

UNB honors Donald Rowan

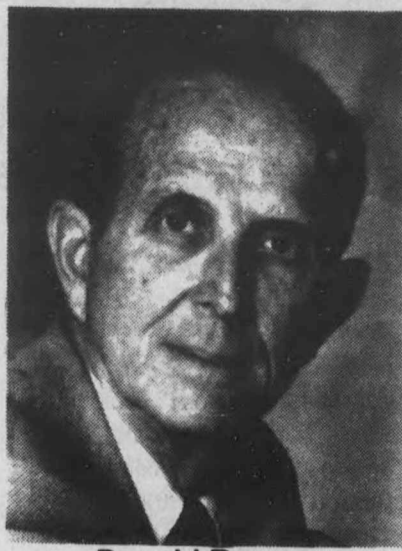
(UNBPRI) The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will elevate one of its retired teachers to the honorary rank of professor emeritus as part of the university's Fall Convocation ceremonies in the Aitken University Centre on Oct. 13.

Donald F. Rowan retired last year after 30 years of distinguished academic service with UNB's English department. He was born to Canadian parents in Rochester, NY, and moved to Canada in 1938 and received his early education in Fredericton.

He holds undergraduate degrees with honors in English, from UNB and from Cambridge University, as well as a master's degree from Cambridge. He earned a doctorate from UNB in 1967.

Dr. Rowan served as a high school vice-principal and a technical officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force before beginning his UNB teaching career in 1961. His academic specialty is Elizabethan drama, particularly Shakespeare, and his scholarly research has concentrated on the influence of the physical structure of the theatre on the kinds of plays Elizabethan dramatists wrote and the relationship between the actors and the audience when the plays were staged.

An innovative scholar, he has combined forces with



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colleagues in computer science to develop ways of using computers to organize information about Elizabethan drama.

Most recently he led a team in developing a computerized database of stage directions in Shakespeare plays, a software tool which scholars everywhere can use for research and analysis. This project and his work as co-editor of the New Variorum edition of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, continue to occupy much of his time in retirement.

In 1987, Dr. Rowan was awarded UNB's most prestigious pedagogical prize, the Allan P. Stuart Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Robert Burridge designated V.P. academic emeritus

(UNBPRI) The University of New Brunswick will officially designate Robert E. Burridge as vice-president (academic) emeritus as part of its annual Fall Convocation ceremonies in Fredericton on Oct. 13.

The university's Board of Governors approved the honorary title earlier this year in recognition of Dr. Burridge's outstanding contribution and dedicated service to UNB. He retired this summer after 36 years of service, the last eleven as vice-president (academic).

A native of Plaster Rock, NB, Dr. Burridge received his early education in that community and earned a BSc. in electrical engineering from UNB in 1953. After two years in England as an Athlone Fellow with the British Thomson-Houston Co., he joined UNB's department of electrical engineering in 1955. He received an MScEE from Wisconsin University in 1962 and a PhD from McGill in 1969.

First appointed as vice-president (academic) in 1980, Dr. Burridge had already served as chairperson of his department from 1970 to 1975 and as dean of the faculty of engineering from 1976 to

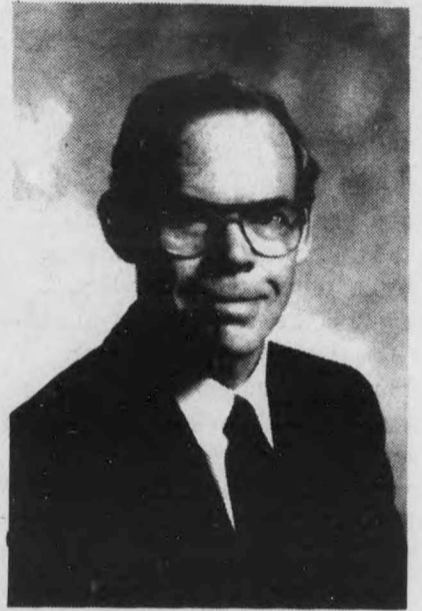
1980. In 1985 he was appointed to a second vice-presidential term following an overwhelmingly positive response to his first. James Downey, UNB's president for 10 of Dr. Burridge's eleven years as vice-president, called him an outstanding colleague. "His personal integrity, institutional commitment, sound judgement, good humor and prodigious capacity for hard work were important factors in the success and stability UNB enjoyed during his years in office."

Throughout a demanding administrative career, Dr. Burridge has continued to teach one or two courses a year. "To me, teaching is the real business of the institution," he enthused. "Apart from that, I enjoy it. Even after all these years I still get excited before going into the classroom and generally require five or ten minutes to recover after a class, simply because of the pitch of interest and the level of activity it requires."

Retirement did not immediately separate Dr. Burridge from the university he has served so long and well. He has accepted a limited, part-time appointment in electrical engineering for at least a year. "They need some help and some

teaching for a little while in my area and I would like to remain partially engaged in that way."

Otherwise, he is looking forward to catching up on his reading and doing a bit of writing, some of which will be about the university.



Robert Burridge

"My time here, from my student days to now, has been a period of great change at UNB and I want to try to write some observations on what has happened and on the personalities I have known at UNB."

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