



# mugwump journal

By GORDON LOANE

This week I had the opportunity to meet with the Chairman of the Dean of Students search committee and UNB Vice President Dr. Robert Burridge. The results of my interview are elsewhere in this issue. What I want to add are a few impressions I gathered during the interview.

In the Jan. 16th issue of this paper our staff called for a review of the office of the Dean of Students. Our editorial policy has not changed. We still believe that there is a conflict of interest between the role of the dean of students as an administrator at this university and the role of the dean as a student ombudsman. I received some assurance from Dr. Burridge that the search committee was concerned and is studying the problem. But now to the bottom line - what is going to be done about the problem? Dr. Burridge told me that it is not within the scope of the search committee to make changes in the Dean of Students office. Apparently the committee can only make recommendations to Dr. Downey. In the meantime the search committee intends to press on with the appointment of a new dean.

Well all of this smacks of the usual administrative shuffle! A new dean of students will be appointed and the real problem about the administrative vs ombudsman role of the dean that has been raised will be dealt with later --- really? Dr. Burridge also admitted to me that a new dean of students would have influence if changes are planned in the office that person occupies. Will a new dean really be in favour of splitting his office in half - in downgrading his role? I think not. I think the committee and Dr. Downey should get together and decide what to do before appointing a new dean - delay the appointment if necessary for awhile and solve the problem that exists with the office first. The bottom line is that the office created for us is not working properly and we, the citizens, want change. There are several student leaders who are prepared to scream, fight, to be called every name in the book and go quite literally "to the mat" to get something done.

The Brunswickan is reflecting the opinion of students. The Graduate Students' Association in a private submission to the search committee agrees with us. Hopefully this week CHSR-FM and our own SRC will discuss the issue. We urge the committee members and others in the university community to listen to what we have to say.

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Yesterday, a meeting was called by SRC president Kevin Ratcliff to discuss a controversy which has erupted in the SUB this week. The results of this meeting are not available at press time. The controversy concerns the \$15 portion of your annual \$45 student fee which is used to pay for the SUB mortgage. The mortgage will be paid off next October and what is to be done with the fee after that is the real issue. More next week.

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Last November the UNB Red Shirts won the Canadian soccer title and the UNB SRC was supposedly planning a special event to celebrate the occasion - a dinner or whatever. Well nothing has happened yet -- nearly three and a half months after the fact. I wonder if the SRC executive are planning to get something done about this in this current academic year.

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We have received several reactions after the printing of the confidential memo from the Board of Deans. One senior official at this university called this humble publication "a wretched little paper." Others suggested that all the Brunswickan was doing was trying to cause trouble with the publication of an irrelevant memo. Well we decided to print the memo in its entirety. We believe it to be an example of some of the thinking in the higher echelons of the university.

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Several students have complained and one member of the university community has suggested that shelters be built at the bus stops on campus. I suggested this to Dean Thompson this week and it appears the idea has been kicked around for some time. Kevin Ratcliff, president of the SRC tells me he will look into doing something to get the shelters built. It sure would be great for those who either freeze or get wet waiting for city transit on campus.

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Apparently our SRC lawyer has charged the student union \$860 to incorporate CHSR-FM. This in addition to the \$3,500 retainer paid for legal services to our lawyer each year. It sure seems like a lot of money to pay for a lawyer. Any thoughts, Kevin?

# soundoff

## A few comments on the Iran editorial

Dear Sir:

With regards to the editorial that appeared in the January 30th edition of the Brunswickan, I would like to make a few comments. In your editorial the U.S. is repeatedly denounced, while you fail to criticize Iran even once. First you accuse the U.S. of being arrogant, because they provided medical assistance to the Shah. The right to determine who may enter the U.S. clearly belongs to the American government. You also state that the only reason that the 52 hostages are home is because the U.S. met Iran's demands. Did it ever occur to you that the Iranians may have wanted the crisis settled because they

feared the incoming Reagan administration? You also state "In a conflict where both sides dealt bitter blows the Iranians won." Either you are unaware or it has slipped your mind that the Iranians demanded 24 billion dollars in reparations from the U.S. In the end Iran settled for 11.9 billion dollars of their "own" frozen assets. You then attack our Canadian External Affairs minister. You describe his assessment, "the Algiers agreement was a triumph of international law," as laughable at best. Although it may not have been a triumph of international law, it does not deserve the title, "laughable at best," unless you can think of a more peaceful solution?

If America was impotent, and the economic sanctions had no effect, how do you explain the economic condition of Iran, which presently has an annual inflation rate of 50 per cent, an unemployment rate near 40 per cent and industry operating at only 30 per cent of capacity?

Finally, even though the U.S. obviously has it's faults, they are our ally. They assume an important role in the protection of the free world. America stands for freedom; it always has and it always will. The detention of 52 innocent people for 444 days is unparalleled with the concept of freedom.

Greg Munroe  
BBA II

# Profs didn't help winter carnival

To the Editor:

Apathy on campus may be on the rise, but the professors don't help much. Take the Winter Carnival for an example, while in the originating stage the committee sent letters to all faculties informing the profs of the activities and asking them to please rearrange their schedules so that no midterms would occur at

this time. This seemed like an easy enough request. WHAT HAPPENED? Most profs chose to ignore the request, 1/2 of my business profs and countless others (not phys-ed profs I'm told) had midterms anyway. Try complaining you say, nice try, one of my profs told me I didn't have to write it if I didn't want to, but no mark. The profs must have felt left out or else there is a definite

movement afoot to stop students from enjoying themselves while here at UNB. Enough said, lets just remember, next year to get the profs involved and make absolutely sure they know what's going on here and that students should come first.

James Caven  
BBA Student

# Smith will not re-offer

Dear Mr. Kilfoil:

I would like to set the record straight re the article in last week's Brunswickan about the search for a Dean and Provost of Men's Residences. Professor J. Robert Smith, the current Dean and Provost of Men's Residences, HAS NOT re-offered for another term of office.

Yours sincerely,  
G. Barry Thompson  
Chairman, Search Committee for Dean and Provost of Men's Residences.

# UNB prof lectures on TV

UNB economics professor Constantine Passaris has recorded a series of lectures on the contribution of immigrants to Canada which are being broadcast on the nationwide CTV series "University of the Air."

The lectures began Jan. 26 with a look at the role of immigration in Canada's economic development. In lectures Feb. 2 and 9 Passaris focussed on the impact of immigration on population and on the workforce. Lectures scheduled for Feb. 16 and 23 will focus on the country's immigration policy and our role in aid and resettlement assistance for the world refugee population. The lectures are aired 7-7:30

am on Monday for the five weeks. Passaris recorded the lectures in the CKCW-TV studios in Moncton, and they can be seen in Fredericton over channel 8(9).

Passaris, who has been on the UNB faculty since 1972 has been an invited speaker in both Canada and Britain on immigration policy and impact.

The 1980-81 season marks the 16th year that the "University of the Air" has been coordinated by CTV, making it one of the longest running programs on Canadian television.

The Canada Employment and Immigration Commission and the United Nations high commissioner for refugees provided Passaris with visual materials included in the programs.