Hub-U Celebrates Ten Years With Sponsored Bash

A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF

Addressing the nattily-attired multitude at Central's Tenth Anniversary Celebrity Auction last week, President Edwin Deas waxed lyrical about the tremendous strides the institution has made since first achieving university designation back in 2005.

"When that famous surprise announcement was made all those years ago, who could have predicted we would be where we are today?" he asked. "With enrolment and tuition fees both at an all-time high, there really is no stopping us as we move forward into a future as illustrious as it profitable."

Flanked on the dais by Vice-Presidents Jenkins-Deas, Lepage, Leavitt, Silvestrone, Monaghan and McGrattan, the CEO proposed a series of toasts to the generous corporate sponsors of the event, Churcher-Hallmark and Disney-Blakeborough, as well as to the many managers whose outstanding service has contributed to the University's dramatic rise.

Mayor Mike Armstrong of Ladysmith added his lavish praise, making special mention of the retiring Dean of Applied Humanities, Prof. Sir John Black. "Sir John and I go back a long way," he quipped, "and, difficult as it is to get others to believe us, we can still remember the days when there were non-administrative employees here. As I was reminded only the other day by the Dean of Printing Services, it is only through the heroic efforts of individuals like Sir John that Hub-U has been able to put behind it the days of limited working hours, employee benefits and consequent labour unrest."

The event was not all a matter of earnest self-congratulation, however, and it was important to maximise the proceeds of the Auction in order to raise funds for the University Cafeteria, so that its annual operating deficit could be held down to the normal quarter-million-dollar level.

At the end of the day this goal was easily achieved, with participants stumping up hard-earned bonuses and expenses for such donated items as a corporate legal aid package from the firm of Roelants, Roelants and Roelants; the hockey jersey worn by Dominique Bertuzzi in the 2004-6 round of collective bargaining; the "Reimer" custom-designed portable toilet-seat; a dance with the partner of your choice from the veteran champion jive pair of Connie Kovalenka, Associate Dean of Development, and Not-so-Rusty Joerin, Dean of Purchasing; and an ergonomic analysis of your workstation by personnel from the Occupational Health and Safety Office.

The highpoint of the evening, though, was undoubtedly the announcement of a number of important new hires. Dr. Jim Slater was promoted to the position of Vice-President (Timetabling), and Bill Juby returns from a decade in retirement as Dean of Parking. Kathryn Barnwell and Marni Stanley will be Associate Deans of Arts and Crafts, while the vacant faculty positions in Anthropology, English, History, Liberal Studies, Biology, Geography, Sociology, Media Studies, Women's Studies and Creative Writing will remain so for the foreseeable future. ... continued p. 94