

Dean of Education first of her kind

Press Release

No one can accuse Dr. Laverne Smith of avoiding a challenge.

This fall, UNB's new Dean of Education assumed responsibility for over 1,000 students, 60 full-time professors and academic staff, 20 support staff, and a faculty in metamorphosis.

"I'm coming into the job under rather unusual circumstances," says Smith. "I have a heavy agenda that's already been set."

In connection with the recommendations of the provincial government's Commission on Excellence in Education, the faculty is phasing out the four-year Bachelor of Education degree and establishing two new programs.

"Students in the concurrent program will begin their studies in another faculty and come into education after their first or second year," explains Smith. Those who choose this option will be able to earn two undergraduate degrees in five years.

The consecutive program is designed for those who already have an undergraduate degree. It will

take approximately one and a half years to complete a B. Ed. in this program. "Our aim is to have both programs in place by next fall."

Smith did know what she was getting into. Last December, while she was on sabbatical from York University, Smith reviewed UNB's Faculty of Education as an external examiner. When she was later invited to become a deanial candidate, it was the combination of the people and challenges facing the faculty that sparked her interest.

"The prospect of starting new programs was exciting, but it's the people who make the place for me," says Smith. "They've gotten into the change process and are approaching it with good spirit. There's a feeling of community in this faculty that's a tribute to everyone here."

Although she's been on the job for less than two months, Smith has done a lot of thinking about what she'd like to achieve as dean.

"I don't think the faculty has the reputation it deserves," she says. "I want to do some image building and polishing. We have several entre-

preneurial centres and do a lot of outreach with the community generally. I want to try to have people's perceptions match what is actually happening."

She is meeting and consulting with people - both inside and outside the university - and examining the governance and structure of the faculty.

"It's important for me as Dean to enhance existing links and forge new ones."

Smith would like to see a Doctoral program established and work with the provincial government to serve the professional development needs of teachers in the field better. At present, there are no Doctoral programs in education offered in New Brunswick.

"I also want to look at ways to give the faculty better support," she says. "In addition to teaching, the professors in this faculty spend a lot of time in schools supervising student teachers and engaging in other professional activities."

Smith emphasized that this heavy supervision and outreach responsibility is not typically a part of aca-

demical duties elsewhere. "I want to ensure that faculty have appropriate work loads so they have a chance to share their talents in the research arena as fully as possible."

"What we do will be very much a group process," she stresses. "I value the collegial process. The faculty and I will continue to engage in decision making and set the agenda for this faculty together."

Smith comes to UNB from York University where she was Associate Dean of the Faculty of Education for 10 years. She was the first woman to hold that position in any of the 10 Faculties of Education in Ontario.

An active citizen of the university, she was elected to York's Senate and Board of Governors and served on numerous committees and projects in the educational com-

munity.

Among the honors she has received during her 27-year career in education is the Ontario Council of University Faculty Associations Award. It is given to the best university teacher in the province.

A prolific researcher, Smith specializes in policy, planning and organizational theory.

She is working on a study of leaders - their use of power and how they manage groups in organizations - and following through with a two-year tracking study of 6,000 education graduates.

The first woman Dean of Education in the province, Smith looks forward to working and living in New Brunswick. "It's a more human scale environment," she says. "I'm also very impressed with the atmosphere at UNB overall."

World authority in electrochemistry to lecture at Wu

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A world-renowned authority in the field of electrochemistry and corrosion will give the 1993 W.B. Lewis Memorial Lecture on Thursday, November 4.

Dr. Digby MacDonald, Director of the Centre of Advanced Materials at Pennsylvania State University, will speak on the topic: In Search of Determinism in Corrosion Science and Engineering.

His talk is scheduled for 7:30pm in the Auditorium of the Wu Conference Centre, from the Montgomery St. entrance.

In his talk, Macdonald will argue for the development of technologies for predicting corrosion-induced damage in industrial systems, such as nuclear power reactors.

The lecture is intended for the enjoyment and stimulation of inter-

ested members of the general public. Both the talk and the reception that follows are open to the public and free of charge.

The W.B. Lewis Memorial Lecture series was established in 1988 to honour W. B. Lewis, an outstanding Canadian scientist and a leading figure in the development of nuclear energy.

He was widely regarded for his contributions to the development of the CANDU reactor and for his concern for the people of the Third World.

Sponsors of this year's lecture are Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., UNB, the Centre for Nuclear Energy Research, the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick, and RPC.

Further information about the lecture may be obtained by calling 453-4681 or 453-4793.

Vegetarianism,

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Any diet followed in a haphazard way can lead to serious nutritional deficiencies, which may take a long time to manifest, but which can affect any number of bodily functions.

To be a good vegetarian, conscious effort must be made to combine vegetable proteins so that the strength of one compensates for the weakness of the other. One can do this by combining:

-legumes with grains. For example, Baked Beans and brown bread, Peanut butter sandwich or Bean Tacos.

-legumes with nuts and seeds. For example Hummus.

-grains with milk For example, oatmeal with milk, rice pudding, Quiche, macaroni and cheese, pan-

cakes and waffles.

-grains with eggs. For example, egg salad sandwich, Quiche, oatmeal cookies.

In general, the Canadian diet includes excessive intakes of protein. Most Canadian would not think of having a meal without a meat dish. But even though the majority of us have no interest in vegetarianism, there is no reason why we cannot have meals which include vegetarian dishes, such as macaroni and cheese, meatless lasagna, and Baked Beans with brown bread.

Canadians need to shift their thinking so that we do not think of vegetables and grains as side dishes to a hefty chunk of animal protein.

Vegetarianism can be a healthy way of eating, if done correctly!

For any nutritional concerns, the Dietitian is available at the UNB Health Center every Tuesday morning, by appointment.

Crime Stoppers

During the final days of 1992, Mr. James Morton of Sussex, NB drove to his summer residence in the Portageville area, in Kings County. When he arrived, he was stunned by what he found. He immediately notified the police who summarized the following crime.

Sometime between December 23rd and December 29th, 1992, at least two men went to the Morton property and, for some unknown reason, went on a rampage.

-most windows were smashed and curtains torn;

-The sinks and toilets were broken with an axe and thrown outside from the second floor;

-An axe was used to cut holes in the walls;

-The furniture was broken and thrown around the room, piled in mounds;

-Numerous .22 calibre shots were fired inside the building.

Damages totalled \$25,000. Before leaving, the vandals stole a phone, two beds and the bedding and a quantity of knives.

The RCMP in Petitcodiac are investigating and need your help to identify those responsible.

Moncton Crime Stoppers will pay a minimum \$1000 for information received this week that leads to the arrests of those responsible for this crime. If you have any information concerning this vandalism and theft or information on any other unsolved crimes in New Brunswick, please call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS; that's 1-800-222-8477. If you're on the NBTel cellular network, press *TIPS. The call is free. Should your tip lead to an arrest, Crime Stoppers guarantees a cash award.

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