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UNB mourns loss of a longtime friend Eric Garland passes away



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Eric C. Garland, recently retired professor of Civil Engineering, and Associate Vice-President (Administration) Emeritus, at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and Saint John, passed away on Saturday, February 22, at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital.

A native of Moncton, N.B., Dr. Garland graduated from UNB's Civil Engineering program in 1954 and earned a second bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1955. He joined the Faculty of Engineering as Assistant Professor that year, pursuing graduate work from 1962 to 1965 at Stanford University in California, where he earned Master of Science and ENGR, graduate professional degrees in Civil Engineering.

Dr. Garland began his career in university administration at UNB as Director of Planning in 1970 and served under five presidents. "There is no question that he was an absolute tower of strength during my term," says John M. Anderson, president of UNB from 1973 to 1979. "He was able to keep an astonishing number of balls in the air. He was a great expeditor, a personification of the adage, 'If you want something done, ask the busiest person around.'"

The position of Assistant Vice-President (Administration) was added to Dr. Garland's responsibilities in 1974, the year James F. O'Sullivan became Vice-President (Finance and Administration). In a memorandum to the university community announcing Dr. Garland's retirement in summer 1994, Dr. O'Sullivan wrote, "Eric has made key contributions to the development of physical facilities and service improvements. His detailed knowledge, special talents, and personal dedication to the welfare of the institution are qualities we all value."

As Associate Vice-President (Administration), which he became in 1986, Dr. Garland was responsible on the Fredericton campus for physical plant, security and traffic, the campus post office and campus mail delivery, the telephone system, audio-visual services, graphic services, campus safety, and the bookstore, as well as the operation of the Aitken University Centre and the Student Union Building. He also managed building projects on the Saint John campus, including the G. Forbes Elliot Athletic Centre, the Thomas J. Condon Student Centre, the Canada Games Stadium, Philip W. Oland Hall, and the Sir James Dunn Residence. Among the construction projects on the Fredericton campus he recalls with greatest pride are the Wu Conference Centre and the multipurpose Aitken University Centre, which is a combination hockey rink, concert hall and civic centre.

President Emeritus Colin B. MacKay, who served from 1953 to 1969, says Dr. Garland, "brought longevity to his position; he knew what UNB can and should be. He understood the background of things. Because of that, UNB is better administered and better maintained than most other universities."

Regardless of his administrative responsibilities, Dr. Garland taught throughout his career and afterwards in a post-retirement appointment.

Eric Garland was known nationally and internationally for his presidencies of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick, the Engineer Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering.

A fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada and the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering, Dr. Garland holds the C.C. Kirby Award from the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick, the Canadian Council of Engineers 50th Anniversary Award of Merit and its Meritorious Service Award, the Canadian Engineering Centennial Board Silver Medal, and the engineering Institute of Canada Certificate Award of Merit.

In addition to service in his profession and the university, Dr. Garland was very active in the community. He worked as an effective fund raiser for the United Way and other major causes and was a member on numerous boards and building advisory committees, including Theatre New Brunswick, Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital, the New Brunswick Electric Power Commission, and the Fredericton Chamber of Commerce.

In 1995, Dr. Garland received Fredericton's Distinguished Citizen Award. In 1996, within a 10-day span, two universities honoured him. On May 13, St. Thomas University conferred upon him honorary Doctor of Laws degree and on May 23, UNB named him Associate Vice-President Emeritus - only the fifth such an honour was granted to a retired administrator in the University 210-year history.

Dr. Garland is survived by his wife, Marilyn; one son, Stephen Garland, and his wife Judith of Courtenay, Vancouver Island; one daughter, Laurinda Garland-Drummond, and her husband Daniel of Fredericton; one brother, Cecil Garland of Fredericton; three grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law, Mary Morehouse of Windsor Court, Fredericton.

A memorial service will be held from St. Paul's United Church on Tuesday, February 25, at 2 p.m. With Rev. Paul Ross officiating. A reception will be held at the Wu Centre, UNB campus immediately following the memorial service. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes made to the Eric C. Garland Scholarship Fund at UNB, or the Oncology Unit of the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of McAdam's Funeral Home.

Tibbits to hold Wellness Week

JENNIFER BROWN THE BRUNSWICKIAN

During the week of March 10-14 Tibbits Hall will be holding the first annual Wellness/Fitness Week. The ladies of Tibbits will be spending a week learning about nutrition, mental health, time and stress management to name just a few. The week's activities are being organized by Beth Wyke, Fitness and Wellness Coordinator, Michelle Clarke, Tibbits Associate Don, and Julie Carter, Heather Redstone and Heather Black, the Academic Resource Persons at Tibbits.

The purpose of Wellness/Fitness Week is to educate students on the need to be well, not just academically but in all aspects of their lives. Michelle Clarke, Associate Don at Tibbits said, "We want to focus a whole week on fitness, mental health and spirituality. Putting a push on general well-being."

Tibbits' team of Academic Resource Persons has put an effort into ensuring that Wellness/Fitness Week is a success. One of the ARPs Heather Black said, "As ARPs the goal is to get away from only academics and stress the idea of general wellness. Including things like relaxation, nutrition, and exercise. It is something that really lacks in residence sometimes."

The week will see several different activities being held at Tibbits. Monday to Thursday from 4:00 to 4:45 pm there will be a fitness class for the ladies. Monday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm a Reiki Massage Demonstration will be presented by Phillip Beck, a Registered Massage Therapist. Also, on Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm a lecture on Complimentary Health Practice and Therapeutic Touch will be given by Barbara Cull-Wilby.

This is the first time a week long event like this has been held at UNB. The people involved in organizing Wellness/Fitness Week are hoping that other residences will take their idea and do the same. Michelle Clarke, Tibbits Associate Don said, "This is the first time that we have tried something like this and we are hoping to make it an annual thing now. What would be really great would be if other residences would follow our lead and incorporate a Wellness Week into their house activities."

SUVP: Services review demands immediate action

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKIAN

UNB's top administrators need to develop a long term strategic plan and take an immediate proactive approach if problems outlined in a recent External Review of Student Services are going to be fixed, says a Vice-President of the UNB Student Union.

SUVP Student Services Trish Davidson cites the need to centralize health, placement and counselling services, financial aid and the Dean of Students office all in one location, creating as the External Review noted a "One-stop shopping" centre for students.

"Right now several of these services are scattered about campus and all have different office hours, different hours of operation," Davidson said.

"There isn't even one single central secretary that you can call to make an appointment or find out where things are."

Davidson feels centralizing student services should be a top priority but wonders if top UNB administrators will ever make it happen.

"I really do not have any idea what is going on in the brains of the administrators for the future of that situation, because if they were planning for the future and I mean literally within the next five to seven years you would think they would be taking some kind of initiative to start doing that now," she told *The Brunswickian*.

She also wonders why the centralization of student services could not be incorporated with any expansion of the Student Union Building, currently under discussion on the Fredericton campus.

"Students are getting really annoyed because they have been putting \$25 of their money in each of the last three years into some fund and have seen absolutely nothing in return," said Davidson, referring to the SUB Expansion fee.

"Obviously, there needs to be a centralized location, obviously the students have raised \$500,000, obviously they had some kind of a promise from the administration but so far there has been a lot of blowing in the breeze."

Davidson also feels the understaffing situation in UNB's Financial Aid Office needs to soon be addressed and she wonders how they manage to provide the service there now with just two staffers.

"The pressure there is going to be enormous because not only is tuition going up but the ways in which students acquire loans and money is becoming more and more complex all the time."

"No longer do students just have a loan from their provincial government and a subsidiary loan from the federal government, students are getting loans from any number of situations now," said Davidson.

"It is irresponsible to keep raising tuition such that students have to look into more and more directions without giving them anyone to inform them of their options."

"You just can't leave students blowing in the wind like that," she said.

Davidson also feels a similar understaffing problem currently exists in the International Student Advisor's Office.



Trish Davidson, Vice-President (Student Services) FILE PHOTO

"They have two staff and if you go there you quickly become painfully aware of how much they need extra staff."

Davidson said this situation could be explosive in the next two to five years especially with the administration now so actively pursuing students from other countries especially in the Pacific Rim.

She said the administration would be "irresponsible" if they do not respond to the need for more staffing in this office.

"They certainly need to respond in a proactive way in this regard."

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Orientation Week to stay - Senate

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKIAN

The UNB Fredericton Senate has turned down a proposal that would have shortened Orientation in September 1997 from a full week to just a few days.

The net result is that UNB will keep one of its unique traditions—a full week of Orientation activities before classes begin on Monday, September 8, 1997.

If UNB had adopted a shortened Orientation, it would have been in keeping with a trend established at other universities in recent years.

The whole concept of a shortened Orientation has been the subject of long discussions in various committees around the university for some period of time, according to Louis Visentin, UNB's Vice-President Academic.

Proponents argue that first year students would be able to get in one cycle of classes during their first week at university to see just what certain classes are like.

The goal would also be to give Orientation a much more academic flavour instead of what it has been perceived to be over the years.

But certain problems cropped up that caused the Board of Deans and the Senate to finally decide not to shorten orientation.

"Some of the problems were with specialized faculties like Forestry which have a dedicated field camp during Orientation week," said Visentin.

"Other faculties had traditionally been doing certain things in a particular way and they thought this was too soon to make this kind of change," he said.

So in the end a sort of compromise has been struck which will leave Orientation activities at a full week, yet allow Orientation to take on a more decidedly academic flavour in September 1997.

"We want to do something in the first week that would help first year students because there is a concern with the whole issue of retention," Visentin told *The Brunswickian*.

"We lose a lot of first year students as a result of bad experiences academic and otherwise in the first six weeks," Visentin said.

"The notion is to introduce them to the academic program they are going to be in, to

do something innovative in that first week, to give first year students a foreshadowing as to what their program will be like," he said.

For Dean of Arts Peter Kent the decision not to shorten Orientation Week is welcome news.

"We feel it is important to have an appropriate welcoming period for new students," Kent told *The Brunswickian*.

"In the faculty of Arts we take three of the four days of that first week to have our student advising and have first year students get a chance to meet the other people in their Arts 1000 tutorial."

"We do this deliberately so that they will feel comfortable, so that they will get to know some other people in their classes in that week," he said.

"We saw that starting classes on the Thursday would have cut into that."

"It would have meant we would have had to give up what we think is a well functioning program," Kent emphasized.

2,869 men sign petition

LISA CLARK THE BRUNSWICKIAN

Valentine's Day for some meant flowers and candy but, for others, there was a more serious theme floating about the campus. Valentine's Day 1997, marked the first step in the awareness of the violence against women. A declaration calling upon men to work towards ending violence against women was signed by 2,869 New Brunswick men.

Steve Allard, a political science student at UNB, collected over 600 names personally after writing a letter to *The Brunswickian* urging students to support the declaration.

According to Rina Arseneault, associate director for the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, located on the UNB campus, admitting that there is a problem is the first and most important step in solving the problem of violence against women.

Arseneault went on to say that the Centre wants to share with the public just how serious the problem is. She feels strongly that if only people's eyes were opened a little more to the problem, then education could start, and maybe some of

the cycle of violence could be broken.

Towards this end, the Centre supported the "Men Signing on to Stop Violence" campaign.

So far, the support for the campaign, which asked men to sign a declaration calling for men to work towards ending violence against women, has been over-whelming. The initial phase of the petition gathered 2,869 signatures and the Centre hopes there will be a lot more as the campaign continues straight across New Brunswick.

The names collected thus far were presented to Marcelle Mersereau, Minister of State responsible for the Status of Women in New Brunswick, who represented Premier Frank McKenna at a presentation on February 13.

Arseneault was appreciative of the presence of Madame Mersereau and other members of the Legislature who attended. She also pointed to Lieutenant Governor Margaret McCain, who donated her salary to the Centre, Pastor Terry Atkinson, and UNB Counsellor Larry Finkelman, who pointed out in his presentation, although women's roles and attitudes have changed significantly over time, men's have not.

Orientation changes in the works - Chair

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKIAN

Orientation will have a different look to it in September, according to student Orientation '97 Chair Ben Hoyt.

A priority for Hoyt is to work more closely with the UNB administration and faculties as they move towards a more academic aspect to Orientation week.

"We are going to do everything we can to work around the faculty orientation programs," he said.

"In past years we have just gone all out and everyday of that week we have had a whole barrage of activities for students to do."

"This year we are going to make sure that we cooperate better with the administration and plan our activities around their events and they are going to work on planning theirs around ours," Hoyt told *The Brunswickian*.

Orientation '97 also plans to take on more of an all year look rather than just one week

of activities in September.

Hoyt feels Orientation should be done throughout the whole year because a lot of students have problems in their entire first year that they need help with.

"So we are going to try to spread our activities out," Hoyt emphasized.

"We are still going to have a few activities in the first week and make it a fun week but after that we are going to try to continue going with activities weekly or bi-weekly," Hoyt said.

One of the plans under consideration is to have another small, scaled-down Orientation program probably in January 1998 that will be aimed at students transferring to UNB in second term.

"It will also be a sort of 'Congratulations, you have survived the hell of first semester' type of deal," Hoyt said.

As for the decision not to scale back UNB's Orientation activities from a week to just a few days, Hoyt has a mixed reaction.

He feels a full orientation week is one of the reasons UNB is unique, pointing out that

very few universities now have such an event.

"I feel it is a very positive thing for students," said Hoyt, in referring to Orientation week activities.

"I am really proud to say that we are the only ones who do a full week of Orientation because I find it is very motivating for the students," said Hoyt.

At the same time he feels the Orientation Committee would have been able to adjust if the Fredericton Senate had decided to shorten the week.

"My understanding was the university was planning to bring in the first year students only for the two days between Labour Day and the Thursday when classes were to begin just so they could get a feel for things without everyone else around."

"I think it was a good idea," he continued.

"It was not really going to affect us too much because we were quite willing to cooperate with the Administration and the faculties to help them out as best we could and we are still willing to do so," Hoyt concluded.