Our puritan beginnings

By CAMPBELL MORRISON

About 200 years ago a ew loyal British subjects came to rest on this place, that we now call Fredericton. They ran from America because of some recent political developments which they thought were dangerous - such as democracy. Well, these Puritans arrived here, which was frontier New Brunswick, and decided

they were uneducated. So, These Loyalist Puritans took 6,000 acres of woods and created the College of New Brunswick. There were no buildings on the 6,000 acres however, so they were forced to use the back of someone's cottage for classes, which would be on University Ave. if it still existed.

The curriculum, as you might well imagine, was quite limited. They could pray or work, which all

Puritans were good at, but they couldn't do anything else because a Puritan who isn't working or praying is crippled by guilt. However, the College of New Brunswick came up with a wonderful idea. They combined the two, praying and working, and added academic overtones, and created the first course at the young UNB - Astronomy 1000. Staring at stars was a mortal attempt to speak with God, so they were praying, and periodically they scratched something down on a piece of paper and mailed it to Greenwich, which was the British Empire's centre astronomical observation, and 50 convinced themselves that there were also working. Although it is commendable that the history of UNB's interest in astronomy is so deep, there was one drawback in that the professor's used each other's lecture notes, because of this it has only been two years since UNB astronomy students discovered that the earth was not the centre of the

universe. As UNB students we have all been asked, with proper intonation of disgust, "Why do you come to school here?" Usually, there is either no answer or one that is so feeble as to be ridiculous. Well, the Puritan Loyalists must have had

their reasons, and they may have been reflected by the comment of a visitor of 1804 who said that Fredericton was, "a village scattered on a delightful common on the richest sheep pasture I ever saw, the flocks graze up to our door." Even in 1804 the reasons people had for coming here were ridiculous.

However, I'm sentimental enough to be joyously warmed by the thought of UNB's humble beginnings. Imagine being a student fighting off sheep to get to an 8:30 class, Praying 3815. The sheep's wool sticks to your pantlegs like burs while you sit through the class held in the back of someone's cottage on a map-

ped but yet to be deforested University Ave., with no Brunswickan to read, dreaming about the beautiful view which will one day be seen from the blue lounge in the SUB. Following your 8:30 praying class you work on making asphalt paths which will one day link all the buildings on campus together. You work, then pray, then work, then pray, until night falls, then you can work and pray and study in Astronomy 1000.

After four years of this strenuous mental and physical testing you are awarded with a degree which you can show, with much pride, to all the animals of the forest.



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Law frat at UNB



Kurowksi, Andrew Rouse, Jeff Wise. Robert Watt, Tim Norris.

Front Row L to R: Tim Dunlap,

by BRENDA PAUL Brunswickan Staff

Canada's first ever Law Fraternity has sprung up at the UNB Law School. Delta Theta Phi, a U.S. based law fraternity installed the officers of its UNB chapter Tuesday afternoon.

Robert Zed was appointed Dean of the Fraternity with Vice Dean Tim Dunlop and three honorary members, Attorney General M.F. Dubé, Mr. David Hachey Q.C., and Professor Daniel Hurley installed. The chapter entitled "Viscount R.B. Bennett" (so named in honour of the ex New Brunswick Prime Minister) has an official membership of 14 males and female(s).

The Fraternity, itself, is academically oriented as well as socially and its objectives include the creation of such projects as a scholarship fund and an endowment fund. In addition, the benefits of a Fraternity with such an international base provide for an extensive referral system, discounts at hotels,

Sitting back row: L to R: Tom Jim MacGillvray, Robert Zed,

Other Members: Sandra Zed, Don McLeod, David Banks, Brian Murphy.

businesses, and organizations, an insurance plan, 4 issues of the "Paper Book" the official publication of Delta Theta Phi, and individual members' names listed in an International Directory.

Delta Theta Phi came to the attention of UNB students by Fraternity Chancellor Jim Baine of Arkansaw who visited the campus earlier this year. The Fraternity which presently stands at 80,000 official student and alumnai members is experiencing a surge in growth and Zed notes that correspondence with the University of Saskatchewan, Ottawa University, University of Windsor, and Dalhousie is progressing in the hope of a Canadian expansion.

Zed is planning to attend a Delta Theta Phi convention in Dallas, Texas this summer with funds allocated by the alumni. In addition, an alumnai drive in Fredericton is to begin shortly.



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