

# Snow clearing slow

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Students and staff have been vehemently complaining recently about physical plant's snow clearing or the lack thereof. Many people had trouble parking or moving their cars during Monday's storm of snow and heavy ice pellets, and trudging about on foot was exhausting for many.

Under ordinary circumstances, the above would be expected in the middle of a storm, but this week the situation lingered for longer than usual. The reason was equipment failure at physical plant; UNB's only snowblower and another plow are out of action.

Jack Smith, Manager of Operations at physical plant said the main axle in the blower is broken, and he expects it to take at least a week to obtain the part from Montreal and install it. This is causing large delays in completing

snow-clearing after each storm, a job which usually takes about three days.

The major goal is to keep the main arteries open in case of emergencies. This job is carried on continuously during a storm. Pedestrian sidewalks are generally kept passable as well, but this week with the lack of equipment, plows were diverted to pushing back snow banks by roadways, a job which can easily be done by the blower.

Smith also blamed the nature of the storm for the inefficiencies. The storm worsened at four in the morning, and also the ice pellets rolled back into pathways after they had been cleared. Smith claimed that in general, the UNB campus is kept clearer than the City at large.

Rumours had been circulating around campus about possible budgetary problems for snow removal, should

another major storm occur. These are completely false according to Smith; he does not know where they originated.

Several other allegations have also been leveled against physical plant. There are reports of snow plows being left idle during the height of the storm while the operators spent a long time in the SUB cafeteria. There were also complaints about snow clearing even before the present problems.

Some students said they felt it was a lack of coordination of snow clearing operations with the schedules of staff and students. The general complaint was that people park cars in unplowed lots in the morning, then the plows come and are unable to clear the parking lot properly. As Smith said however, the timing of storms had a lot to do with this problem.

## Baskerville new dean of forestry

Gordon Lawson Baskerville has been appointed dean of the faculty of forestry at the University of New Brunswick, President James Downey has announced. The appointment becomes effective August 1, 1982.

Dr. Baskerville will succeed John W. Ker, dean of forestry since 1961, who is retiring.

Currently on a leave of absence from UNB where he was a professor in the faculty of forestry, Dr. Baskerville is serving as assistant deputy minister, forest resources, for the New Brunswick department of natural resources. In that capacity, Dr. Baskerville has been extensively involved with the preparation and implementation of the new Crown Lands and Forests Act which becomes fully effective on April 1, 1982. For the remaining months before assuming his new role at UNB, Dr. Baskerville will continue to discharge his senior responsibilities for helping to finalize the allocation, licensing and forest management agreements pertaining to Crown timber land.

The appointment of Dr. Baskerville as dean of forestry at UNB has been made with the full knowledge and support of the government of New Brunswick. In commenting about the matter, Honourable J. W. Bird, minister of natural

resources, said, "The new legislation which Gordon Baskerville has helped us to develop contains the most in-



Dr. Gordon Baskerville

novative forest management policies yet introduced in Canada. Paralleling our commitment to forest management is the recognition that increased numbers of professional foresters, with greater knowledge, skill and expertise than ever before, will be required to attain the goals that we have set for ourselves. Therefore, it is with considerable sense of purpose and satisfaction that we are able to reflect on Dr. Baskerville's important presence with our department in recent months, and on the equally important impact which he will have in coming years on the education of forestry students to meet

our future needs," stated the Minister.

Prior to assuming his position in the provincial government, Dr. Baskerville was active in several studies and committees for the province. In 1976, he led a task force for the evaluation of budworm control alternatives. The findings were published and are known as *The Baskerville Report*.

Born in Emerson, Manitoba, he graduated from UNB in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry. Dr. Baskerville completed his Master's

and Doctorate degrees at Yale University, specializing in the ecology of growth and the primary productivity of the fir-spruce-birch forest.

He has enjoyed a long-standing association with the Canadian Forestry Service, Maritimes Forest Research Centre, located at UNB, as a scientist and a leader in field stations. Before joining the UNB faculty in 1974, he was the senior manager for program direction and development, supervising a staff of 35 scientists, research officers and technicians.

Dr. Baskerville is the author of numerous scientific articles and papers, and was the associate editor of the *Canadian Journal of Forest Research*.

## Official cancellation policy

CANCELLATION OF SCHEDULED CLASSES, SEMINARS, LABORATORIES AND TUTORIALS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK FREDERICTON CAMPUS DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER OR EMERGENCY CONDITIONS

The normal operating policy of the University is to maintain services except when scheduled classes, seminars, laboratories and tutorials are cancelled by a decision of the President or, in his absence, the Vice-President (Academic).

### Overnight Storms

Procedures have been developed to collect relevant information about weather forecasts, highway, street and campus conditions to aid the President in his decision.

The President's decision will be conveyed to designated University personnel for implementation, and appropriate radio announcements will be aired by 7 am, if possible. Unless employees are advised otherwise, they should report for work.

Information about the University's position will also be available from the University Security Office - telephone 453-4830.

### Daytime Storms

If the progress of a storm intensifies during the day, a decision may be made by the President or, in his absence, by the Vice-President (Academic) to curtail services and to allow students and employees to leave early. The Personnel Department will be made aware of the President's decision and will notify departments of the situation. Wherever possible such information will be given directly to the Department Heads so that they can make any necessary discretionary decisions. We would ask that departments and their staff cooperate by waiting for such a decision, and not take unilateral action on their own.

Note: Unless a specific decision to curtail operations has been made, University services should be maintained. Designated essential services will be maintained at all times, if possible.

Eric C. Garland  
Assistant Vice-President  
Administration

Above is the official policy on cancellation of classes due to inclement weather. Prof. Eric Garland Vice-President Administration provided the Brunswick with the official position of the University on this matter in response to questions and many many calls on Monday morning.

Prof. Garland said that due to the number of students living on campus, the University itself does not close. Professor Garland outlined the agencies that are monitored as to the weather situation when the need arises. The Federal Weather office, the Department of transport as well as the RCMP and Fredericton City Police. The Campus Security Office is in touch with the above mentioned services and reports to the President.

If the situation presents it self as being serious enough to cancel classes, labs, tutorials, seminars and other UNB services; announcements will be made on the radio as soon as is possible.

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