

School of administration director resigns

Director of the School of Administration, Harold A. Sharp, has resigned his administrative post effective immediately, but according to several sources is prepared to continue his duties until a replacement can be found

by the UNB Board of Governors. It has also been learned that the board of Governors accepted his resignation at a meeting, held in Saint John last Friday.

Several sources indicate that Sharp has resigned as a result of a disagreement with senior UNB administrators concerning the operation of the School of Administration. Sharp, in his resignation letter to the Chairman of the UNB Board of Governors, R.F. Shaw, cites faculty salaries as a major problem in the School. Salaries are not competitive with other Canadian universities according to Sharp's statement.

It appears as though the School of Administration is also having difficulty attracting new faculty members. Salaries being approved by the UNB Administration are

proving to be too low to attract candidates that are available.

Apparently, Sharp also feels

there has been some foot dragging in the office of the Vice President Academic as well. Here we quote directly from his resignation letter. "Offers to some of our existing temporary faculty with MBA's sat in the office of the Acting Vice President Academic from February 26th to March 22nd when I was informed by telephone they would be processed".

In addition Sharp feels "he can not continue to accept any responsibility for staffing under the existing circumstances". It appears that the lack of staff may mean that alternatives including restrictions in non business student enrollment are possible.

Sharp stated that "The final blow came a few days ago when a committee composed of our three senior administrators reduced the authorized faculty complement from the 33 tentatively authorized by the Board of Governors for 1979-80 to 30".

Sharp apparently feels somewhat frustrated by the whole existing situation. In his statement of resignation he further stated that "after years of attempting to have the senior administrators take one of the largest and fastest growing programmes at UNB seriously and to provide adequate support for it I admit defeat. I am interested in reverting to my

status as a faculty member am not interested in dealing with administrators who appear to have no interest in doing anything meaningful."

When contacted by the Brunswickan, Professor Sharp admitted that he had resigned but wished to have no comment on the existing

situation.

Professor Sharp has been Chairman of the Department of Business Administration since August 15, 1972 and when business enrollment rose dramatically was named Director of the School of Administration. Professor Sharp was subsequently

reappointed twice to his administrative position in September of 1975 and again in September of 1978. Present indications are that Professor Sharp will continue his faculty status and will continue to teach accounting in the School of Administration.

Tuition fees- up up and away

A tuition increase of \$50.00, a residence fee increase of \$85.00 and the implementation of differential fees will be in effect next academic year. The University Board of Governors decided last Friday to raise fees and implement differential fees after deliberating on the UNB budget for 79-80 and in view of recent actions by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. The MPHEC earlier recommended that tuition rise according to the cost of living and said that differential fees would be implemented. According to previous statements by Dr. Anderson the Commission would be awarded operating grants on the premise that differential fees of \$750 were being implemented.

Tuition fees for all full time

undergraduate students will be increased by \$50.00 per year to \$790. The registration fee for graduate students will be increased by \$20.00 per term or \$60.00 for the year.

Graduate students in master's or qualifying year programs currently pay a \$660 degree fee, plus a registration fee of \$55 per term until the degree is completed. Doctoral students currently pay a degree fee of \$990 plus the registration fee of \$55 per term.

Course fees for part-time students will be adjusted by \$10 per full-year course, which increases the fee to \$158 from \$148. All fee increases are effective September 1979.

The MPHEC had recommended an 8.75 percent increase in

operation grants for Maritime universities.

Dr. Anderson said that UNB had not increased its tuition fees since 1976-77 and that this year the fees represented only 13.7 percent of projected operating income. He said that the provincial government operating grant represented six times more than the current tuition fee of \$740.

Room and board rates at UNB will be increased by \$85 to \$1,785 for a double room and \$1,936 for a single. The special rooms will be \$2,035.

The increase reflects the rise in food service costs according to Anderson.

Anderson explains why

A \$50.00 increase in tuition fees for next year may or may not affect student enrollment here according to University president Dr. John M. Anderson. Anderson said that until the rest of the Maritimes announces what if any increases they will be implementing, UNB cannot predict how enrolment will be affected.

He pointed out that Nova Scotia only received a 5 per cent increase over last years operating grant and the "rumour" is that Nova Scotian institutions will have to raise their fees substantially. Anderson felt this could then influence students to attend UNB and other New Brunswick institutions as NB was already ranked 12th out of 18 institutions in the Maritimes for the lowest tuition fees and that currently 80 per cent of all students in this area pay more than UNB students.

Anderson said he regretted the implementation of differential fees and has been opposed to them from the first. He said the universities could be partially to blame for this and there is a chance it could have been stalled. Anderson said the Association of Atlantic Universities had discussed the issue of differential fees in the past and had agreed that the quota system was preferable. He said that several members of the Board of Governors did not agree with the proposal to implement this system and the result was the implementation of differential fees.

Dr. Anderson said that the university has tried to offset this somewhat by implementing a scholarship fund for next year which will subsidize foreign students in graduate school. He considered this a compromise in a

way as on one hand the university will charge the fees and on the other they will attempt to offset them. Dr. Anderson said graduate students of high academic merit as well as those who are in need will be considered. Up to \$24,000 will be available.

Dr. Anderson pointed out that the university would have had to subsidize each foreign student for

\$750 had the differential fees not been implemented. He did not feel that the fees set a precedent in the nation but did feel there was one in the Maritimes.

The effect of these measures cannot be predicted until UNB discovers where the university ranks competitively and whether students can find money to go to any university.

Bartlett Disappointed

Disappointed but unsurprised was Student Union president Dave Bartlett's reaction to a \$50.00 tuition increase, \$85 residence fee increase and the implementation of differential fees. Bartlett said that he was mainly disappointed with the implementation of differential fees as he felt that the report given on the issue by Rep at large Peter Archibald was well received at last Friday's Board of Governor's meeting. "We were hoping to influence Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission policy", he said.

Bartlett pointed out that very few overseas countries have graduate facilities and even undergraduate facilities are scarce in some countries. "Canada is one of the few choices" according to Bartlett who said foreign student Norman Lee pointed out to the Board of Governors that many foreign students have to attend a university within the commonwealth.

Bartlett said that the additional \$750.00 charged to foreign students next year will not mean

much extra income for the university, as only first year students will be affected. He said the union intends to continue in their efforts to arrest the implementation of these fees and a report will be forthcoming from the summer months. He said that it will be presented to the BOG, MPHEC and government in the fall and will be aimed at the retraction of this decision.

Bartlett said that the MPHEC has not even looked at the quota system whereby a certain number of foreign students are allowed in each faculty. He said that most foreign students he has spoken with are agreeable to this system rather than differential fees.

Bartlett said that another mark against these fees was the fact that while students who attend Canadian universities cannot work here, Canadians can work in some foreign countries. He said the money brought in by foreign students is "imported" in that it wasn't generated in Canada yet is spent here. He also felt that as the



Arson suspect caught

A masters student in psychology was remanded to Provincial Jail here Monday after being charged in Provincial Court with 12 counts of arson involving two buildings on the University of New Brunswick campus.

Robin Philip Nicholas, a 24-year-old UNB student in Fredericton appeared in court yesterday morning before Deputy Judge Gerald Casey, where it is expected Crown Prosecutor William Kearney will ask for a show cause hearing.

Fredericton lawyer Al Whitehead is representing the defendant, who has not entered a plea as

yet. Nicholas worked out of the second floor of Kierstead Hall at UNB, one of the buildings which he is accused of trying to burn, along with the Harriet Irving Library.

He was charged under Section 390(a) of the Criminal Code of Canada which carries a maximum five year prison sentence.

The 12 counts related to incidents which allegedly happened on November 15, 1978, January 14, 1979, January 24, 1979, March 1, 1979, twice on March 28, 1979, four times on March 29, 1979, and twice on March 30, 1979.