

New strategy for teaching assistants

Press Release

At the January 17 meeting of the University's Departmental chairs it was agreed that a new strategy regarding the training of Teaching Assistants be adopted throughout the Uni-

versity's faculties.

The strategy, put forth by Reavley Gair, Director of UNB's Teaching Centre, consists of four points which can be implemented by each department in the way most ap-

propriate to the individual field of study. The Departmental Strategy calls for experienced faculty members to make monitoring visits to all labs or classrooms in which Teaching Assistants have responsibility for lecturing, tutoring or demonstrating to students.

The strategy also recommends that when a TA acts as a marker he or she should be given a set of graded papers exemplifying each possible grade, and an explanation of why each received the mark it did. Further, under the new plan, first-year Teaching As-

stants will be paired with more experienced apprentices so they can be provided with continuous, year-long peer support and advice. Finally, it is recommended that meetings be held twice a term between assistants and senior faculty members to discuss problems.

The Teaching Centre will be organizing two university-wide workshops for Teaching Assistants, one in the first month of each term. These workshops would be mandatory for all first-year TA's, and can be attended on a voluntary basis by Senior Assistants.

In addition, a proposal regarding the Teaching Element in the Ph.D was accepted in principle. This proposal suggests workshop attendance rules should apply equally to TAs and Ph.D students, providing their intent was not to pursue a career in industry where teaching skills are not prerequisite.

In addition to working with the University's Teaching Assistants the Centre also assists faculty members undergoing their first peer review and is involved in the analysis of teacher evaluation forms.

National AIESEC president visits

by Jeff Czopor

AIESEC UNB was honored to welcome Terry Rock, President of AIESEC Canada, to speak about the status of AIESEC and improvements that can be implemented in the local.

Rock talked often with much humor at the general meeting, and also spoke with current executives, newly elected executives, and members of the National Congress '93 separately to answer questions and offer advice. Considering that AIESEC UNB will be welcoming locals from across Canada in January 1993 it is

essential that those on the organizing committee have opportunities to speak one on one to an experienced AIESECer.

Andrea Hunter, President AIESEC UNB, Nick Rodrigue, ICEC, joined Rock on a short trip to PEI to help start up a local at the university there.

As well, Rodrigue and Hunter have been selected to attend an International Congress in Budapest at the end of this month. This is definitely a once in a life time experience, and what is learned there and brought back, will be advantageous to the local as a whole.

Winter Carnival 1992

by Danielle Dugas

The Winter Carnival 1992 was held last week (Jan. 27 - Feb. 1). The students enjoyed participating in many activities such as movies at noontime, the snow sculpture contest, and snow-ball fights.

According to Kim Wettlaufer, V.P. Activities and Promotions, the turn out for these activities was great.

The weather was excellent all week except for Tuesday when the ski trip was scheduled, and Saturday when the parade was scheduled.

Wettlaufer said that it was too bad the parade was cancelled since it was one of the biggest events of the week and promised quite a great show. She hopes that the organizers of next year's carnival will schedule the parade which hasn't been presented since 1986.

The concerts - Tom Cochrane and Crash Test Dummies - and the comedy night were a success.

At the Tom Cochrane concert, more than 3,500 people showed up. According to Wettlaufer the Tom Cochrane concert helped pay off the rest of the week; however, the carnival mostly took care of itself.

The Scavenger Hunt and the Snow Sculpture Contest were also a great success. Here is a list of the winners of the different competitions.

Snow Sculpture

1st Civil Engineering

2nd Derek Fairley

Scavenger Hunt

1st Malcolm McLean's team

2nd Jeremy Thompson & Gang

3rd The Brunswickan

Football

The Charlotte Shotguns

Volleyball

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Lewis discusses environmental relationships

(UNBPRI) The environment may be the issue of the 1990's for the modern world, but strategies for relating human activity to natural ecology have been a feature of simpler societies for thousands of years.

Anthropologist Henry T. Lewis will explore how some other cultures perceive and understand environmental relationships and what we might learn from them when he delivers the 1992 W.C. Desmond Pacey Memorial Lecture at the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Lewis's lecture, *Traditional Ecological Knowledge: A Time to Learn, A Time to Teach*, will be presented on UNB's Saint John campus on

Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 5 pm in the Faculty Room of the Ward Chipman Library. On the Fredericton campus, the lecture will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8 pm in Room 102 of Tilley Hall. In

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 tied" since there probably won't be any money to begin a search immediately. He believes that right now funding cutbacks and commitments are the board's and the Student Unions's priorities.

James van Raalte, another member of the board and the search committee and Vice President Finance for UNB's Student Union agrees with London's sentiments.

Yet, apparently, van Raalte does not completely dismiss the possibility that the problems with the station rest with its current management, however when pressed on the issue he stated that improvement of the board is his number one priority,

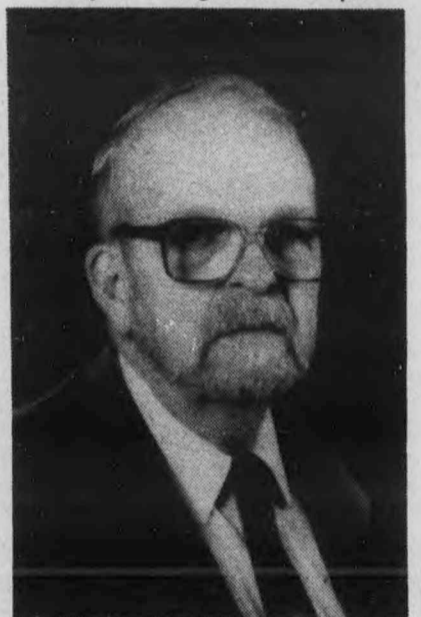
van Raalte has made it clear to the board that there is no money available for the search committee because of budget constraints and funds to begin a hiring processes will have to be put in next year's budget which becomes effective this May.

van Raalte recognizes that the board's dealing with this

both locations, the lecture and the reception that follows are open to the public free of charge.

Dr. Lewis is known in anthropological circles as the "fire and water man" because of two long-term interests: the social organization of irrigation and farming in Southeast Asia and the human factor in fire ecology. His research on irrigation practices in the northern Philippines resulted in a book, *Ilocano Rice Farmers*, a landmark study in the field, and most recently a monograph, *Ilocano Irrigation: The Corporate Resolution*. His studies of aboriginal burning practices in northern California and northern Alberta led him to produce a film, *Fires of Spring*, which he also co-wrote, directed and narrated. In 1982 it was selected by the National Film Board of Canada as one of the 10 best films on North American Indians. Dr. Lewis

Joy Cummings Dickinson photo



Henry T. Lewis

will introduce a free public screening of *Fires of Spring* at 1:30 pm in Room 239 of Hazen Hall in Saint John and at noon on Thursday, Feb. 13, in Room 102 of Tilley Hall in Fredericton.

issue has been "unprofessional". He says he feels sorry for Whipple who is working at the station on a day to day basis, but he believes the board's lack of action to deal with their decision to open up the station manager contract for applicants is due partly to the inexperience of the board.

"A limited amount of commitment to the board by some board members" is one of the problems van Raalte feels must be rectified. He says there are some people who are sitting on the board who do not have a direct interest in the station.

For instance, van Raalte questions the senate and board of governor positions on CHSR's board because he does not really see what their responsibility is to the station.

van Raalte claims that there "is a movement to overhaul the terms of reference for the representation of the board."

In fact, van Raalte feels that the problems arising over the whole issue concerning a search for a station manager is

an example of the "inefficiency of the board make-up."

And members of the search committee agree. Tristis Bhaird, a member of the search committee, believes the extended deadlines with Whipple's contract and hesitancy to begin a search "speaks of poor planning by not just the board but by the representation of the funding bodies."

While Bhaird believes there are some problems with the board she feels one major problem is board members pointing fingers at the board when it is not functioning properly.

Furthermore, she agrees that the seats on the board will have to be looked into, but not from a funding perspective, but rather "a corporate effort to work towards the most efficient seating plan that will benefit" the station.

Recognizing the concerns raised about funding from the Student Unions, Bhaird argues that if the board is functioning

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