

# UNB mourns former dean of arts

Retired University of New Brunswick history professor W. Stewart MacNutt died at the Victoria Public Hospital in Fredericton on February 9, 1976. MacNutt was widely respected as historian, author, and teacher. Born in 1908 in Charlottetown,

Prince Edward Island, the son of T. Edgar MacNutt and Marian G., (Cotton) MacNutt, he was educated at Prince of Wales College, Dalhousie University and the University of London.

After working for a short time as a journalist he came to New Brunswick in 1932 as a teacher at Rothesay Collegiate School. MacNutt served overseas during World War II, seeing service as a supply officer with the North Nova Scotia Highlanders throughout the Italian campaign and later in Western Europe. After the end of the war, he was an instructor for a time at Khaki College in England.

He joined the history department of the University of New Brunswick in 1946 and quickly established himself as an outstanding lecturer. He was dean of arts from 1964 to 1970 and Canadian chairman of the International Program for Loyalist Studies from 1972.

MacNutt's contributions to scholarship were recognized nationally and internationally by his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, as a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London, England, and as president of the Humanities Association of Canada from 1966 to 1968.

In the Atlantic Provinces he was a popular speaker who gave talks to many local societies. In Fredericton, he was a supporter of a number of organizations, being chairman for several years of the Fredericton branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs and a founding member and president of the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers. He was also a prominent member of the United Empire Loyalist Association.

His academic honours included an IODE Overseas Scholarship, a

Nuffield Fellowship, a Canadian Historical Association Award for Provincial History, an American Association for State and Local History Award, a Canada Council Fellowship and a Killam Committee Fellowship of the Canada Council. He held honorary LLD degrees from Dalhousie University, St. Thomas University, the University of Prince Edward Island and the University of New Brunswick. He became a Professor Emeritus of UNB on his retirement in 1974.

The publishing of his 1949 article "The Politics of the Timber Trade in Colonial New Brunswick" first drew him to national attention. It was the first of a series of publications which established his reputation in Atlantic Provinces history and in the field of loyalist studies.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, February 11, at 2 p.m. in Christ Church Cathedral.



William Stewart MacNutt

## Athenaeum controversy to be investigated

By BURTON FOLKINS

Acadia University controversy surrounding the firing of the Athenaeum editor will move into a new field next week.

Newly appointed editor James Doucette said there is to be a CUP investigation into the events leading up to the firing and the actual firing itself. Members of the investigation board are Francis Fuca, President of CUP; Tom Benjamin, President elect of CUP and a member of the professional press to be named later.

The firing resulted from an editorial in the Athenaeum by then editor Micheal Chiasson. He charged a visiting mathematics professor with plagiarism during a math seminar. The professor failed to acknowledge the sources pertinent to his talk, said Chiasson.

Acting against the advice of Allan Downe, Vice President of the Student Information Service, Chiasson ran the article. University President Dr. J.M.R. Beveridge and several math professors asked Chiasson to write an apology. Chiasson again refused the advice

of three lawyers and did not write an apology.

In a CUP article printed last issue, Beveridge said he could "think of no story published in the student newspaper that has hurt to a great extent, any department or indeed the university itself than this article." Student council President Jim Enman, after firing Chiasson, wrote an apology in the Athenaeum to the professor.

Doucette said that the constitution of the paper had been suspended but they (Enman and council) ignored Article 7 section 2 of the constitution.

This section stated that if an acting editor was to be named he or she would come from the editorial staff of the paper. However, Doucette said there is only one editor in the paper and he was Chiasson.

Council instead appointed Downe or someone of his choosing as editor. Downe appointed Doucette acting editor for the two week period after which he became official editor until the end of the academic year. Doucette was ratified as editor by a majority of

the SRC.

The choice to call an investigation was that of the staff of the paper, not council, said Doucette.

Presently, Chiasson is acting as an advisor to the staff. The professor in question did not want his name released and Doucette said he was not aware of his denying the charges.

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## CHSR meeting

There will be a General Meeting of CHSR this Wednesday, Feb. 18th the election for the executive of CHSR for 1976-77 will take place at the meeting.

The position of Director is being contested by Allan Patrick and Matthew Pen-

ny. Station members who cannot get to the meeting are invited to cast their ballots by proxy all day Wednesday at the station.

The meeting will start at 7 p.m. and will take place in 139 Carleton Hall.