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"We've been waiting for UNB's meeting with their university officials to see what sort of reaction they got. I expect to be discussing the proposal with the Saint Thomas Student Council next week. I'm sure these will be ongoing discussions with the UNB Student Union over the next few weeks as well,"

Trevors said.

For the moment, STU is keeping its options open.

Trevors said the preferable option would be setting up a fund to build a SUB on the STU campus.

"That would make more sense for us, but I'm not sure how feasible that is at the moment," said Trevors.

"The second option is to cast our lot in with the current expansion

proposal."

STU students contributed their share towards the construction of the original SUB and helped to retire its mortgage.

"We're willing to consider that again," said Trevors.

Still to be decided as well is the potential size of the contribution "We're willing to think about it and discuss that," he said.

Trevors said STU students need extra space for their activities in addition to all the other advantages to expansion that would accrue to STU students.

Trevors said three student organizations currently share one office in the SUB.

"There certainly could be improvements in this situation" Trevors said.

In the meantime, Trevors said he intends to meet with STU President Dan O'Brien to discuss the SUB expansion plan and present him with all the information he is able to gather.

Meanwhile, a member of the UNB administration who attended an executive meeting this week with a two person delegation from the Student Union has reacted positively to the SUB proposal.

Dean of Students Tom Austin said it is one of the most advanced SUB expansion plans yet and the Student Union has to be commended.

"While there is a demonstrated need in the university community for better Student facilities, the question that must be addressed is how great is that need," said Austin.

"How much extra space can be justified given the current financial climate is a question that will need to be addressed in the months ahead."

"Speaking about Student Services, it only makes sense to centralize everything in one location," he said. "There are some specific concerns about where certain Student Services offices might be located in

an expanded SUB."

"We want to ensure access yet maintain confidentiality as well," Austin said, "But that can be worked out in the due course."

"For instance we might be able to find a home for the Student Placement Office, yet use some of their room space in the off-hours for small meeting rooms, Austin said. "Some facilities could be multipurpose," he said.

"There's no doubt student Health Services could use a new home. They're not very centrally located on campus. Worse is that they're located on the second floor of Tibbits Hall. Access is a real problem," Austin said.

In addition Austin said it would be appropriate and preferable if all student groups on campus were prepared to undertake the expansion together.

"That's option number one. But if certain Student groups choose not to get involved that's their choice I guess."

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Chancellor Frederik S. Eaton will preside at the event. The Duo Pach will present a Convocation musicale in lieu of the Convocation address.

Ng Pock Too graduated from UNB in 1968 with a first-class honors degree in mechanical engineering. He returned to his native Singapore and

joined the government's economic development board, managing assignments that involved business, government and labor.

In the 1980's Ng moved into politics, won a seat in parliament, and was appointed political secretary to Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew in 1984. He chaired the parliamentary committee for defence and foreign affairs and served as deputy secretary-general, assisting deputy prime minister Ong Teng Cheong in modernizing the country's labor movement.

Ng, who had earned a degree from Harvard Business School in 1976, was able to put his training to good use when he was appointed group chief executive of the Sembawang Group of Companies in 1990. Substantially owned and controlled by the Singapore government, Sembawang is a successful shipyard and construction company which Ng is gradually transforming into a diversified multinational corporation. In 1993, Sembawang was voted number two among Asia's best-managed companies.

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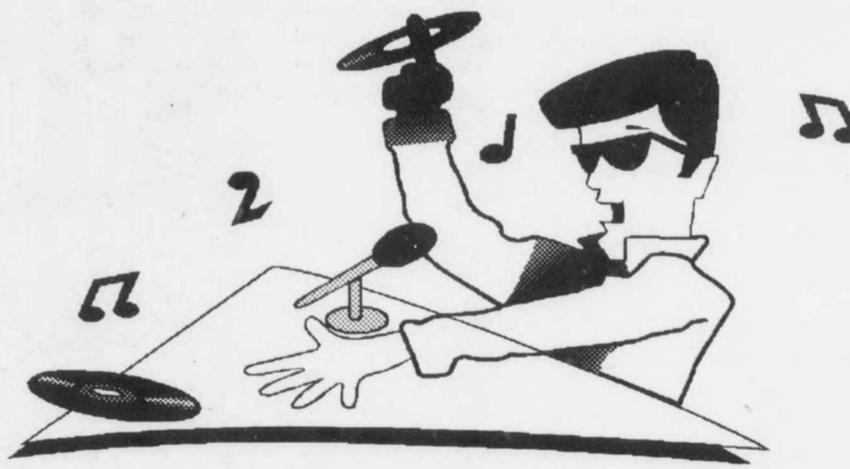
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