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SUB furnishing accepted by Fund

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The refurnishing of the SUB is among various projects accepted by the Development Committee for inclusion in the Third Century Fund drive. This will solicit funds from students, staff and big corporations, to improve the university as it nears its bicentennial.

At a meeting of the university senate Tuesday night, Dr. John Meagher, vice-chairman of the Development Committee, explained his organization's plans. The whole proposal has yet to be approved by the board of governors; it will be considered February 25.

\$1,500,000 will be allocated towards the university's libraries for various projects, such as the completion of the Phoenix cataloguing. Another two million, will be used to start scholarship funds.

Lab and computer modernization will account for another 1.6 million. Part of this includes \$900,000 to implement 19 computer-rolated projects, such as the purchase of microcomputers. More will go to lab upgrading in four faculties.

\$500,000 is to be put to various communicationsrolated projects, and \$450,000 will fund short-term or once-only innovative projects. \$1.1 million is proposed for natural resources projects, to be divided among several faculties.

Residential, social, athletic and cultural projects will consume another proposed \$2,850,000. Refurnishing the SUB comes under this category; Meagher said the students had rejected funding major renovations, and the SUB board subsequently submitted various proposals to the Development Committee. SUB Board Chairman David Kay, who is also a student senator, was visibly pleased to hear the announcement.

Other proposals in the plan, that will go before the board of governors, are the orderly refurnishing of residences and the design and construction of a SUB on the Saint John Campus. Also, funds will be allocated towards enrichment of intercollegiate athletics, and cultural life.

The proposals, which total \$10 million, are now being subjected to a test-marketing study. They are being shown to 40 people from the university community, and 60 from the business sector. The results of this study will be presented to the board when they consider the plans. Meagher said present indications point to a high acceptance-rate for the proposals, but there has been a small amount of opposition.

If accepted, the campaign will begin May 6; this is to be the advance gifts sub-campaign. The student campaign will begin September 20 and will be chaired by the Student Union presidents from both campuses; it is to last five years.

October 18 the faculty-staff campaign will begin, to be followed by the alumni campaign on October 23. January 12, 1983 the campaign canvassing Atlantic-region corporations will start. March 6, 1983 will see the start of the final phase, the national corporations campaign.

Meagher said the five-year duration of this, UNB's third ever fund-raising endeavor, will allow for a spread through time of donations, encouraging greater generousity.

UNB previously held fund-raising drives in 1958 and 1964. The presently proposed drive comes amidst similar efforts by other Canadian universities. Some are meeting with little success, while

those at Toronto, Carleton University, and Queen's have been a great success. The subdivisions of this Third Century Campaign are being chaired by some very well-known and influential people.

In choosing which projects to support, the Development Committee used two criteria. First they selected anything that would elicit support from potential donors. Any project that involved adding to the universities operating budget was not considered, and those calling for the creation of new positions were temporarily put on hold.

The committee's request for submissions went beyond the group's wildest expectations. About 65 were expected, but over 72 were received, with a total value in excess of \$70 million. Dr. Robert Burridge, vice-president academic, who was chairing the senate meeting in President Downey's absence, commented after the report was presented, "It makes one very excited!"

In other senate business, a long debate ended with the academic and grading policy of the law faculty being returned for review by the faculty. There was mention made of "pot-shots" at the department. Apparently rumors are circulating as to whether graduating law students are adequately trained. One consideration in the works is changes in the regulations to conform with other schools. There are also opposing views as to whether supplemental exams should be allowed.

