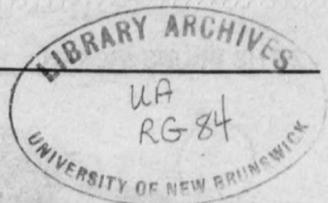


# Orientation '87



By MARK STEVENS

Despite the inclement weather, it looks like Orientation '87 has got off to a flying start.

Although the resounding chants of UNB's freshmen make the usually quiet campus sound like boot camp, everyone seems

to be having a good time. Under the watchful eyes of the orientation committee, squads of red clad "frosh" have been roaming the university clutching the contents of their "frosh packs", availing themselves of the delights UNB has to offer.

Orientation chairman, Marc Braithwaite, is happy with the

way things are going. He and his hard-working committee have done their best to keep the freshmen occupied. "The toga party at McConnel Hall was a great success," he said. "That proved a great way to break the ice."

One of the primary concerns of the orientation committee is

to promote alcohol awareness on campus. They encourage students to have a good time—but to avoid drinking excessively. "Many freshmen are under the impression that they can't have a good time unless they're drunk," said Marc. "Hopefully, Orientation '87 will change this attitude. I've found that if you

put a theme to a party, everyone tends to feel less self-conscious and more relaxed."

Last year, the committee won an award for the best orientation programme in North America. This year UNB has been designated as the model university for alcohol awareness.

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## Court case appeal

By STEVE GRIFFITHS

Members of the deposed student union executive headed by Mr. John Bosnitch have launched an appeal against a decision made in court by Justice M. Dickson last May.

Justice Dickson has summarily dismissed actions which sought to have the courts declare illegal the April 17th, 1986 lockout of the UNB Student Union executive.

Using a rarely used judicial procedure, Rule 27.09, the court declared in the preliminary hearing that the purpose of the plaintiffs was frivolous, without merit, and an abuse of the process of the court of law.

The ruling is the culmination of a lengthy series of clashes between the deposed student union government and the UNB administration headed by President James Downey.

Essentially, conflict arose when the incumbent Government became increasingly intransigent to administrative

policy. Furthermore, members of student council began to declare that the existing government had not been serving student interests. As a result, the entire executive were evicted from office and replaced, with questionable legality, by a thirteen member student council that immediately gained recognition by the UNB administration.

The deposed executive, however, still maintained that they were the legal student government. Setting up office off campus they prepared themselves for legal battle.

Of the Justice Dickson ruling, the deposed student union government have said that they will continue to struggle for the principal of being able to establish a democratically elected student union, free of what they regard to be insensitive administrative policies.

Referring to Dr. Downey, Justice Dickson found that under all circumstances the university president acted with propriety and went out of his way to avoid confrontation with the student government.

In a recent interview Dr. Downey said that the judgement represents an unequivocal forthright condemnation of the activities of the deposed student executive. "The best thing that can happen is that this dead baggage is left behind." Dr. Downey added and hoped that this will once and for all put an

end to what he termed as "this harassment." Dr. Downey said that he has confidence in the current student governing council and is impressed with the promise they have shown in managing student affairs.

"I hope the beginning of a new year will produce some

new issues and look forward to a future of cooperation between the administration and the student government", Dr. Downey further added last Wednesday.

"Any move to implement an appeal against this current ruling can only be regarded as a desperate measure", Dr. Downey further added.

"Et tu Brute?"

