

New strategies developed for UNB Libraries

(UNB-PRI) The new director of libraries at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is already developing strategies for waging the economic battle confronting libraries in the '90s.

John Teskey took his position on August 15, and immediately began planning to meet the major challenges facing this vital component of the learning community.

First on the list of imperatives is regaining lost purchasing power, says Mr. Teskey, who was head of administrative services at the University of Alberta before coming to UNB.

"Materials prices are running way ahead of the consumer price index," he explained. "In the last two years alone, the cost of science materials has increased over 30 per cent, and monographs, in excess of 10 per cent. The lost purchasing power over the five years runs to almost \$750,000 - and the materials budget was already badly eroded at the beginning of this period."

As buying power has decreased, the library has had to cancel subscriptions to

periodicals. The situation has reached the critical point.

"This year, many core purchases have been cut," Mr. Teskey said. "Our immediate challenge is to look at the collection budget and find creative, innovative approaches to respond to the problem."

Our response is a shift from the traditional way collections are viewed. "There is a move to demand rather than a supply model. North American presses turn out about 100,000 volumes a year. We get less than 10 per cent of these and therefore cannot have a comprehensive collection," Mr. Teskey added.

When a user wants a volume not in the collection, the library usually borrows it through inter-library loan. The director pointed out that libraries have supported each other in this way for a long time. A delivery time of three to six weeks for the inter-library loan process, however, does not replace local access.

"We could stretch our purchasing power by increasing this kind of support. Shortly we hope to put into place a resource-sharing agreement

with another university library that will shorten the turnaround time for articles and books to 72 hours or less.

"Another initiative is looking at how we do business to ensure the involvement of all our stakeholders: that is, library staff, graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, administrators, government representatives and the people of New Brunswick," Mr. Teskey said.

This planning process is at the stage of making contact with all the stakeholders in the library enterprise. "Members of the university are welcome to drop by the administrative office on the third floor of the Harriet Irving Library or call me at 453-4740 to discuss library matters," he said.

A final, major challenge is fund raising. "Our funding needs extend beyond the area of collections. We need to fund the new resource-sharing alliances and a preservation program for our current collection." About one-quarter of the collection is enbrittle or in danger of being brittle and is housed under conditions that are accelerating the

deterioration process.

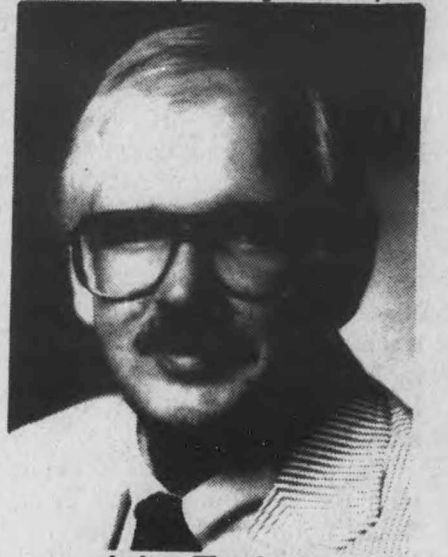
"Funds must also be set aside to encourage a certain amount of risk-taking by library staff to develop new services and programs."

For example, Mr. Teskey explained that for students to be fully competitive when they leave the institution, they must be information literate - that is, they must feel comfortable with using new information technologies. "A more active approach to information literacy will require new funds," he concluded.

Mr. Teskey earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in philosophy from the University of Guelph in 1971 and a Master of Library Science from the University of Western Ontario in 1973. He started his career in library service as assistant to the university librarian at the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. Teskey then served as library personnel officer with a wide variety of responsibilities at both the University of Saskatchewan (1979-80) and the University of Alberta (1980-85).

As acting chief librarian at the University of Alberta from

Joy Cummings-Dickinson photo



John Teskey

February 1989 to April 1990, he was responsible for all library operations.

For the balance of the time from 1986 until moving to UNB, he was head of administrative services at Alberta. Among his duties were maintaining a full range of personnel services for all staff, including administering three collective agreements, and overseeing all library facilities, including renovations, maintenance and allocations of space for 32,000 square meters in nine buildings.

UNB SU says 'thank-you' to Fredericton

by Pierre St. Amand

It was Saturday Oct. 26 when 25 to 30 members of the University New Brunswick Student Union Council and various other student groups volunteered their time to help the City of Fredericton spread crusher dust and clear brush from the newly constructed path at Morell Park. The event took place from 9:30 til noon.

In a recent interview with the Student Union president Greg Lutes, he simply states that "it was a good thing to do for the city". He also states that the turnout was "very good" despite a slightly cloudy sky.

In a recent press release Lutes said that the students

simply wanted to say 'thank you' to our good host, the City of Fredericton.

Later in the day a barbeque was held to thank all volunteers for the work that they accomplished. All this was made possible by the Student Union.

This effort is part of a plan to promote friendly feelings with the community and the college Hill Neighbourhood Association. The CHRA is a newly formed organization which was formed by concerned citizens of the area in an effort to protect themselves from students who act in an irresponsible manner towards their landlord, and the facilities they rent.

CFS National Conference to be held in Ottawa

by Karen Burgess

In the coming week, several representatives from UNB's Student Union will be attending the Canadian Federation of Students' National Conference in Ottawa.

The conference, which runs from November 3 to November 9, is being held to discuss what issues the national group, which lobbies for student and educational issues, will support in the coming year.

New French radio station planned for Fredericton

by Kelley McDermott

CHSR, UNB's student run radio station, will be training workers for Radio-Fredericton, a special-interest group who hopes to establish a

French radio station.

This radio programming is to be broadcast from Centre Communautaire Ste-Anne to the French community of Fredericton.

Steve Staples, CHSR's sta-

the conference are Greg Lutes, SU President, James Van-Raalte, VP Finance and Administration, Tammy Yates, VP External Affairs and Jodi Cruickshank, Arts Faculty representative.

Mark Lockwood CFS National Executive for New Brunswick and Derek Carlisle, CFS Fieldworker for the region, will also be at the conference to support the needs of New Brunswick's students.

tion manager, says that a training schedule for Radio-Fredericton has yet to be determined, but part of the training that the group will undergo will be in the form of weekly hour-long program broadcast entirely in French from CHSR. The day upon which this program will be aired has not yet been set.

There is also no set date for when Radio-Fredericton plans to begin their broadcast, because they are still waiting for approval from the CRTC. Alain Gaughtier, a member of Radio-Fredericton, says that there are approximately two other groups besides themselves who have applied for a station grant within NB, so it depends upon whom the CRTC decides to give first priority to.

Gaughtier is confident though that Radio-Fredericton's chances of obtaining a station grant are good.

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