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### UNB SJ student paper in financial trouble

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The UNBSJ campus's student newspaper, The Baron, is in serious financial trouble. "The Baron has spent 90% of their \$9500 budget, in 1/2 of the allotted timeframe," according to current UNBSJ Student Representative Council vice-president of Finance, Derrick Bishop.

SRC], are not allowing anybody to go over budget," noted Bishop.

Jan Sorenson, Editor-in-chief of The Baron, links the newspaper's overspending with "high printing costs and the fact that The Baron had to lower their ad rates to get more ads."

At a budget meeting held earlier in the year, Bishop notified all of the university's clubs and organizations of the belt-tightening for the upcoming year.

"This was told to everybody when they first submitted their budgets, and when they were given an approved amount. This is your budget and once it's spent we're not giving you any more," said Bishop.

"The reason they overspent is because they allowed people to go over budget, and to correct for that we [the present

Sorenson agreed with Bishop. "There is a lack of funds in the SRC, it's not their fault, it's last year's council, they overspent on a lot of things."

The Baron's budget is managed by a Business Manager, who has been dismissed.

"The SRC appoints a business manager for The Baron. The Business Manager's job is to sell ads, and to make sure that they're covering their costs and staying within their budget," said Bishop.

Despite being in financial trouble, The Baron has not been closed yet. "It is essentially not going to be shut down, what happens is we're not going to allow them to send another paper to be printed until they've got ad revenues to cover it."

The Baron is not out of ink yet, but it may be on the brink.

### McGee residents warned about overcrowding

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKIAN

UNB's Director of Housing and Food Services Roy Brostowski has sent letters to nine students and their families in the university owned McGee apartment building on Montgomery St. informing them that rental units they occupy are overcrowded.

The letter from Brostowski sparked initial concern that evictions were imminent and prompted the students involved to contact the International Student Advisor and The Brunswickian. An anonymous letter was also sent to UNB's President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston.

Dean of Students Tom Austin and Brostowski are the first to admit that the original letter sent to the tenants may have been misconstrued.

"Nobody is being evicted or anything like that," Austin told The Brunswickian. "We had some concern about the fact that there were more persons living in several of those apartments than in fact had been admitted to on the lease," said Austin.

"Some were guests but were very long term guests—not just for one or two nights but for the best part of a year."

Long standing university regulations and the lease agreements limit the number of family members who occupy a one-bedroom unit to three, a two-bedroom unit to four and a three-bedroom apartment to five or six.

Most leases expire at McGee in April but some end over the course of the summer months.

"It has been suggested to the tenants that if they have a larger family now than might be expected in a small apartment that they might want to upgrade to a large enough apartment in the next year," Austin said.

Austin said the university also needs to know who is occupying an apartment not only to satisfy the terms of a lease agreement but also for safety and fire regulations.

"If there were a fire we would want

to know whether there were four people or six people or two people living in any given unit."

"It is important that we know that and we did not," he said.

Austin told The Brunswickian that the apartments at McGee House and the entire building are built to accommodate a certain sized group.

"Quite frankly, we would not normally expect the amount of water flow out of an apartment that had two people in it to be the same as you would have out of an apartment that had five or six people."

"We have to realize what the capacity of the systems in the building are to respond to normal need," Austin said.

In the meantime, Brostowski has been asked to conduct a review of apartment occupancy regulations, according to Austin.

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"We want to carefully consider the needs of the people who live there, keeping in mind the effect of overcrowding on safety and the various building systems," Austin said.

Austin said the review being conducted by Brostowski should be completed sometime this month.

"If any changes are appropriate they will be well publicized and duly considered before they are implemented," Austin vowed.

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He has found no restrictions on numbers in either case, except the city does limit the number of unrelated

people in any one apartment.

He has also contacted two of Fredericton's largest rental firms—both of whom insist to know the number of people living in each apartment. One firm charges an extra \$15/month for any person living in an apartment who is an addition to the persons listed in the original lease agreement.

Despite the review, one tenant who received Brostowski's letter has told The Brunswickian he and his family just cannot afford to upgrade the size of their apartment.

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### UNB law school places second in nation

The Law School at the University of New Brunswick is finally being recognized for the great, small law school that it is.

This is the sign Anne La Forest, the school's dean, sees in its placing second - for the second year in a row - in a list of best law schools in the country compiled by Canadian Lawyer magazine.

In a survey published in the magazine's January 1997 issue, recent graduates rated the quality of their alma maters in various categories, from curriculum to relevance. The responses of UNB graduates indicate they were pleased with their learning experience.

"There are important areas where we are seen as better than first-placed University of Victoria," says Dean La Forest.

"For example, 100 per cent of our graduates surveyed recommended our Law School as a good institution to attend. You can't ask for any better recommendation than that."

"UNB excels at preparing students for the practice of law," adds the dean. "This fact is clearly demonstrated in the survey. Students who studied here ranked our school No. 1 in Canada in terms of relevance between what is taught and the practice of law. Our law school is the only one in the country to receive an A-level ranking in this category for relevance of graduates' education to actual law practice."

Other categories where UNB ranked higher than Victoria are in standards of testing and curriculum. UNB tied with the first-place school in two categories: the quality of the law faculty and overall percentage of caring and competent teachers. Victoria received ratings higher than UNB in quality of students admitted and adequacy of facilities and technology.

Last year, UNB's Law School was tied with the University of Toronto for second-place. This year, UNB is a clear second, with U of T following in third place. Dalhousie, which placed fourth last year, dropped to sixth place behind the law schools at the universities of Windsor and Saskatchewan in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

### Tingley named Chair of BOG

GORDON LOANE THE BRUNSWICKIAN

Fredericton businessman Richard Tingley is the new Chair of UNB's Board of Governors.

He had previously served as Vice-Chair of the Board.



PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

A UNB Alumnus, Tingley has for many years operated a family grocery business on Dundonald Street and for a time on Main Street on Fredericton's Northside. He also operated a convenience store and dairy bar on Dundonald Street. Recently, he has been associated with the Atlantic Superstore on Smythe Street. Tingley is set to open a convenience store/dairy bar/restaurant in his former grocery store location late next month.

### Petty theft most common crime on campus

MATTHEW SPURWAY THE BRUNSWICKIAN

Is crime on the rise at UNB? Are we being threatened by a wave of overt actions against the law-abiding learners of this beautiful institution? No. Not according to Director of Security Rick Peacock. As a matter of fact, things seem to be getting better.

Although Peacock admits to a rise in activity preceding Christmas, he says that is to be expected. Peacock also predicts the incidence of crimes to rise

just before Spring Break. "Money is tight those times of the year," he says.

So what crimes are most common on campus? "Petty thefts and vandalism," says Peacock. "Although if you were to ask me, destruction of property has declined since I began here eight years ago."

The most common items stolen are wallets and purses, very often from the library. "It's a crime of opportunity, so they're awfully hard to solve," Peacock explains. "The best action to take is prevention."

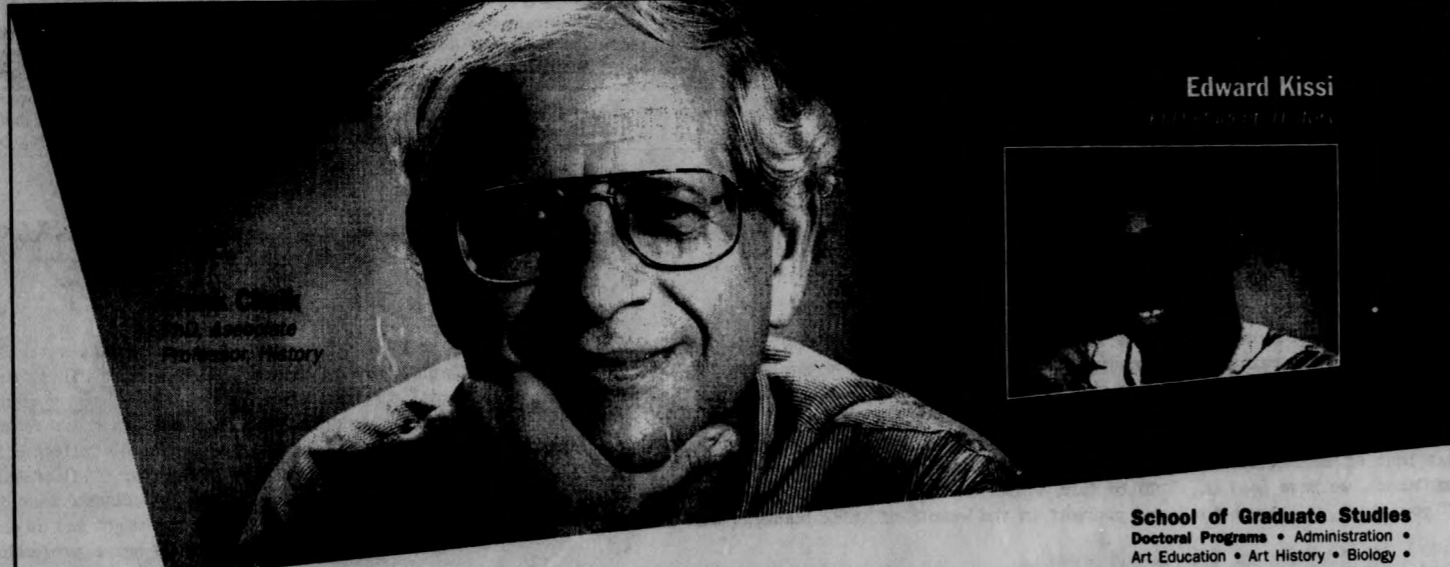
He also suggests locking dorm rooms whenever they are vacant. "And whatever you do, don't give people, even friends, access to your bank card or PIN number."

"Basically," Peacock concludes, "security begins at home." He also points out that even in a city with Fredericton's low crime rate, the crime rate on campus is consistently lower than the city's.

And, if anyone is wondering, Peacock claims that was not him in the Conservatory and he doesn't know anything about a lead pipe.



David DeDoux and Melanie Boulé were the Dean's award winners for highest standing in the Faculty of Arts in 1995-1996, presented at a dinner Wednesday evening. On hand for the awards were Lieutenant-Governor Margaret McCain and Dean of Arts Peter Kent.



Edward Kissi

## Understanding genocide to save lives

From the Holocaust to man-made famines History Professor Frank Chalk, a New York native, and Ghana-born doctoral student Edward Kissi share an intimate and profound knowledge of genocide and of its devastating effects throughout history.

Dr. Chalk specializes in the historical understanding of genocide and is renowned worldwide for his Holocaust-related research. He is one of the founders and major driving forces behind the Montréal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, an organization which seeks to develop and mobilize scholarly resources on genocide.

Edward Kissi has always thought that many of the famines which have afflicted African countries were political and man-made, strategic tools used to achieve military objectives. Armed with a Rockefeller Foundation grant and with the help of Dr. Chalk, he set off for Ethiopia in 1994 to test his own theories. He found little comfort in being right.

Towards a more humane future As Dr. Chalk so aptly puts it: "Understanding the ideologies of hate that drive people to genocide is the first step

in working towards a more humane future." And that is very much on his and Kissi's agendas. In the spring of 1996, Chalk travelled to The Hague where he helped prosecutors in the coming war crimes trials of former Rwandan and Yugoslavian leaders prepare the cases they will present to the International Criminal Tribunal. As for Kissi, he plans on returning to Ghana to assist in development efforts which, he hopes, will "help turn things around in Africa."

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