

STU's changing landscape



Just two years ago this terrace at STU was a parking lot.

Photo by Marc Landry

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In case you haven't noticed, STU's had a facelift.

Over the summer, the campus underwent extensive landscaping.

A multi-level terrace, complete with shrubbery and interlocking brick, now takes the place of what

used to be a parking lot.

"It's an outdoor room," said Dr. Daniel O'Brien, president of STU. He said he takes this term from the vocabulary of the architects because many students mingle in the area.

O'Brien said the landscaping was part of a \$7-million package that included the construction of Sir James Dunn Hall, which officially opened

last January.

The designer was landscape architectural firm Daniel K. Glenn Ltd. Work was carried out by Simpson construction and Maritime Sod.

O'Brien said the terrace could be used for a number of outdoor events in the future.

"Concerts, convocations, there are many possibilities," he said.

Fees implemented for intramurals

by Cheryl McLean
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The intramural sports program will introduce mandatory fees this year.

Intramural Co-ordinator George Donovan said that students were required to raise \$8000 this year or have the recreation budget cut back by six per cent.

He said the Intramural Residence Sports Committee distributed questionnaires last year to members of the intramural program.

The committee is comprised of a

male and female representative which looks after the residences both on and off campus. As well there are two representatives from the intramural staff, sports clubs, and St. Thomas.

"We try to get as many people pooled together as possible to get the best inputs since the next year's budget is due at the end of October," Donovan said.

"Given a choice between cutting the recreation budget or implementing membership fees, the decision was made to pay extra rather than

losing sports. We would rather pay extra than cut sports back," Donovan added.

He said the decision has been made and supported by the students. Donovan said in the past students were not paying any extra towards the program, so the fees represent only a minor increase.

Ice hockey takes the largest jump, with registration doubling to \$200 per team. With this and the number of games in mind, the increase works out to approximately \$1.25 per person per game for major sports such as ice hockey and softball, and 35 cents per person for minor teams. Donovan feels this is extremely reasonable.

He said ice time at the Aitken Centre costs about \$120 an hour, and with around 600 hours of ice time, that works out to be a lot of money that has to be accounted for.

"For example, hockey runs about 36 teams. With 16 players per team, that cost is divided by a lot of people, as opposed to smaller teams like water polo, who may only have three teams with seven players each," said Donovan.

"We can't ask them to pay \$20 out of their pockets when the hockey players are only paying \$1.25," he added.

To simplify this, the cost is divided among comparative major sports. A softball team pays \$20 now, whereas last year they did not pay anything.

Donovan said over 3000 people participate in intramural activities each year.

If you are interested in being part of this, or you have any ideas or concerns for this year or next, contact George Donovan or Carol Scott at 453-4579.

No leads in nine-month-old hit-and-run investigation

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Police have no new leads in an ongoing nine-month investigation into a hit-and-run accident which claimed the life of UNB Engineering Professor Alan McLean.

"We have followed up several leads since the mishap but we have nothing more to go on without more public assistance," said Corporal Bob Ross, who is heading the investigation for the Fredericton City

Police.

"I'm afraid it's going to be a very long investigation," Ross said.

The accident occurred in the early morning hours of January 8 as Professor McLean was walking home along the Woodstock Road.

Any member of the public that can assist the investigation is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or the Fredericton City Police at 452-9701.

News department needs writers

The News department of *The Brunswickan* is currently seeking writers.

"There are many things happening at UNB and we lack the resources to cover everything," said the interim News Editor. "Come on in and we'll assign you a story immediately."

Who knows, maybe you will work your way into an editorial board position, which comes with a sizeable honoraria.

"Working for *The Bruns* puts you in the know long before the rest of the university community and usually before those at the city paper as well," said the News Editor.

Venturers thank you

by Mark Savoie
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Expect a big thank-you from the Venture Campaign in the persons of Daina Debly and Jeff Melanson later on this term.

They'll be thanking you for the \$25 that went from your student fees toward SUB expansion. This payment was approved by UNB students in a referendum last year.

SUB expansion is part of UNB's Venture Campaign, falling under the auspices of the Facilities Enhancement Fund. The Venture Campaign is UNB's current fundraising project - a five-year plan with a goal of \$30 million. The \$25 from student fees going towards SUB expansion is expected to generate \$200,000 per year for the duration of the campaign.

Debly and Melanson were selected over the summer to act as Venture Campaign co-chairpersons representing undergraduate students at both UNB-Fredericton and UNB-Saint John.

According to Melanson,

"We're running a student awareness campaign to create interest about Venture. Also, we're running at the same time a thank-you campaign."

As of yet, Debly and Melanson are unwilling to divulge what that thank-you might be.

"We have some things in the works," said Debly, "But we can't let it out of the bag before we have everything confirmed."

She did suggest that it might be a concert where students would be admitted free or at a minimal charge.

A stumbling block in the selection of the thank you event is that it must be approved by the UNB Administration.

Among those who must approve are both UNB's Development and Public Relations staff Ric Cuthbertson and Susan Montague.

It is they who get to decide if the 'thank you' event is dignified enough for them to attach UNB's name to it.

Centre's duty is to help you find a job

by Connie Corbett
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When Kevin Bonner graduated from university he didn't begin to think of his career until the day after graduation.

But that was then. Today's graduates are no longer able to just fall into jobs.

According to Bonner, the manager of the Student Placement Centre, students should begin their career planning as early as their second or third year of university.

At this time, students can gain work experience through volunteering in community or university organizations. He also advises students to decide what type of career they would like to pursue and to begin working towards their goal immediately.

Student placement services can offer help to graduates in finding their first permanent job. For almost 30 years now, this service has been available to both employers and graduates as a facilitator in the hiring process.

The centre makes students aware of what job opportunities

are available and helps to set up interviews on campus for those who make it to that stage.

Bonner wants students to know, however, that they should not wait for a job to come to them because in today's global market that is not going to happen.

Things are not all doom and gloom for university graduates. Bonner's advice to both graduates and returning students is encouraging.

"In the long term, students will have as many career opportunities as previous generations but they will be different," he said.

Bonner encourages students to develop a wide range of skills, including computer and second-language skills. He also wants students to be aware of the hidden job market and to network with different people — letting them know that you are looking for work.

If students are interested in learning how to write a resume or how to give a successful interview, they should contact the Student Placement Centre at 453-4620.

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Both the provincial government operating grant and undergraduate tuition fees were frozen this year at last year's levels.

Despite cut backs, a new client-server-based student information system in cooperation with Dalhousie University is being developed. New multi-media teaching materials and distance education courses have been introduced. The library acquisitions budget has been increased, and new funding has been provided for the Student Placement Centre and the Child Care Centre. New degree programs

have been introduced in Education and a new Environmental Studies program has begun.

New research initiatives have been launched and a \$1.1-million facelift to the Aitken University Centre has been carried out thanks to the federal-provincial-municipal infrastructure program.

A contract recently signed with Honeywell Limited will provide financing to upgrade basic electrical and mechanical systems in a number of buildings on the Fredericton campus over the next five years.