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DR. MARY LOU STERLIN

MARY LOU STERLING DEAN RESIDENCE

Mary Lou Stirling has been appointed dean of residence at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Her four-year term was effective July 1.

Dr. Stirling sees her role as dean of residence as multifacetedas both a co-ordinator and facilitator for the development of activities in residence. "I will try to make residence a comfortable and encouraging environment for each resident as well as represent the residents and their concerns to others in the university."

Knowledge gained from her previous position as associate deanof residence, which she held for four years, will serve her well in her new appointment. As associate dean, she established and implemented several new programs, such as, proctor orientation, AIDS awareness, and house committee conferences.

Dr. Stirling welcomes the challenge of trying to get 1,500 people to develop and show respect for each other at the same time as making residence their home away from home. "Many students have their own room at home and are not accustomed to sharing one; it's a big adjustment," she explained. Dr. Stirling sees living in residence as a tremendous learning experience. University and all it entails can be overwhelming. It is a tribute to those students who in the past have learned so much about interacting with other people: sharing, cooperating, and respecting others."

Unique and "envied by many other universities in Canada" is how Dr. Stirling proudly describes: UNB's residence community. One is the number of faculty involved. "I'm hoping more than ever faculty will get involved—both by living in residence and by forming stronger links with individual residences.'

Another reason Dr. Stirling is proud of UNB's residences is the active and valued role they play in the Fredericton community. Each year the houses participate in a large number of activities, including blood donor clinics, Bowl for Millions, and visits to York Manor.

They also raise money for scholarship funds, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the Young Diabetes Foundation, as well as sponsor foster children and this year a charity ball.

Among Dr. Stirling's future plans are making more single rooms available, developing a support system for first-year students having problems adjusting, and creating more cultural and academic programs within the residences. "I'd like to see UNB's residences further enhance an integrated approach to university reason UNB's residences are envied life, both academically and

> Dr. Stirling holds a teaching certificate from Lakeshore Teachers College in Ontario, a bachelor of arts degree in Anthropology from the University of Toronto and the University of Pennsylvania respectively. As well as fulfilling her new responsibilities as dean of residence, Dr. Stirling will continue to teach part-time in the faculty of education.

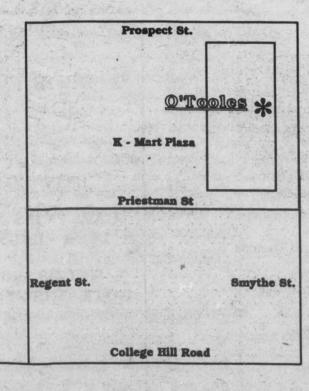


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