

Student Union Building Underway

The construction of the new Student Union building are coming along speedy over the past year. The building is being constructed at the corner of Belvedere Ave and Mt. Edward Rd.

The \$6.75 million complex was officially started on May 23, 1991 and is expected to be complete in mid 1998. The 6 story building is being funded through a \$3.5 million contribution from the Atlantic Canada Opportunity Agency, a \$2 million dollar grant from the provincial government, and a \$4 million dollar contribution from the students of UPEI, to be collected over the next 5 years.

The building is to hold the offices of the SU executive, a 10 thousand square foot dance hall, an executives lounge, and offices and space for any other student union organizations. The controversy is still unfolding over the complex's off-campus location but the Student Union claims the site location is the most complimentary to the students of UPEI. A University spokeswoman was unavailable for comment. An unidentified Student Union member confidentially revealed to the X-Press that the Presidents office in the new building is to be located in the penthouse and is to be equipped with a jacuzzi, and a large bar. When asked to comment on the accusations, the executive had no comment.

The first accident in the construction occurred on Saturday, March 28, when a large crane tipped over while moving some large beams. One worker was injured but was released from hospital shortly after.



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