

Dean of Students tries to maintain contacts

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Maintaining contact with students, developing a liaison with other student services, and gathering information for reviews of the health centre and accommodations and placement office have kept Dr. Frank Wilson, UNB's Dean of Students, busy this summer.

Dr. Wilson has had visits from individual students seeking assistance in problems ranging from academic to financial but has also devoted time to working with student organizations and committees.

Having officially assumed his position only two months ago, he is still in the process of "trying to get the office set up." He has recently moved into his quarters in the old Student Centre.

Dr. Wilson sees himself as a representative of the students, both individually and collectively, before the administration of the university. He tries to interpret university regulations to the students and answer any general questions they might have.

What is the outcome of this? "In most cases we've either found the answer or found someone who has the answer," says Dr. Wilson. He added, however, that he doesn't anticipate always being able to find solutions. To date, he has found students to be excellent

in their cooperation.

A lot of Dr. Wilson's efforts have gone into studying student services to see where UNB stands in relation to other universities. He has been working with the student committee which is in the process of studying the health centre and feels they are "getting very close to a report."

As for the report, Dr. Wilson feels that "most people will be contented with it." He says the report will bring about "quite a different type of health service." He feels that the present program was ad-

equated when it was instituted but that we have merely outgrown it.

One change already made in the operations of the health centre is that there will be seven clinics a week. "This will hold the fort until we get the recommendations that come out of the health service review."

The seven clinics are scheduled for Monday 2 to 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m., Wednesday 9 to 11 a.m., Thursday 9 to 11 a.m., and 7 to 9 p.m., and Friday

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Dr. Wilson is also involved in the filling of teaching positions and the consideration of applicants for scholarships and awards. He is chairman of the senate undergraduate scholarship committee.

The Dean of Students worked closely with the New Brunswick Union of Students this summer in its dispute with the provincial government concerning the loan and bursary program. Dr. Wilson says he is in "complete sympathy" with Roy Neale, secretary of the union. He feels the NBUS should take full credit for the changes announced last week by Youth and Welfare Minister Brenda Robertson. His assessment of the recent changes is that "we haven't got any more money but we've got a better distribution of it." He added that he thinks it is better to have the money in the form of bursaries rather than loans.

He feels that the government should undertake "a complete review of the whole situation... Hopefully the government will do this before we

get into another academic year." Any such review, said Dr. Wilson, "should certainly include good representation from the student body."

One thing he is not clear of, with regards the new policy announced by the provincial government, is "whether they are going to review all the applications with the idea of increasing all levels of loan and bursary money or are they simply going to break it out differently." The level of money increase, said Dr. Wilson, is the "critical point."

We asked Dr. Wilson just how he would handle a grievance of students such as the one which occurred a few years ago when certain students complained of being harassed at the campus following their attendance at an anti-war protest in the U.S. Dr. Wilson declined to say just how he would react in such a situation so as to "leave all the avenues open" for real life situations. He did not wish to be bound by set patterns of action, preferring to "handle each request as it comes."



Dr. Frank Wilson, Dean of Students.

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