

New associate Dean of Arts

by Murray Carew

Diane Austin and Brent McKeown will be the new associate Dean of Arts at UNB. Austin will be the first woman to hold this position in the history of UNB. She will be replacing Francis Coghlan.

McKeown who held the position last year has been reappointed.

The decision came after an unanimous recommendation from the Search Committee. The recommendation was then sent to Dr. James Downey.

President of UNB, who feels it was an excellent decision.

Peter Kent, Dean of Arts is delighted with the decision. He feels all the candidates were good and considering the factors involved he believes Austin is a good person for the job.

It seems that one priority for the Committee was to correct a gender imbalance within the two positions.

Kent feels that Austin has a very good record as a teacher, scholar and is quite active in the English Department. She

has been working at UNB on contract since 1983. And has been on tenure track since 1987. She is presently an assistant English professor and a promotion to associate professor is in effect.

Two other candidates for the position, both from the English Department were Reavley Gair and Wendy Robbins.

Gair has been an English professor at UNB for 21 years. He has received an excellence in teaching award.

Robbins has been at UNB

since 1984. She is a tenured Professor who chairs both the President's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women and the High School Liason Committee for the Faculty of Arts.

Robbins said she was happy that for the first time in the history of the University a woman now holds the position. She felt that the decision to choose Austin

reflected a desire to make an non-controversial posting.

Roger Ploude, Chairperson of the English Department is happy that the English Department will be recognized in this way since it is the strongest faculty in Arts.

Ploude does not feel seniority was an issue, since Austin is more than capable for the position.

Arts Faculty Proctor Program

Press Release

The Faculty of Arts plans to continue its Proctor Program for a second year. Started last year, the Proctor Program involved assigning one senior undergraduate student to each Arts 1000 tutorial on a part-time basis so that they could be available to offer advice and assistance to first-year students as they adapted to university life.

Dean of Arts Peter Kent announces that he is now

looking for volunteers who would like to participate as Proctors for the 1990-91 academic year. Proctors should be entering either their third or fourth year in the Arts Faculty next fall, have a GPA of 2.5 or better and have a genuine interest in working with people.

Each Proctor will be expected to participate in an orientation and training session, to help with new students during Orientation Week in September, to attend

all Arts 1000 tutorials in September and October and to attend one tutorial per month after that.

Interested volunteers can sign up at the Office of the Dean of Arts or at the Arts Undergraduate Society Office in Carleton Hall. There will be an information meeting held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, in Room 5, Tilley Hall, for anyone who might be interested and wants to find out more about the program.

Lecture to Celebrate Book of Kells

(UNB-PRI) The arrival of a facsimile edition of Ireland's national treasure. The Book of Kells at the University of New Brunswick Libraries in Fredericton will be celebrated with the third Milham lecture on the book arts.

Tom Power, a former archivist at Trinity College Library, Dublin, will speak and show slides about the Book of Kells on Friday, April 20, in Edmund Casey Hall of Saint Thomas University at 4:30 p.m. A showing of the videotape on the creation of the

facsimile edition and a reception will follow. The public is invited to attend both the lecture and the reception.

Dr. Power was born in Waterford, Ireland, and came to Canada in 1987 as a visiting lecturer for the Chair of Irish Studies at Saint Mary's University, Halifax. Since then, he has taught at the University of Prince Edward Island, St. Thomas University and UNB, where he currently teaches in the History department and is a resident

fellow in Lady Beaverbrook Residence.

Considered to be the finest existing example of the art of illumination and Celtic art, the book is a national treasure of Ireland and a masterpiece of Western civilization. The Book of Kells contains the Latin text of the four Gospels of the New Testament in detached, large letter script accompanied by magnificent and intricate whole illuminated pages, with smaller painted decorations throughout.

Netherwood Alumni to hold dinner

Press Release

Fredericton -- The R.C.S.-Netherwood Alumni will be holding their annual regional dinner on Thursday April 19, 6:30 pm at the Fredericton Garrison Club. The Head-

master, Mr. Paul Kitchen will address the alumni, updating recent developments at the school.

R.C.S.-Netherwood is New Brunswick's only private boarding school and has been in operation since 1877. It is a

co-educational institution with a world wide reputation for excellence.

All former students are invited to the event and should contact Boyd Ritchie at 458-8133 or Hilary Drain at 453-2819.

Survey

be altered by poor class attendance.

Then there is the personality effect for those professors who tend to make life easier for students or who typically issue higher grades, thereby affecting his rating given by students.

Students themselves may see the survey as a last minute affair and fair consideration is not given. Opinions may be exaggerated and students can use the survey for vindictive purposes.

James Gill (Vice President of University Affairs), said that with a challenge grant a student would be employed this summer for a 16 week period to develop a questionnaire that would be issued by the Student Union in December and April. It will appear in a booklet that will summarize some specific information about the professors and their courses.

The recommendations as to what exactly could be published would have to be

approved by the Academic Council.

This booklet would not be referred to for tenure promotion. It would be designed to inform students on such things like did the professor provide a syllabus, did he follow this outline, and other meaningful information would be provided.

The information to be included in the booklet, if agreed upon, would likely be published in 1991.

A thank you

From Dr. Daizal Samad

This is to express my profound gratitude to my friends, colleagues and students for their kindness and consideration during my recent illness. I was deeply touched and comforted by the numerous flowers, cards, books and other gifts. It is, of course, not possible to name each person here... but a heartfelt thanks to all of you.

I should be remiss, however,

if I did not specifically thank my friends and colleagues at St. Thomas University, and the University of New Brunswick, the nurses and doctors in the Cardiac Unit of the Chalmers Hospital, my brothers and sisters in the Caribbean Circle, and my friends in the UNB Cricket Club. My gratitude to my caring students: Engl. 1-200 K (STU), Engl. 2-300 B (STU), English 1000 (Sections 18 and 15) at UNB and Engl. 1013 (UNB).

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Dr. Tom Power

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