

# News

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## Newsbits

### 'Quest' to replace Phoenix system

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It's happened to almost all of us at one time or another: you have a paper due and it feels like you spend more time struggling with the Phoenix system than you do on your assignment.

Searching through the library terminal isn't a joy - especially when you end up searching through stacks of books only to discover that your book has been checked out.

UNB libraries have found a solution to these and other problems with the introduction of Quest - a library database which will replace Phoenix. 'Quest' promises better searching capabilities, catalogue systems, and circulation.

Alan Burk, Associate Director for UNB Libraries, admits that the venture "will not be inexpensive, but it will be cost effective in the long run."

The libraries are purchasing the systems from Alabama and Burk hopes that terminals will be replaced with PC's within a year or two.

Burk admitted that the introduction of Quest may cause some confusion at first, but once the students get used to it, Quest will pay off in the long run.

"It will tell whether an item is checked out and it has more powerful searching capabilities" he stated.

Becky Peister, a first year Arts student, thinks the change will be a good move in the long run "as long as it is easy to use and it works out well it will be worth spending the money on."

"The library should make the system easy to use and have instructions set up around the terminals, many students don't have time for complex computer systems."

Quest systems will replace Phoenix and be up and running by the end of May.

### Winter carnival festivities planned

The UNB Residence Community is hosting its first ever Residence Carnival this weekend.

The highlight of the three day event is the Winter Carnival Ball featuring the big band sounds of The Thomists, Saturday, 25 February from 9:00 till 1:00 in the SUB Ballroom.

Carnival events got underway on Thursday, 23 February with a Ski Day at Crabbe Mountain for all residence students, followed by an "apres ski" party at Lady Dunn Hall with the local group "Triple Take."

On Friday at supertime in McConnell Hall, students will have the opportunity to bid on a pie - the highest bidder gets to throw the pie at their favourite (or not!) residence administrator! That evening, residence students and the guests will dance to the sounds of "Stereo in Motion" at a non-alcoholic social in McConnell Hall.

Saturday afternoon, McLeod House hosts its first annual "Slushbowl". All houses are encouraged to enter a team in this fun event. The cost per team is \$30.00 and all proceeds will go to the UNB Day Care Centre.

Residence Carnival '95 closes out with the Winter Carnival Ball featuring The Thomists, New Brunswick's most popular dance band. This event will take place in the SUB Ballroom from 9:00 to 1:00. Tickets are \$20.00 per couple and are available in the SUB lobby for all UNB and STU students.

### Suicide prevention program offered

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is pleased to announce an innovative \$1 million program to confront the problem of suicide that is devastating Aboriginal communities across Canada.

Community suicide prevention workshops will be held in every province and territory over the next four years.

The focus of this workshop is to create a community suicide intervention resource base in all areas of this province.

The Aboriginal suicide rate is three times higher than the rest of the Canadian population. Young people living on reserves, between the ages of 10 to 29, are 5 to 6 times more likely to die of suicide than their peers. (Statistics from the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, Medical Services Branch Steering Committee on Native Mental Health, 1991).

New Brunswick will be hosting this workshop at the Mactaquac Best Western Inn from February 27 to March 3. Candidates from all over the province will be attending.

### Ex-Globe editor to speak at STU

Former *Globe and Mail* managing editor Cameron Smith will tackle the topic of sustainability and the media for a guest lecture at St. Thomas University February 28 at 8 pm in Room G1, Sir James Dunn Hall.

In *Pity the Purlind Press: Sustainability and The Media*, Smith will explore alternatives to expecting the media to be at the forefront of sustainability issues. He will discuss grass roots revolution and individuals taking the initiative.

Smith is a best-selling author, a former lawyer and a former journalist. During his 20 years at the *Globe and Mail*, he won two national Newspaper Awards for writing editorials and served at various times as assistant editor, executive editor and managing editor. He has been an associate member of the Club of Rome for 15 years. Currently, Smith works as a writer-consultant on issues concerning the environment.

Smith's lecture is sponsored by the St. Thomas University Guest Lecture Committee.

### CHSR music director impeached...

## MacGowan to appeal decision

By Greg Moore  
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The music director of CHSR FM has been impeached by the Executive Committee of the campus radio station.

Kelly MacGowan, who had been elected to the position in January, was removed from her post on February 15.

MacGowan had been asked to resign during an Executive meeting on February 13 for "a variety of reasons," according to Station Manager Jeff Whipple.

MacGowan refused to resign her position.

"I felt it was not in the best interest of the station," she said.

Her decision prompted the Executive Committee to go into closed session, without MacGowan or the Committee Chair, Jim Cyr, present. They decided to remove MacGowan from her post. No details of the factors which led to this decision have been released to the general membership or to MacGowan.

"I was being impeached without a chance to find out why or defend myself," MacGowan said.

She plans to complain about the way in which the situation was handled.

CHSR's constitution states that "should a position on the Executive Committee become vacant ... the Chair shall notify the Members by posting notices of the vacancy within 48 hours."

According to MacGowan, this hasn't happened.

Cyr maintains that the 48-hour clause is not applicable as someone was appointed to an acting role in the position.

"Members will be informed before the General Membership meeting," he explained.

Cyr explained that he was not involved in the decision-making process of the Executive, but confirmed that performance was not a factor in the decision.

"The main reasons cited by the Executive were general unprofessionalism and an inability to work with fellow executive members at the executive level," said Cyr.

"She was right up there as far as Music Directors go," he said.

CHSR member Sandros DiPietro said that there was never any question as to her competence or ability to perform her job well.

"It seems to me to be political manoeuvring at the lowest of low levels," he said.

The motion for impeachment was not final until the Executive Committee met two days later where they again went into closed session to discuss the issue after listening to the dozen members who were present at the meeting to defend MacGowan.

Cyr had resigned from his position as

Chair on February 1, but was subsequently reinstated as interim chair pending the next General Membership meeting, scheduled to take place in late March.

According to MacGowan, Cyr later claimed that he had left because he found it impossible to work with her.

Cyr has stated that his resignation was the result of his concerns with MacGowan. Upon his return and prior to the motion for impeachment, Cyr issued a letter detailing the indiscretions of MacGowan which he felt undermined her ability to effectively perform her role at the station.

Station officials have refused to release a copy of the letter.

"It was just a hatchet job on me," said MacGowan. "It seemed very personal," she explained.

The problems outlined in the letter were not the primary factor in the Executive's decision, according to Cyr.

MacGowan plans to call the decision into question at the next meeting of the General Membership. According to Cyr, the meeting, at which annual elections will be held, will take place March 16. At that point, Cyr says, the General Membership will have the opportunity to uphold or overturn the decision of the Executive.

"They'll follow what the General Membership decides," Cyr said.

## SU will not fund engineers' memories

By Gordon Loane  
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Fledgling yearbooks in Engineering and Computer Science will not receive grants from the UNB Student Union following a decision by Council this week.

Council currently spends some \$30,000 supporting the UNB yearbook, a publication designed to include all faculties.

"The Finance Committee decided against supporting more than one yearbook because of cost and duplication of services," said SU Vice President Finance and Administration Luc Pinet in addressing Council this week.

But Engineering Representative Andrew Van Wart was one of six councillors who took an opposite view.

"The campus wide yearbook does not reflect students in Engineering adequately," said Van Wart, who asked Council to give the two smaller yearbooks enough support.

Computer Service Representative Kelly McLaughlin and Engineering Representative Vish Nandlall argued Council would not be handing out more money to fund the two faculty yearbooks.

"The yearbooks would be funded from within the faculty budget quota for clubs and societies," said Nandlall.

"It would then be up to all the clubs and societies in Engineering, for example, to divide up their budgets after supporting the faculty yearbook," he said.

McLaughlin told Student Council that Computer Science students would prefer their own yearbook and have more affinity for it than a campus wide

publication.

"Computer Science students already pay for their own yearbook and will probably continue to do so in the future despite council's decision," McLaughlin said.

While Council took just over an hour to make the yearbook decision, it took Van Wart much longer for the issue to get on the final agenda.

Van Wart introduced a notice of motion at Council on January 18th to change the SU's financial policy allowing funding for the yearbooks to proceed.

Some three weeks later, the SU's Finance Committee had still not dealt with

the matter.

Finance Committee Chair Luc Pinet said a mix-up caused the delay. Pinet was also job hunting in California during this period.

Last week Van Wart's motion came up at Council again, but Pinet wanted to delay action for another two weeks citing the necessity of preparing the SU's operating budget for 1995-96 as a more pressing priority.

Council decided not to follow Pinet's suggestion and referred the matter to the Finance Committee with instructions to report back this week.

## Election '95

### Your money, your vote

By Mary Rogal-Black  
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Don't throw \$100 in student fees away!

That's the message of Chief Returning Officer Graeme Smith. He says that voting in this year's student union elections is your opportunity to have a voice in where your SU fees go.

Nominations for student union positions for the '95-'96 term open today, and Smith wants to encourage all students to participate in this year's election process.

"They make a lot of decisions about money," stressed Smith.

He added that with the Canadian Federation of Student's issue, this year's elections are particu-

larly important.

There will be a referendum question about UNB's membership in CFS on the ballot during the election, which will be held March 22 and 23.

"These people represent you on campus," said Mark Bray, Deputy Returning Officer.

"If you have problems with profs, or need to appeal grades, these are the people you go to."

Working with four Deputy RO's, Smith will be trying to increase student awareness through radio and newspaper spots and will be sending out e-mail messages to students.

Smith is also planning to take candidates for executive positions on a tour of the residences for some up close and personal campaigning.