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Alcohol Awareness Quote of the Week:

"There's hardly
any day when I
haven't been to
the Cellar."

-Paul
Estabrooks, SU
President.

McKenna pledges support



Clockwise from left to right: Premier McKenna, Richard Tingley, Dr. Harrison McCain, MLA Russell King, and UNB President Robin Armstrong. The university's Venture Campaign received support from the province in an announcement Wednesday.

By Mary Rogal-Black
Brunswickian News

The Venture Campaign received a boost from P. McKenna today, with the announcement that up to \$7.75 million will be added to the fund by the province.

"We want the university to be a partner in the economic development of the province," said McKenna.

The money from the government represents the capital funding for the university until after the year 2000. Payments will begin in 1997-98, and will be dependent on the success of the Venture campaign.

UNB President Robin Armstrong thanked the province for their support.

"The Government's challenge

represents a three-to-one match," said Armstrong. "For every three dollars we raise, the government will give us one."

"Donors will have twenty-five per cent more impact than they would have had on their own," he added.

UNB faculty and staff have already pledged \$1.2 million to the Venture Campaign through payroll deductions. Sixty-five per cent of faculty and staff are participating in the payroll deduction program.

Students have been contributing to the Campaign through \$25 annual fees. This portion of the contributions will go to the planned SUB expansion.

President Armstrong emphasized that the projects funded by the Venture campaign will go a long

way to enhance the university.

"It will make UNB better, not bigger," said Armstrong.

Russell King, MLA for Fredericton-South and Minister of Health and Community Services, believes that education is going to be a major part of economic development in the province.

"I cannot help but be proud of the role the university plays in this community," said King.

\$3 million from the campaign is earmarked for attracting promising students to UNB.

Dr. Harrison McCain, Chair of the UNB Foundation, thanked Premier McKenna for his added support.

"It's just wonderful", stressed McCain. "I predict that this campaign will be a smashing success."

Council shake up: V.P. External to resign

By Janice McConnell
Brunswickian News

Lara Rooke, VP External, has informed Student Union Council of her intention to resign.

Rooke's decision was announced at Wednesday night's Student Council meeting.

The executive council reached a unanimous decision to ask for Rooke's resignation earlier on Wednesday. Rooke was informed of executive's intention before the meeting.

Rooke's resignation apparently follows concerns raised by SU President Paul Estabrooks.

Rooke is the only female on the executive council.

Estabrooks confirmed that he had "a long range of concerns" with Rooke's performance relating to a lack of work getting done.

He said that he found it "rather frustrating".

He mentioned that she had made no contact with the office in the last ten days, and commented that "maybe if she was not happy, she should leave."

Rooke in a later interview explained that she has been sick for the last few days and had been away several days last week to attend a wedding out of town. She said that more accurately she had only been out of the office for eight days at the most.

Councillor Paul McLean at this time moved that Council go "off camera", and the meeting was closed to the media.

"It was a decision that given the circumstances I felt was best for all involved," said Rooke after the meeting. "I'll still be involved in the Union as much as I can."

Tomaklo pleads not guilty

By Charlene Deyarmond
Brunswickian News

Keli Tomaklo, a 30 year-old UNB graduate student, has been charged for the second time in a year for refusing to take a breathalyser test.

Tomaklo's lawyer appeared in court on January 13 to enter a plea of not guilty on Tomaklo's behalf. The trial date is set for May 23.

Tomaklo is presently out of the province, and does not want the police to know where he is. When reached by phone for a statement, Tomaklo remarked the latest incident, "was a case of obvious harassment."

The Fredericton City Police, saying that the case was now in the hands of the courts, stated they had no comments to make regarding this latest incident involving

Tomaklo.

The first charge occurred last April, and was dismissed because the judge said the arresting officer gave insufficient evidence for requesting a breathalyser.

George Kolarich, a friend of Tomaklo, was with Tomaklo the night of the incident. Kolarich claims he was the designated driver during the instance of the second charge.

Although the car belonged to Tomaklo, Kolarich maintains he was driving that night.

While parked at a bank machine, Kolarich said he attempted but could not remove a tape from the car stereo. He subsequently asked Tomaklo to jump in front to see if he could get the cassette ejected.

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Try and walk this. Not only are students suffering from icy paths but so are our cute little friends, the squirrels. Photo by Someone with a Keen Eye.