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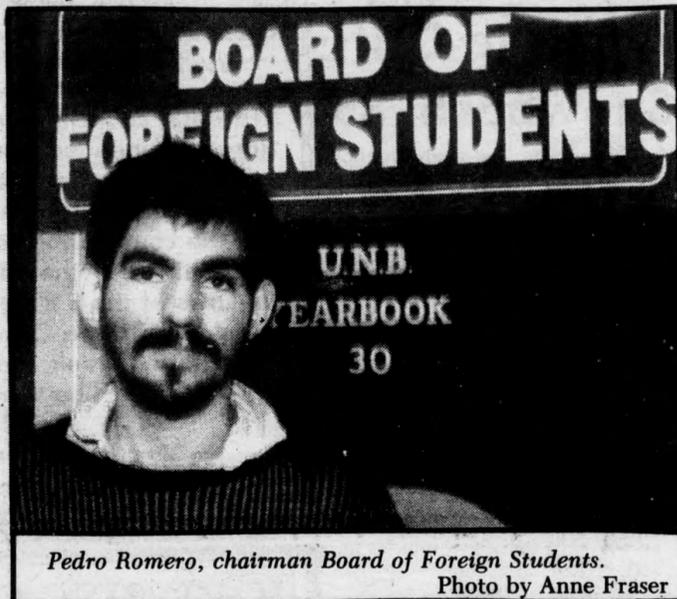
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BFS expelled from yearbook office

By OLIVER KONCZ

The case of the Board of Foreign Students (BFS) being asked to leave the shared quarters they occupy with the Yearbook staff shows another problem of dealing with the jurisdiction within the Student Union Building. Mr. Norris, the SUB Director, maintains that it is the SUB Board of Directors (read Board of Trustees) that has the final say in any reallocation of space. Yet, it has been the custom for many years that the Student Union of UNB and STU reallocate their assigned office space as they deemed necessary.

The SUB Board has refused as recently as this year to become involved in the space disputes in the Student Unions' office wing. The SUB Board was not involved, for example, when the Student Union (UNB) decided to change the



Pedro Romero, chairman Board of Foreign Students.
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location of their general office from room 126 to room 118.

The Board of Foreign Students seems to be caught in the play for control of office space. The SUB Director says

that he "is still learning policies and procedures and until then he will strictly follow and make no changes to the building policy." However, SUB Policy states that room

allocations may only be made by the Board, Norris himself has already violated this policy in making changes in the BFS case. He felt that it was OK for him to overstep his authority and allow the BFS only two months this term for them to organize a regional conference to be held near the end of next term. The Director plans to submit a proposal to the SUB Board regarding allocation of office space. The proposal will be based on a first come, first serve basis (the first group to approach the present SUB Director was the University Chaplains while groups like the Foreign Students and Graduate Students have been waiting for more than ten years).

Pedro Romero, the Chairman of the BFS told the *Brunswickan* that, "since we have had the office, we have established greater contact with both the students and the

International Students Advisor." He feels that office space is necessary to allow students to discuss private matters some place other than the cafeteria, and feels that any allocation of space must include consideration of the number of students served and the needs of those students.

Both the Student Union and the SUB Board that they have the say in reallocating office space. The Student Union believes that it has the authority and mandate to judge the priorities and the needs of its own members, and can use the office wing (which has been allocated to the Student Unions) to fill those needs. Especially in the case of the sharing of the Yearbook office, where both the BFS and Yearbook support the idea. SU President Bosnitch believes that Norris' action in expelling them is "totally unnecessary and unwarranted."

Dean of men—controversial?

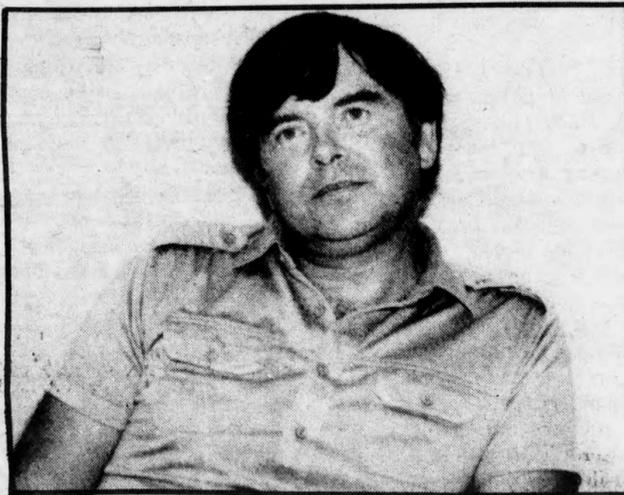
By CLAYTON BURNS

Dean of Men Reavely Gair (appointed July 1, 1984) has become controversial on the UNB campus. During the November student election campaigns, several candidates alluded to Gair's supposed lack of competence, and stated they would demand he be terminated. Larry Long's candidacy for Vice President Administration concentrated almost exclusively on residence dissatisfactions (including Reavely Gair), and he was rewarded by a 212 to 64 vote at McConnell Hall. Candidates heard many complaints about Dean Gair as they worked their way through the residence system.

During the 1984 summer purge of Mackenzie House residents (the third floor was evicted almost in its entirety), Dr. Gair declined to reconsider decisions of the previous Dean of Men, Robert Smith.

Rod Cater, one of the

students told to leave MacKenzie, said "on April 26, late at night, four or five house members were carrying on outside our rooms, and the proctor Mr. Mathur came up to the third floor. Some students were yelling obscenities out the windows, and one student threw a cat on the Dean's roof. Other things were thrown and Mr. Mathur called Campus Security at 2 a.m. They called the City Police, and Mathur asked us to volunteer the names of the students who were causing trouble. We gave the names, and the four house members were thrown out the next day by 3 p.m. Some of the guys were quite rowdy all year. Mathur always expected us to give the names. MacKenzie House had tried previously to expel the four troublemakers, and one was told he would have to leave for urinating out the window, but Dean Smith decided he could stay. But in June many of us who had never done anything wrong got letter telling us we



Reavely Gair, Dean of Men at UNB.

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could not return to MacKenzie. No reason was given (just that it was being turned into a quiet house)." Cater complained that Gair turned a blind eye to the fact that some of the evicted students had absolutely no damage records or discipline problems.

As the new Student Union

Vice President Administration, Larry Long will be meeting with the student presidents of each residence to initiate administrator evaluations. Long states that there should be a residence Board of Directors (composed of equal number of administrators and students), to take responsibility for

budgets, regulations and discipline appeals. Long believes that student courts within each residence should have jurisdiction over student offenses in that house.

Larry Long intends to be the ombudsman for the residence system. He says, "I don't think Reavely Gair has the personality to deal with residence problems. He does not have the students' respect. When I met with him to discuss why I was thrown out of MacKenzie, he tried to take the blame off himself, although he was partially responsible that I had to leave along with other students."

Reavely Gair declined to be interviewed by the *Brunswickan* without Dr. Downey's permission, and said that the Dean of Students was handling residence discipline issues. All other residence issues, he said, are the responsibility of Dr. Downey's residence integration committee.