

Three candidates running for SU Engineering Rep



Michael Cormier

My name is Michael Cormier, I am a third year Mechanical Engineering student, and I am running for the position of Engineering Representative to the UNB Student Union.

If elected, I would like to dedicate my term on the Student Union to two tasks:

1. Improving the terrible parking situation on campus, particularly around Head Hall where parking is unorganized, and often unpaved, unmarked, and unregulated.
2. Increasing funding for the Engineering Undergraduate Society, and all the individual Engineering Societies so that they may expand and undertake all those projects for which funding is lacking.

I look forward to the chance of representing the faculty which, as an Engineering student, I have grown to love, and vow to do the best job I can.

PHOTOS BY PAT FITZPATRICK, TEXT BY CANDIDATES



Tim MacEwen

Fourth year Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering

If elected I would bring up any concerns Engineering students may have to the Student Union.

Tahsin Rouf

Third year Electrical Engineering
No information or photo available

Cellar pub losses down 93%, September sales up

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THE BRUNSWICKAN

The Cellar reported a net loss of \$3,123 for the period of May 1995 to April 96 according to a report made to the UNB Student Union Council, Student Union Beverage Services (SUBS), the Student Union-owned company which oversees the operations of the Cellar pub.

This is a significant change from last year's reported loss of \$42,194.

The Cellar report also includes a copy of the 1995-96 and 1994-95 audited financial statements, fulfilling a promise to provide them following requests by *The Brunswickan* for nearly a year, and, until now, have not been released.

Highlights include: an increase in gross profit of \$27,291 or 56% to \$76,191; a 24% increase in liquor and beer sales (\$195,885); and 45% more revenue from the video games, poker machines, and pool tables (\$19,740).

While some expenses went up (such as the rent, which is dependent on gross sales), others, including labour costs, went down for a net increase of only \$12,000 or 11% to total \$118,207.

Most encouraging to Shona Bertrand, Chair of the SUBS Inc. Board of Directors, is the

performance of Bar Services.

Bar Services, which supplies alcohol at events, has been operated by SUBS Inc. since January of 1996. In second term, with permission to operate only in the SUB, nearly \$7,500 was generated from licensed events on campus. An amount Bertrand anticipates will double or even triple in the coming year because the University has approved, in principle, the expansion of Bar Services to the entire campus.

"We're extremely excited about the prospects," said Bertrand.

Of concern to Bertrand are activities of some of the organizations funded by the SU which draw money away from the Cellar. Bertrand pointed to her own faculty, Law, which occasionally operates cash bars to raise money for the Law Student's Society, which also receives a budget from the UNBSU.

"It's cheaper, more efficient, and certainly safer," says Bertrand, for student groups on campus to use the Bar Services from SUBS rather than independent or freelance bar tendering. She emphasized the Cellar's commitment to responsible drinking and the level of training of the Bar Services staff.

While Monique Scholten, Vice-President (Finance and Administration) of the UNBSU, and Treasurer of the SUBS' Board of Directors is "very encouraged with the results," all is not quite as positive as it may seem.

Despite the reduction in losses over the course of last year, the Student Union still granted the bar \$14,000, and extended its line of credit an additional \$22,000. The document details that the UNB Student Union has contributed \$78,000 to the Cellar since it opened. Of this \$30,000 was "an initial advance,

non-interest bearing for 6 years with no payments for first 3 years," \$34,000 is an "additional advance, non-interest bearing, with no fixed terms of repayment." The remaining \$14,000 was a grant.

Since the end of the period covered in the document (i.e. since May 1996), the Student Union has granted an additional \$12,000 and advanced another \$12,000. For a total outlay, to date, of \$102,000.

Bertrand admits that the \$12,000 advance for this year was not

anticipated, but emphasizes that it was required to purchase liquor and beer in September. The Student Union has not made clear how much of this, if any, it expects to be repaid by the end of the year.

Preliminary sales figures for September indicate that sales are up, and sales of draft beer are up substantially. In addition, SUBS Inc. is currently negotiating with the University to extend the lease on its space. The current lease expires at the end of August 1997.

No change on book tax

CYNTHIA KIRKBY
THE BRUNSWICKAN

Books won't be taxed any less next year, but at least they won't be taxed any more.

After the New Brunswick Student Alliance campaigned for months against tax on reading materials, the province of New Brunswick announced last week that book-buyers will pay the fifteen percent Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), but will receive an eight percent point-of-sale rebate.

NBSA President Shawn Rouse is pleased with the news. "I think it's the best deal we could've got considering the circumstances; we got status quo."

"The full rebate for libraries, schools and universities is better than we could've hoped," he added, referring to the federal government's agreement to exempt these and municipalities from the HST on books.

But that's the silver lining. "There was some bad news in the HST announcement," Rouse said. "There's

an 8% tax increase on everything the university buys except for books."

Rouse said that the NBSA hasn't worked out any figures yet, but he believes that the increase in costs will affect students. "We've seen in the past that [the university] passes it on to the students in the end. So we'll be protesting that."

As well, Rouse is concerned that students will lose out if they do not receive a rebate on the HST similar to the current GST rebate. "There is no commitment for a low-income rebate on the HST for students."

An announcement will be made in February about what groups will receive a rebate, and Rouse expects that students will be among them because of Finance Minister Edmond Blanchard's promise that New Brunswickers of all income groups will save money under the HST.

"It's absolutely essential that students get rebated under the HST for the 8% cost of living increase, or Blanchard will have broken his promise."

Acclamations abound: by-elections cancelled

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amendment in question was passed on March 24, 1993. And, according to the minutes from that Council meeting, the sections (30a and 30b) were passed. While it is true that the amendments were not passed at the February 24, 1993 meeting, due notice of motion was made.

Chief Returning Officer Matt Tingley had a mixed reaction to the debate.

"Personally, I agree with the intent of the motion," he told Council.

His concern remained with maintaining the integrity and independence of the election process. He cited his intention to recommend a bylaw amendment which would prevent Council from changing bylaws or the election call after it was made.

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November 2nd

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