

# New teacher evaluation forms tested

by Elise Craft

By now, most everyone at UNB will have been asked to fill out the standard teacher evaluation forms.

Student opinion seems to be that the surveys accomplish very little.

The range of the questions is quite narrow, for example, your professor is either (i) accessible or (ii) inaccessible. One student stated that the forms are ineffective because the lack of range does not give the professor any indication of how they can improve.

This year, two new forms have been developed, one by Dorothy MacKeracher in Education and the other by Student Union VP University Affairs, Derek Dunnett.

Director of the UNB Teaching Centre, Dr. Reavely Gair, said that the first of the surveys has been tested in two classes. Responses were very favourable. The students like

the variety of questions, and prefer the wider range of opinions they can express. However, they feel that the forms would be more effective if students were able to write a paragraph or two of suggestions Gair said that written suggestions in paragraph forms would cause problems for the University. The professors would have to read these paragraphs, endangering the anonymity of the questionnaire as students writing could be recognized.

Gair says that Dunnett's form will be tested next term. He says that the content of the two forms is almost the same, but that the phrasing is different. After both have been tested, the Senate Quality of Education Committee will get students' reactions to see which form they prefer. They will then make a recommendation as to which version to adopt.

Dunnett hopes that the new forms will provide sufficient student feedback to give professors more information. Then, instead of a professors simply receiving a good or bad report, they will be given a

more complete opinion of their course.

Gair suggests that, if professors want a more complete reaction from their students, they should ask their students to write down suggestions and

pass them in.

Hopefully, the new form will give professors an increased understanding of how students react to their teaching methods, and will improve teaching as a rule at UNB.



Doane Raymond Atlantic Canada accounting case competition.

UNB students Mitchell Forbes and Joey McKay participated in the competition held in Halifax, N.S. Pictured here from left to right are Ben Kennedy, Doane Raymond judge; team members Forbes and McKay; and faculty advisor Robert Maher.

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## SU to conduct services review

by Karen Burgess

At the November 27 Student Union Council meeting, a committee was struck to conduct a "Program and Service Review" of the Student Union and the groups and organizations which it sanctions.

In a recent letter from VP Finance and Administration James Van Raalte to the leaders of the Union's affiliated organizations, the committee's objectives were outlined. The Programs and Services Review will "analyse the current programs and services offered by the Student Union; their effectiveness and benefits to members of the Union" and after analysis of these factors, will "recommend continuation, reduction or expansion of the current programs and

## Security advisory

Press release

Rick Peacock, UNB's Director of Security, advises students to take extra precautions with their valuables during this Christmas season.

Apparently the number of incidents of stolen purses and wallets has increased in the last month.

Peacock says that these thefts are "crimes of opportunity." That is, thieves are given the opportunity to steal items left unattended. He warns students that all valuables should be locked in a secure place or carried with the individual when s/he must leave their carrel or locker.

services offered by the student union."

In addition to these objectives, the committee will "recommend new programs and services which will help the Union better meet the needs of its members."

The letter continues "This is an opportunity for you as student leaders to provide constructive criticism on what the Union does now and at the same time provide input on the direction the Union should be taking."

The committee will be comprised of 13 students and council members including the VP Finance and Administration who will be co-chair. At the group's first meeting to be held in January, four sub-committees will be formed to study specific areas of the functioning of the Union and its affiliates.

One sub-committee will study the Media and Student Publications which includes The Brunswickan, CHSR, Up The Hill, and The Student Directory.

The second of the sub-committees, named The Union Administration Review Committee, will analyse the services provided by the Help Centre, the UNB Foundation for students and Student Union staff and facilities.

The Union Activities and Promotions Review committee's mandate will include examining and making recommendations regarding Campus entertainment, the Red n' Black Revue, Orientation and other student activities.

The fourth subcommittee, will be struck to examine the Paper Post.

## Accounting competition held

Press Release

Each term of business students worked diligently to provide their solution to a challenging accounting problem. This wasn't just another university accounting assignment. This was the second annual Atlantic Canada accounting case competition, which this year was held in Halifax. The event is sponsored by Doane Raymond.

On Nov. 15, two UNB-F business students, Mitchell Forbes and Joey MacKay, travelled to Halifax with their faculty advisor, Robert Maher. There they entered the competition with other Atlantic university students to determine who would produce the best solution to a Harvard Business School accounting case.

Mitchell and Joey received the case at noon on Friday and has until 8:30 the following morning to complete their analysis for presentation to the judging panel, which included two chartered accountants from Doane Raymond. "It wasn't just basic accounting policies used by management didn't reflect how poorly the company was doing. It was a tough case."

The judges' decision was made after considering both technical content and presentation skills. The winning team, from Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) was awarded a cash prize and an engraved silver tray to display on their campus.

Although the aim of the competition was to promote the case method and high standards in the education of accountants, it also gave

competitors the opportunity to attend a business conference. The competition was held during the annual conference of the Atlantic Universities' Schools of Business which enabled the participants and their advisors to attend conference seminars.

Plans for next year's case competition are already

underway. Ben Kennedy, CA a senior manager with Doane Raymond, said "the presentations were very well done given the time constraints placed on these students. We feel the case approach is an important part of the education process and look forward to sponsoring next year's event."

## Chancellor accepts term extension

(UNB PRI)

Lady Violet Aitken has accepted a six-month extension of her appointment as Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick. With the extension, her term will end Oct. 31, 1992.

In announcing her decision not to accept reappointment to a third, five-year term, Lady Aitken expressed her desire to remain as Chancellor through the 1992 celebrations of the UNB Law school's centennial, which will culminate with a special convocation on Oct. 8, 1992.

The faculty of law has frequently been a special focus in the Aitken family's long association with UNB. "My father-in-law, the first Lord Beaverbrook, was once enrolled as a student in the law school and he remained a staunch supporter of it throughout his life," Lady Aitken recalled. "I am delighted to be able to continue as UNB's Chancellor through these centennial celebrations which are such a significant milestone for the law faculty and for the

university as a whole."

Robin Armstrong, president and vice-chancellor of UNB, said he was very pleased that Lady Aitken could accept the extension to her appointment. "We take great pride in the university's long association with the Aitken family. While we're disappointed that personal considerations prevent Lady Aitken from accepting another full term as our Chancellor, we are grateful that she can remain with us to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the law school which has enjoyed so close a connection with the Aitken family over the years."

First appointed Chancellor in 1982, Lady Aitken succeeded her husband, Sir Max Aitken, and continued a tradition begun in 1947 when the first Lord Beaverbrook became UNB's Chancellor.

New Brunswick's Lieutenant-Governor in Council appoints the Chancellor of UNB who serves as honorary head of the university and a member of its Board of Governors.