

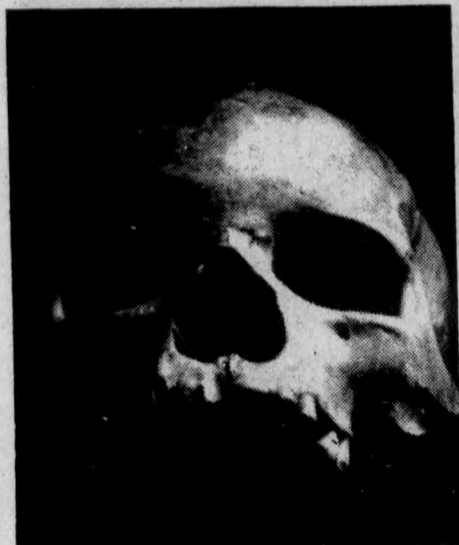
UNB Professor "wanted" by police

The recent investigation at the Burnt Church Indian reserve required the assistance of a specialist from U.N.B. R.C.M.P. investigators employed a professor's specialized knowledge to assist in identifying the corpses and in attempting to determine the cause of death.

Professor Moira McLaughlin, from UNB's Department of Anthropology was recently invited to assist the R.C.M.P. in identifying the bodies. This is not the first time her expertise has been used.

The Anthropology Department of UNB specializes more on the social and cultural anthropology, but Moria McLaughlin, an assistant professor with the department has chosen to specialize in physical anthropology. While doing graduate and apprentice work at the University of Tennessee, she became interested in "forensic" anthropology.

Now, with her special knowledge focusing on the biological aspect of anthropology, McLaughlin may be called in by a law enforce-



"Alas, poor Yorick, I knew him well."

ment agency to help identify remains. She is able to utilize her knowledge of the skeleton and how it responds to the environment.

Although most agencies can provide their own experts on soft tissue identification, such as fingerprints and dental records, it can prove to be more difficult to provide an I.D. from skeletal remains that have been laying around.

Working from rotting and often incomplete corpses, McLaughlin may be asked to come up with a description of the person. The skeletal bones can provide clues as to the per-

son's age, sex, race, stature, and robustness. She can, in essence, give the law enforcement agency a physical description of the person which can aid in determining the victim's identity.

Also, McLaughlin's analysis can assist in determining the cause of death. In certain cases, she can also determine any pathologies or illnesses.

Her outside work with law enforcement agencies enhances her lectures on physical anthropology. She receives practical benefits from working on cases, and is better able to show how the subject

she teaches is useful. The agencies profit from the use of her expertise, and her students also benefit in having someone who knows what she's talking about.

But, where her students can get their work corrected and handed back, McLaughlin has to get her answers right the first time. The condition of the remains often makes it difficult and the possibility for error is always present. However, most often her answers are close to the mark. She can remember one case where her age estimate was off by only a few months.

Fielding removed by CHSR board

By HEATHER McNAUGHT

In a surprise move, the CHSR-FM board of directors has suspended station manager, John Fielding, from his duties indefinitely and without pay.

According to minutes of a November 10 board meeting, supplied to the *Brunswickan* by interim station manager Jeff Whipple, Fielding was

suspended because of "his unauthorized absence from his job as Station Manager."

Steve Staples, CHSR Station Director, in a memo to station members, explained Fielding's suspension as related to "his disappearance from the station on 5 November, 1987.

When reached for comment, Fielding said, "What happened is a personal matter. It's a

health matter."

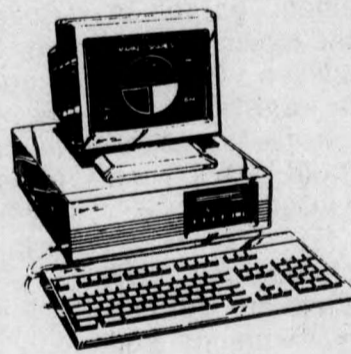
When asked when Fielding might return to his position at the radio station, interim manager Whipple said, "It's just a wait and see situation right now."

Whipple, who was appointed interim manager at the November 10 meeting, and who described himself as a friend of Fielding, said, "I feel

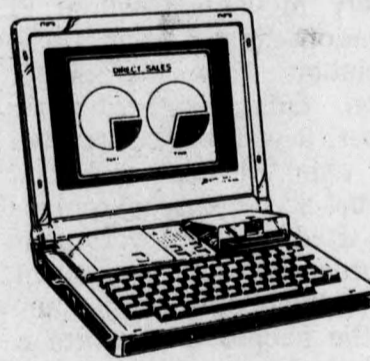
very badly about what has happened. However, I have put eight years of my life into this station and I have a job to do -- to keep the station going."

The CHSR board of directors has also named board member, Wayne Lockhart, to meet with Fielding as part of a continuing investigation into his disappearance from work.

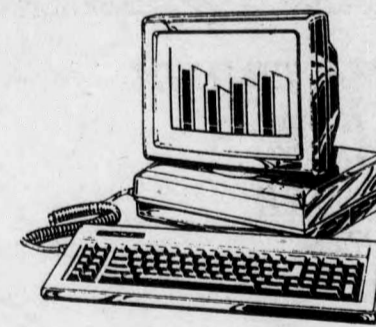
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