

## Taking out the students' trash could cost a whole lot less Bids \$2,000,000 apart



**SUB staff members diligently clean up after messy University students.**  
Photo: Jud DeLong

by Joe FitzPatrick  
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More than \$2,000,000 separates eight bids for UNB's janitorial services contract, which was tendered on February 1, 1996. The highest bid is more than twice the lowest.

Of the eight companies which have submitted tenders, two will be very familiar to students of UNB - Modern Building (which currently holds the contract) and Beaver Foods.

According to Ed Reid, Residence Facilities Manager for Housing and Food Services, the contract includes buildings such as McLaughan Hall, the Student Union Building, and half of the Wu Conference Centre. It does not include any residences.

"Physical plant still cleans several buildings on campus," said Reid.

At the opening of tenders, Jim Walsh, Director of Physical Plant, told the assembled company representatives and a few members of the press, the number of staff hours and the bid for each of the three years of the contract.

The decision will be made by a group of administrators such as the Associate Vice-President Campus Planning, Mike Ryan and UNB Vice-President Finance, James O'Sullivan.

The decision is expected by the end of March according to Jim Walsh, Director of Physical Plant.

The contract is expected to be ratified at the April meeting of the Board of Governors.

## UNB Youth Challenged Internationally

Brunswickan News

Steve Mason didn't expect that a visit to the Student Resource Centre would end in a trip to Costa Rica.

After filling out an application form to become a participant with Youth Challenge International (YCI), an organization which sends youth between the ages of 18 and 25 to developing countries to do volunteer work for three month stints, Mason was chosen as one of about a dozen youths who will go for a ten-week volunteer stint.

Mason was selected "on a cold November weekend in the wilderness outside of Halifax. For two days, the other applicants and I were put through a series of mental and physical tests in order to test out motivation, commitment, initiative and compatibility. Included was a three hour first aid situation, simulated culture shock, a middle of the night relocation and a variety of initiative activities." Despite being cold, tired, and hungry, Mason "was filled with a strong sense of accomplishment."

After the selection process came "the most difficult challenge of them all: preparation." Mason had to undergo language and first aid training. As well, he had to acquire the necessary personal gear, which results in fund raising. "So far I have

managed to raise close to \$2,000 [of \$3,750] based on a massive letter writing campaign for sponsors, a raffle, and a poetry contest."

Mason expects to leave for Costa Rica on June 15 and return on August 23. "I will be working with around ten

other youths, as well as local residents, on projects which may take the form of health surveys, renovations of schools, shelters or community buildings, or scientific research on environmental, anthropological or social issues." When he returns, he will complete his involvement with YCI with 100 hours of community service in Fredericton. Mason "would be more than happy" to talk with anyone who would like to know more about the program. He can be reached at 455-6383 or by e-mail at o6xv@unb.ca.

YCI is currently sending people to Costa Rica and Guyana to volunteer in specific areas which may include medical programs, community service, or environmental projects. The official mission of the organization, which has offices in Toronto, Australia, Costa Rica and Guyana, is "to promote young people's active, responsible and continuing participation in critical issues of local and global development."



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Beaver Foods	81,042.00	\$1,270,834.00	\$1,270,834.00	\$1,270,834.00	\$3,812,502.00
Morrison Crothall	80,672.10	\$1,126,836.64	\$1,126,836.64	\$1,126,836.64	\$3,380,509.92
GM Enterprises	103,183.50	\$1,001,370.87	\$1,001,370.87	\$1,001,370.87	\$3,004,112.61
Norway Products	86,097.00	\$957,560.00	\$972,148.00	\$986,900.00	\$2,916,608.00
Modern Building	81,126.07	\$920,412.05	\$947,714.01	\$978,781.45	\$2,846,907.51
Ogden	92,550.00	\$932,693.32	\$946,684.76	\$956,154.24	\$2,835,532.32
Atlantic Building	89,291.50	\$868,522.00	\$877,353.00	\$896,865.00	\$2,642,740.00
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However, if there is sufficient interest in the EBSCO 1000 database, the Library will be able to obtain the newer EBSCO 2000 database, which is set to be released by the Massachusetts company which offers the service by mid-summer. This new database is set to contain much more material in the areas of business, science and engineering.

The collection of 1086 journals, periodicals and magazine includes such popular titles such as *Time*, *Field and Stream*, *Fortune*, *Car & Driver*, *Chatelaine*, *Discover*, *Popular Science*, *American Photo*, *Rolling Stone*, *Fantasy & Science Fiction*, *Golf Digest*, and *National Review*.

While the focus is on general periodicals, Teskey points out that it is not without scholarly publications.

"For example, the database has many of the core journals for the nursing program," says Teskey. "And with the increasing emphasis on distance education in nursing, this form of technology is increasingly important."

Other periodicals such as the *Canadian Journal of History*, *Canadian Review of American Studies*, *Harvard International Review*, *Political Science Quarterly*, and *The Virginia Quarterly Review* make up a strong showing for academic and research oriented titles.



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