



NEW DEAN OF STUDENTS APPOINTED

Professor Tom Austin begins his five year stint as Dean of Students this Fall.

Tom Austin, a professor in the School of Computer Science at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has been appointed dean of students. His five-year term began July 1.

Prof. Austin sees his role as not only the dean of, but also the dean for students. "A major aspect of the role of dean of students is to act as an ombudsperson for the students, to help students whenever they feel that university procedures have not served them well," explained Prof. Austin. The dean of students is also responsible for the overall operation of student services including counselling, student health, undergraduate financial awards, residence programs, international student's adviser, and housing and food services.

A former don of Neville House and Lady Beaverbrook Residences for four years and previous experience working with and responding to the needs of students. He received an Excellence in Teaching Award in 1979 as well as a UNB Merit Award in 1988 for outstanding achievement in teaching, research, and community service. He also co-founded the computer science co-op program, oversaw its academic program and liaised with co-op employers. He

has served as chair of the Senate Student Services Committee and as a member of the Senate Undergraduate Scholarship Committee.

Prof. Austin will continue teaching while serving as dean. "I thoroughly enjoy teaching. It is a very rewarding seeing students achieving their full potential. I think some of the characteristics that make a good teacher also make a good dean of students: openness, approachability, fairness, and being supportive of the students. As dean of students, I want the students to feel that they and I can respect each other as persons, have honest discussions, and be fully supportive of one another."

One of the first responsibilities Prof. Austin assumed in his new position was academic suspension appeals. He spends a considerable amount of time helping students understand what the university regulations are and helping them with their appeals.

In the coming year, Prof. Austin will also become involved with orientation committee activities, sexual harassment policies, university senate committees, and the UNB Foundation for Students Inc. Among Prof. Austin's goals are seeing the students become more aware of the services and facilities available at UNB and

enhancing the image of student services. During the first few weeks of university, students are inundated with paperwork; and information about the many student services are sometimes lost in the shuffle."

Dean Austin is a native of Moncton, N.B. After graduating from Moncton High School, Prof. Austin obtained a teacher's license and taught junior high school before attending UNB where he received a degree in arts and in education as well as a graduate degree in computer science.

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are three possible distances to choose from: 3K, 5K, and 10K.

Prior to the run, a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held and will be attended by Dr. Downey, Mayor Brad Woodside and Miss F'ton. Following the run, all participants are invited for refreshments. Certificates of Appreciation will be given to all first year participants, and seals given to all returning participants. A commemorative T-shirt will be made available to each

participant for the low cost of \$10.00 and all proceeds will go towards Cancer Research.

Pledge sheets are still available throughout the city and in rm.126 of the SUB. Pledges are urged, but a \$5.00 personal donation will be accepted as a registration fee.

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