enrolment increased by 20 students this year to stand at 1481.

The preliminary enrolment statistics may be adjusted slightly before the final results are known in December.

The jump in full time enrolment comes as a surprise to UNB officials who expected student numbers to remain static. UNB's operating budget this year was formulated using last years' enrolment numbers.

"We expected first year enrolment to decline somewhat because of changes to admission require-

ments in the Science, Joint Science and Arts program, the Bachelor of Management program and changes to the BEd program" said UNB Registrar Deanne Dennison. "Overall, that did not happen". "We are also pleased with the overall number of registrations as well", Dennison told the Brunswickan in an interview this week.

Statistics prepared for the UNB Fredericton Senate meeting this week show first year enrolment increases in Arts, Business, Science, Computer Science, Forestry, and Physical Education. Enrolment decreases in first year took place in Engineering, Education and in the Joint BA/BSc program. First year enrolment remained virtually unchanged in Nursing and Law.

Overall, the largest increases in enrolment throughout all four years took place in Forestry and Physical Education. Enrolment in Forestry jumped by 62 students while Physical Education rose by 34. The largest decreases occurred in Education

with a drop of 17 students and Computer Science which lost just 10 students.

Despite a 4.9 percent increase in tuition fees, enrolment in the School of Graduate Studies is expected to increase slightly in 1994-95.

Statistics prepared for the UNB Fredericton Senate show enrolment up about 100 students this year to stand at just over 1100. Full time enrolment is projected at 752.

"We expect to adjust these numbers slightly before December but overall we see an increase in graduate enrolment of from 25 to 30 students," said Dennison.

The increase in enrolment is expected to create a financial wind fall for the UNB Administration and the UNB Student Union.

Since the operating budgets of both the university and the Student Union were based on 6745 overall undergraduate student enrolments, the extra 158 students registering could mean about \$390,000 in ex-

tra revenue for UNB and \$15,800 in extra revenue for the Student Union. An increase in graduate student enrolment, projected to be between 25 and 30, would raise extra tuition revenue for the university over what has been budgeted.

Meanwhile, Saint Thomas University enrolment has held steady

this fall compared with last year. University Registrar Larry Batt says over 625 full time first year students enrolled as of September 30th, giving a full time enrolment of 1,920 - about the same as last year.

Part time enrolment increased by 93 students to a total of 346.

## SU Election Controversy

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Fourth year Arts student, Nathan Weinman, has launched an appeal of a decision that removed his name from the ballot in UNB student elections held this week.

The appeal will be heard by the Student Union's Constitution and Policy committee and if upheld may throw out the results for Arts' Representative and the UNB Fredericton Senate.

Council will make a final ruling at its regular meeting next Wednesday.

Chief Returning Officer Graeme Smith ruled that Weinman violated the SU's election by-law by failing to remove his election posters from all academic buildings by the 9pm Tuesday deadline.

Student fall elections took place Wednesday and yesterday on campus. Smith says at a meeting of candidates the rules of the election were clearly spelled out in writing.

"We also indicated that we did not intend to be lenient with any violations," said Smith.

But Smith says Weinman indicated that over 200 of the some 350 election posters he and his supporters originally put up were taken down by the deadline.

Smith says Weinman believes he made a reasonable effort to take down his posters, despite having a night class on Tuesday.

Weinman did not wish to take his posters down earlier Tuesday, because he believed doing so would have given an advantage to his opponents, Smith indicated.

Weinman was running against Michelle Hicks, Trish Davidson, and Chris Rogers for Arts representative. He was also up against Kelly Lamrock and Greg Moore for a seat on the UNB Senate.

Others contesting the election include Michael Redstone and Janet Morrison vying to represent Physical Education and Recreation students.

## Sub referendum next Spring

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Though many believe the outcome will be the same, Saint Thomas students may be voting again next spring on a referendum for a \$15 yearly fee for the SUB expansion.

The proposal was initially voted on last March but rejected by over 65% of students at STU. Student Union President Shane Donovan is in favour of the expansion and is hopeful that the results will be different this year.

Donovan argues that the SUB ex-

pansion should benefit Saint Thomas as well. "If the referendum passes it would mean more accessibility for STU students, Donovan continued. "We need the space for the Aquinian and our other offices."

Though Donovan is anticipating a "yes" vote, other students are sceptical about the proposal.

Lydia Savard, a 3rd year Arts student at STU, does not expect the referendum to pass. She said, "We don't understand what is in it for us. Why should we pay for the expansion of a building at UNB when we have already paid a \$20 fee for

the construction of a building here on campus?"

Savard commented that the Student Union should be able to find space in the new Sir James Dunn Hall.

"I know of some people who were reluctant to pay the mandatory \$20 for James Dunn Hall. I doubt they will want to dish out more money in the future."

Donovan realises that the proposal is not particularly popular with students. "We don't have much to run on right now," he concluded.

## Harrassment draws jail sentence

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A woman convicted of harassing a UNB professor then later jailed for breaching an order to stay away from him has again been sent to jail. Li Liang, 35, was sentenced in Fredericton provincial court last week to serve three months in jail and taxed \$35 for breaching a court order to stay away from Professor David McGee.

On August 12th, Liang, of 578 Chestnut Street appeared before Judge P. L. Cumming and had sentence suspended, placed on probation for a year and ordered to stay away from the professor.

She was initially charged after some 180 incidents of unwelcome communications were initiated by the woman.

Judge Cumming noted Liang's obsession with her former chemistry professor "has to stop" and warned that a breach of a court order to stay away from him would result in a jail sentence.

Seven days later, on August 19th, Liang was sentenced to serve 40 days in jail for breaching Judge Cumming's order prohibiting her from contacting the professor.

Judge Cumming noted that on the

very day the court order was made Liang drove to the professor's work place and later attempt to telephone and visit him.

After Liang's release from jail, she again attempted to contact Professor McGee, Crown Prosecutor Paul Hawkins told the provincial court. She wrote letters to him and again visited Professor McGee's home in September and on the first three days of October, Hawkins told the court.

## University's VCR Stolen

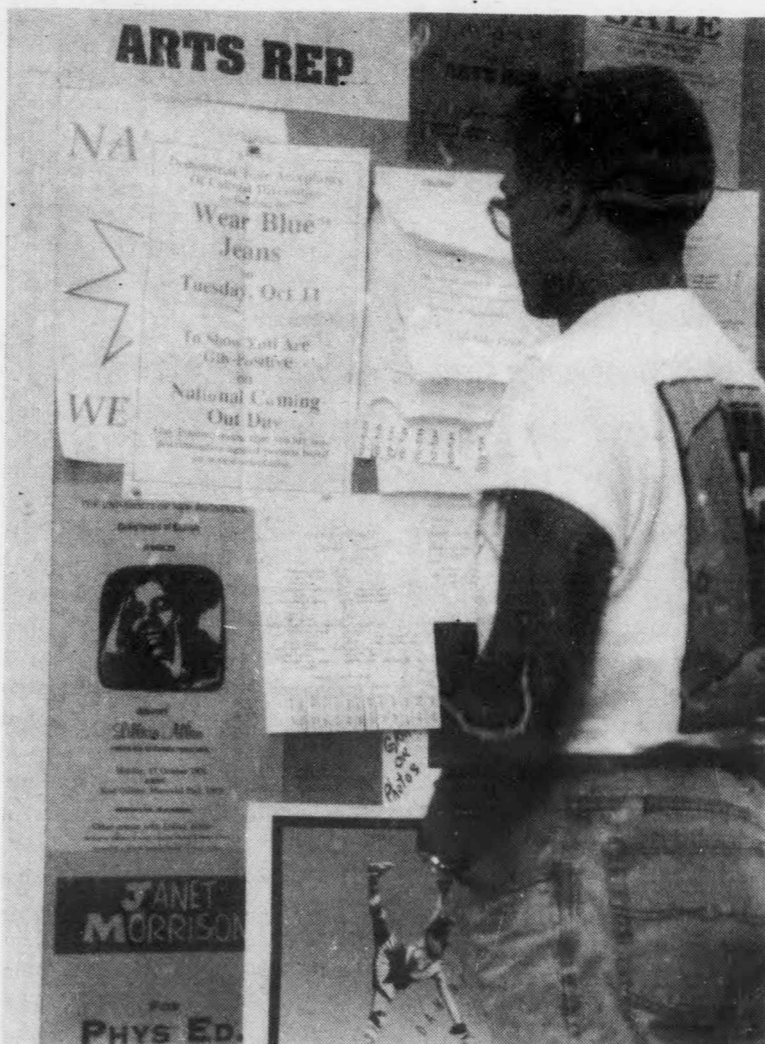
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Fredericton City Police and UNB Campus Security are investigating the theft of a \$700 Panasonic VCR from MacLaggan Hall Auditorium

Room 105, some time between the 17th and 19th of September.

The VCR carries model number PVF-4167-K with serial number G1 FA 80091.

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Student shows support on National Coming Out Day by wearing Blue Jeans. Photo by Kent Rainville.