

# NEWS

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## SU wants SUB expansion part of fundraiser

by Gordon Loane

UNB's Board of Governors will be asked next week to formally approve a \$25 annual student fee for SUB expansion.

The fee would be collected from all undergraduates beginning in September. Students approved the fee in a referendum held in conjunction with spring elections in February.

It is the first of two requests that Student Union President James van Raalte has made of administration officials in the aftermath of the referendum.

"We met with President Armstrong just over two weeks ago seeking approval for the SUB expansion fee," said van Raalte.

"In addition, we would like the SUB expansion project included in the university's upcoming national fundraising campaign. The Venture Campaign is stated to begin this fall, and extra money is crucial if the project is to proceed quickly."

But before that even happens the project needs the approval of a Project Clearance Committee.

"We're working to see that SUB expansion gets the committee's approval," van Raalte is quite optimistic.

But so far, financial support for SUB expansion has been slow coming. Saint Thomas students rejected a \$15 annual fee for SUB expansion in a referendum held just over two weeks ago. Two

other student organizations, CAMPUS and the Graduate Students' Association, have made no commitments.

"CAMPUS leaders seem quite interested in the project. I guess they realize their current office space on campus is temporary," said van Raalte. "It's probably in their long-term best interest to relocate more permanently in an expanded SUB. At the current moment the GSA are putting much of their resources into a fund to eventually build a Grad House, so if they are less financially committed to SUB expansion, I suppose it's understandable."

Over the course of the summer, Student Union officials are hop-

ing to get together with a group of UNB officials to begin the planning process.

"President Armstrong has agreed to look into our request," said van Raalte.

A Programming Committee is expected to be established by the fall to look into all aspects of SUB expansion. UNB's Associate Vice-President, Eric Garland, is expected to be a key player, according to van Raalte.

"The programming committee

will look at the size of the project, financial aspects, viable commercial space and the range of student services that will be located in the building. I expect this phase to take anywhere from six months to a year. Construction of the project could begin within a year, but that depends on a whole range of matters including financing, fundraising, and planning. The expansion is expected to be completed by 1997 if current forecasts hold," van Raalte concluded.

## Daycare enrollment underway

by Gordon Loane

The chair of the Board of Directors of the College Hill Daycare Co-operative says applications are now being accepted to fill 60 September openings in the new facility.

Nancy Mathis stated that the centre began accepting applications April 1 from UNB and STU students, faculty and staff.

"The deadline for receipt of applications will be near the end of this month," said Mathis. "Since we expect to have many more applications than spaces available, we have decided to conduct a draw towards the end of April. We hope to notify

those successful shortly thereafter so parents can make their plans for September."

The Daycare Centre is undertaking a number of projects this summer in preparation for September.

"We are looking for about 20 volunteers who can provide some of their time over the next three months," said Mathis. "We have a number of projects to undertake, money to raise and hopefully donations of equipment to accept."

Mathis estimates it will cost upwards of \$50,000 to equip the new daycare centre.

"We hope donations will significantly reduce this cost," she said.

"We plan to store any donations we receive in our temporary office in McGee House. Our new administrator, Wendy Waite-Snow, can be reached at 453-3584 if anyone wants to donate equipment or is seeking information on how to apply for the daycare spaces available," she concluded.

In the meantime, the Saint Thomas Student Union is expected to make a final decision this week with respect to funding for the daycare centre. A previous application for funding had been turned down, but Student Union officials later decided to take a second look at the project.

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appears there will be some flexibility," he said.

Lamrock also credits the New Brunswick government with being the first in the region to set up a Credit Review Board. But he wonders whether the government has not been looking over its shoulder at events in Nova Scotia.

"Nova Scotia has not yet set up such a Review Board, but 783 provincial student loan applicants in that province were initially rejected this year because of credit abuse," Lamrock said. "That's about 6.3% of the total of 12,500 applicants." No figures are yet available on what percentage of mature student applicants were rejected.

"The Nova Scotia government finally backed down this year and guaranteed everyone's loan," said Lamrock. "I'm sure the New Brunswick government is not anxious to experience a similar situation."

Lamrock would also like to know why the provincial government is seeking to expand its order in Council and regulation making authority under the proposed changes to the Youth Assistance Act.

Blaney explained it this way in remarks made in the Legislature last week:

"I would note that these changes will enable future improvement to our student aid program to be made more easily. It is no secret that we seek to harmonize the federal and provincial programs in the near future," said Blaney. "As you know, we are completing a review of how to deal with student debt levels, including possibilities for income-contingent student loan repayment. These amendments to the Youth Assistance Act will enable us to legally proceed on these issues, as arrangements are worked out.

"We have some concerns about the harmonization of student loans and about income-contingent student loans," said Lamrock. "We're concerned that the government will be able to implement these changes simply by order-in-council or regulations. It will be quicker, easier, faster for the government. But the catch is there will be less public debate as well."

Lamrock is pleased with the new provision in the proposed legislation which allows the Minister to provide grants to a qualifying doc-

toral student who is a female and is resident of the province.

"It's an attempt by the Minister to recognize the need for gender equality in certain professional areas where women have traditionally been underrepresented," he said.

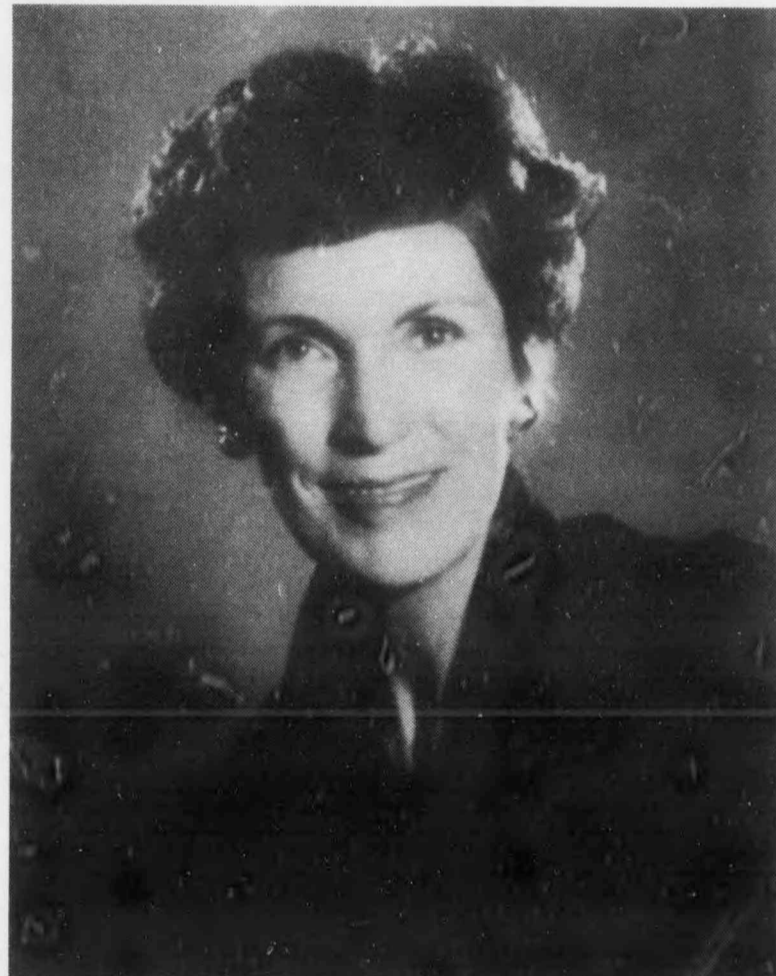
But Lamrock still has one question he would like someone in the Department of Advanced Education and Labour to answer. He wants to know why the government has chosen to set up a Credit Review Board when a Student Aid Review Board is already in place.

"I'm afraid I don't know the reasoning behind this yet," Lamrock concluded.

Francois Rioux, Director of Student Services and the person in charge of administering the student loan program says the two Boards deal with two separate matters.

"The Student Aid Review Board deals with the needs of students, while the Credit Review Board will deal specifically with those who have been rejected because of credit abuse. The Credit Review Board needs to maintain certain confidentiality and provide a rapid response to an application," said Rioux.

## McCain death mourned



Marion (Billie) McCain was a past member of the UNB Board of Governors. Photo courtesy of UNB Public Relations

Brunswick staff

Marion McCain, a former member of the UNB Board of Governors, died Wednesday, March 30, 1994 after a lengthy battle with cancer. She was 65.

McCain was known for her passion for the arts as well as her community involvement.

She was instrumental in raising awareness for New Brunswick artists and founded a number of art competitions and exhibitions in the province. She was the recipient of the Lescaobot Award in 1992 for her commitment to the arts in Atlantic Canada.

McCain was also involved in Literacy New Brunswick Incorporated, the National Leadership Committee of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, the New Brunswick Bicentennial Committee, and the Florenceville Beautification Committee, along with her commitment to the university.

Memorial services were held at the Church of the Good Shepherd and the United Church of Canada on Saturday, April 2 in Florenceville.

McCain is survived by her husband, Harrison McCain, and five children.

## Board of International Students' election results

Press Release

The results of the Board of International Students' election held on March 27 for the 1994-95 executive are as follows: President—Brian Ho; Vice-President—George Eguakun; Secretary—Raymond Teng-Yang; Treasurer—Chiew

Leong Saw; Social Director—Hang Teang Liang; Sports Director—Kenny Lee.

Congratulations go out to all newly elected executive members of all international and local student organizations from the executive and membership of the Board of International Students.