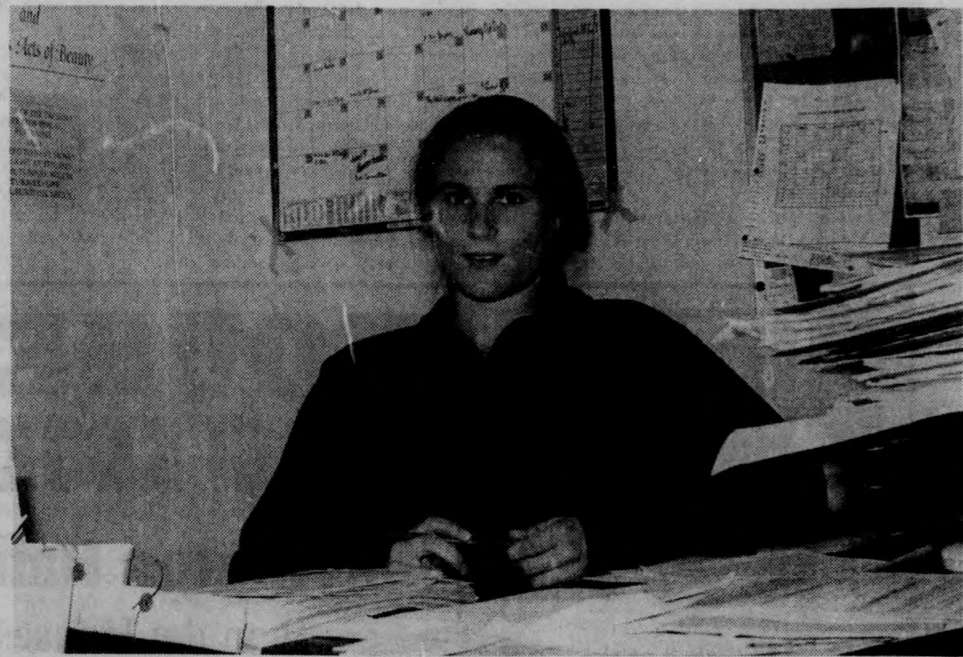


# NEWS

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Vice-President (Finance & Administration) Monique Scholten holds the line. ELIZABETH DEMERSON PHOTO

## Council rejects \$1,735 budget Womyn's Collective gets \$500

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The UNB Student Union Council voted to reconsider the UNB Womyn's Collective 1997-98 Budget, and raised the group's budget \$115 to a total of \$500.

A motion to increase the group's funding to \$1,235 was defeated.

Recommendation of the Finance Committee had been to allocate \$385, less than 25% of the \$1,735 proposed to the Committee by the Collective.

Julian Fraser from the UNB Womyn's Collective asked Council to reconsider and award the \$1,735 requested by the group.

SUVP Finance Monique Scholten defended the decision of the Finance Committee, pointing out that the Committee had opted not to fund a Social (\$50), a campaign on the Montreal Massacre (\$300), or sponsor two delegates to the National Action Committee on the Status of Women conference (\$1000).

Scholten said the Finance Committee felt that funding the Montreal Massacre Campaign was a duplication of a campaign run by the SU's own Social Issues Committee.

Shelley Wells, Arts Representative, member of the Social Issues Committee and a participant (though

not a member) of the Womyn's Collective, disagrees.

"There is a distinction between what the Social Issues Committee and the Womyn's Collective did," she said. Adding she participated in both events because of that difference.

Fraser added that though the Collective had met with and

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worked with the Social Issues Committee on the Montreal Massacre campaign last December, she found that the Social Issues Committee focused generally upon violence against women, while the Collective focused on the specific violence of December 6 and what that meant to women and feminists.

Vice-President (External) and President-elect Anthony Knight questioned the composition of the membership of the Collective, asking why there were no men in the organization.

"One of our guiding principles is to provide a safe space for women to educate other women about being a woman," Fraser explained. She added

that Men Against Sexual Aggression, which is funded by the SU to the tune of \$1,021, is exclusively composed of men.

Geoff Black, Science, also raise the issue of funding for MASA, adding that it was also a relatively new group, but had received funding equivalent to the request from the Collective to attend the NAC conference.

Fraser added that although members from the Collective were able to attend parts of last year's conference, since they had not been able to pay the \$200 delegate fee, they were left out of significant aspects of the conference.

Scholten responded by saying the Finance Committee didn't feel a newly active group, with an official membership of 8, warranted such an expenditure.

Fraser pointed out that since the membership of the Collective is "free-flowing" and non-exclusive, they do not keep a membership list. The names submitted to the Finance Committee were those people who were thought of at the time, and although there are only 8 members of the SU, there are students, faculty and staff from UNB and STU involved in the group.

Other things which counted against the Collective, according to Cathy Clark, Law representative and member of the Finance Committee, was the lack of a membership fee.

"Even if it's a small fee like \$2 or \$5, it shows a commitment to the Finance Committee," commented Clark.

## 6 chairs and a couch go missing

### Culprits nab \$2,300 in SUB furniture

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UNB Security officers are investigating the theft of one chesterfield and six chairs from the Blue Lounge of the Student Union Building on campus.

Sometime over the Christmas break, five chairs disappeared from the Blue

Lounge and a sixth was spotted missing on February 19th.

A three-seat chesterfield was removed on February 14th.

The chesterfield and six chairs have a total value of \$2300.00. All of these items have blue fabric with non-removable cushions surrounded by pine arm rests. Each item has been marked

by a black felt marker on the underside with the letters "SUB Nov. 94" and are easily identifiable.

Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2000.00 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for this crime. If you have information, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

## New computing program at STU

A new St. Thomas University summer program will offer liberal arts graduates a chance to power up their degree with today's workplace technology skills. *Workplace Computing for Liberal Arts Graduates* will offer liberal arts graduates and those about to graduate a chance to enhance job readiness by honing their skills at current workplace technologies and processes.

The program, scheduled to run from May to August 1997 on the St. Thomas University campus, was developed in cooperation with the New Brunswick Community College (Miramichi). "It's a natural partnership given the goals we set to achieve with this program," says St. Thomas University president Dr. Daniel O'Brien.

"The timing is right for such a program," he adds. Organization has a new appreciation of what liberal arts graduates bring to the workplace. "Arts graduates have proven themselves to be flexible during these times of radical change. They have well-developed analytical and critical thinking skills; possess great versatility and adaptability; work well in teams; and are more socially

attuned in the workplace," says Dr. O'Brien. "But today," he says, "employers want more. The 14 week program will supplement participants in undergraduate studies by focusing on the new technology and workplace skills graduates will need to successfully navigate their way around the changed workplaces of the new economy."

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The University sought input from prospective employers in the private and public sectors to ensure the program teaches relevant workplace skills. The result is an intensive, hands-on program incorporating relevant computer technology and soft skills into the frame of business tasks, functions and processes.

"Students will develop technological skills to enhance workplace productivity; and learn

entrepreneurship and self-marketing techniques. What used to be considered assets are now mandatory requirements to function in the new knowledge-based and information technology economy and the new entrepreneurial workplace culture," says project manager Susan Boyce.

Specifically, the module based program will include segments on multimedia; effective report and proposal writing; graphics and presentation skills; spreadsheets; networks and databases; the Internet; entrepreneurship; and much more. "The program," says Ms. Boyce, "will be delivered by experienced, top-notch professionals using the latest instructional techniques."

The certificate program is offered outside the regular academic stream as part of the University's continuing education offerings.

Senior-level students and university graduates are encouraged to enroll early in this program which is expected to fill up quickly. Early registration deadline is April 4, 1997.

The first 35 registrants are eligible for a St. Thomas University \$1,000 bursary. Participating students are also eligible for Canada Student Loans.

## MPHEC tells Senate subcommittee: 51% STU, 42% UNB get financial aid

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A report prepared by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission reveals that 51 per cent of full time students at Saint Thomas University and nearly 42 per cent of full time students on the UNB Fredericton campus needed some form of government student aid in 1995-96.

Of the 51 per cent who required student aid at Saint Thomas, 48.4 per cent received a provincial loan and twenty-three per cent got a provincial bursary as well in 1995-96.

At UNB Fredericton, of the nearly 42 per cent who needed student aid, 39 per cent received a provincial loan and 18.4 per cent also required a provincial bursary.

The total average student aid assistance which can include a Canada Student loan, a provincial loan and a bursary amounted to \$6,259 in 1995-96 for Saint Thomas students and \$6,087 for students at UNB Fredericton.

The February 1997 MPHEC

submission to the Canadian Senate Sub-Committee on Post Secondary Education also reveals just how much an average student at UNB and Saint Thomas can expect to spend each year to pay for an education.

In 1996-97, the MPHEC estimates a UNB student will spend \$9,826 a year consisting of \$2,840 in tuition and \$7,216 in other expenses such as student union fees, average room and board, books, transportation, clothing, personal and health care.

At Saint Thomas, the MPHEC estimates the total cost of a year at university to be \$9,019, somewhat lower than at UNB.

Tuition at Saint Thomas in 1996-97 totals \$2,420 while costs for other living expenses such as student union fees, average room and board, books, transportation, clothing, personal and health care amount to \$6,829 a year.

The MPHEC also conducted a Maritime survey of 1995 university graduates to see just how students pay for their education in the 1990's.

The survey revealed that 64 per cent claimed personal responsibility

for the cost of their university education while ten percent indicated that the cost had been a shared responsibility between the graduate and his/her parents.

A further 20 per cent said the total cost of their university education had been paid for by a parent or spouse while six per cent suggested that the total cost had been covered by someone other than a graduate or a parent/spouse.

Graduates also said they use a number of sources to cover the cost of a university education.

52 per cent had received a scholarship or bursary, while 49 per cent had borrowed money through a government student loan program.

12 per cent of those surveyed said they received funding through an employer while 10 per cent borrowed money through a bank or other lending institution.

Six per cent of those surveyed said they had participated in a co-op program while a further 5 per cent had borrowed money from family members.

## More SU election results

# Football referendum gap widens to 156

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Opponents of Varsity Football can now claim a wider margin of victory as a result of a recount of ballots in the recently held SU General Election.

Election night results in a referendum on the future of varsity football at UNB had given opponents the edge by 122 votes-566-444. But a recount of ballots has now widened the margin of victory for "No" supporters to 156 votes. Final results now show "No" ballots at 631 with "yes" votes at 475.

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Nonetheless, the total of declined and spoiled ballots at 50 would not have significantly changed the final result.

Other results released by Chief Returning Officer Matt Tingley this week:

Third year Law student Cathy Clark easily won election as this Spring's Graduating Class Valedictorian (Ceremony B: for Arts, Law and Computer Science students) by topping the polls with 37 votes. Andrew Bird finished second with 19. Jeff Melanson and Meredith Phinney each gathered 13 votes while Kelly Lamrock trailed with 11 votes in the five person field. Nine votes were spoiled.

Jeffrey Beairsto emerged the

winner in a three way race for Valedictorian (Ceremony C: for Science, Engineering, Forestry and Environmental Management and Business students.)

But it was a close vote. Beairsto won by just eight votes defeating runner-up Julie Clark 49-41. Michelle Henderson received 19 votes. There were 11 declined or spoiled ballots.

Nancy Moore will do the honours as Graduating Class Valedictorian (Ceremony A: for Kinesiology, Nursing and Education students) after easily winning a yes/no vote 32 to 6.

Another close vote, this time on a yes/no ballot, took place for the Law

165 votes and Nick Valcour with 254. Jeff Clark emerged the winner, topping the polls with 314 votes.

But a significant 189 voters declined to state a preference when handed ballots and a further 56 ballots were spoiled. The number of declined ballots at 189 is nearly three times Clark's margin of victory.

Declined and spoiled ballots played a factor in the three-way contest for two seats on UNB's Board of Governors too.

Anthony Knight, also confirmed election night as SU President for 1997-98, gathered the most votes at 577 while Jeff Clark will serve a third year on the Board of Governors finishing with 529 votes. Bob Prince, confirmed as V-P External for 1997-98, trailed with 366 votes.

But again a significant 178 ballots were declined by voters and a further 47 were spoiled.

Other election night winners: Sarah Mullaly and Mark Harvey, Arts Representatives on Student Council, Dave Teskey and Matt Hanrahan, Business

Representatives, Gilles Comeau and Nik Carrier in Computer Science, Jason Reath, Education Representative, Jonathan Penny in Engineering, Rochelle English, Kinesiology Representative, James Dickie in Forestry and Environmental Management and Monique Scholten, Representative at Large.

Senate representatives will be Sarah Mullaly, Matt Hanrahan and Richard Williams.

### Nancy Moore - Valedictorian A (Kinesiology, Nursing, Education)

### Cathy Clark - Valedictorian B (Arts, Law, Computer Science)

### Jeffrey Beairsto - Valedictorian C (Science, Engineering, Forestry & Environmental Mgt, Business)

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Thirty-one of Canada's most prominent writers and authors including Margaret Atwood, Pierre Berton, Silver Donald Cameron, W. O. Mitchell, Farley Mowat, Alice Munro and Peter C. Newman have written an open letter to Prime Minister Jean Chretien urging amendments to Bill C-32, an Act to amend the Copyright Act.

As the legislation being considered by Parliament now stands, there are certain exemptions from paying copyright fees for libraries, institutions, archives and museums.

The authors feel these exemptions should be removed.

"Why should a library be permitted to copy an article and charge a library patron for it without paying its author?" the group asked the Prime Minister in

their letter.

"When someone puts a quarter in a photocopier or even pays a librarian a few dollars to copy an article, we feel it is only fair that a few pennies of that amount should find their way to the author who has created and owns the intellectual property," the letter continued.

"This money will not come from the libraries' hard-pressed budget, but rather from the person who receives the copy and who is already being asked to pay for the paper and other costs of producing the copy," the authors said.

"How can the government in good conscience allow librarians to offset their own expenses but deprive authors of their rightful share in the revenues libraries receive from photocopying?" they asked.

"Creating exceptions for copyright

may seem trivial, but even single copies made by many, one by one, mount up."

The authors further claim that while many make incomes far larger, the average annual income of writers in Canada is approximately \$15,000.

"We call on you and your government to amend Bill C-32 to provide so that exceptions will not apply where a work is available under a license from a collective society," the writers urged the Prime Minister in their open letter, a copy of which appeared in New Brunswick newspapers last week.

The authors also asked the Prime Minister to extend the period of copyright in published works to seventy years following the author's death, to give Canadian writers and their publishers the same protection as is offered by the countries of the European Union.