



## From Where I Sit

By BARRY THOMPSON Dean of Students

When I was the Director of the Physical Education Department at this University, my youngest daughter asked me if my job consisted of standing around and telling people where the gym was. With this in mind I agreed to attempt this column on a twice monthly basis since it occurred to me it is entirely possible that the majority of the student body may feel that the position of Dean of Students consists of standing around directing people to the nearest Pub.

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Well I'm here to tell you there is a whole lot more to it than that. I have a real concern that many students do not know about the role and function of Students' Affairs and therefore do not know how to use the services designed to help them while they are at U.N.B. ... so, I'm going to tell you about it ...

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As I see it, Students' Affairs at this University includes four functions:

1. Welfare Functions: - which includes counselling, testing, health services, financial aid programs and job placement.
2. Control Functions: - discipline, living arrangements plus a major concern for admissions and records procedures which are the prime function of the Registrar's Office.
3. Activity Functions: - concerned with co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, student government, student publications, student union and cultural programs.
4. Teaching Functions: - High School Relations & orientation programs, foreign students' programs, remedial clinics, special informal educational services in Residences and elsewhere in the University.

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U.N.B. Student Services is organized into the following divisions with the Dean as the administrative head of all offices including: The Dean of Women, The Dean and Provost of Men's Residences, The Director of Counselling, Off-Campus Accommodations Office, Undergraduate Awards Office, Overseas Students Advisor, High School Relations Office, Campus Health Service, the Student Services Office at U.N.B. Saint John as well as being Chairman of a Liaison Committee for Student Placement, i.e. the Campus Canada Manpower Office.

Now since all of these services have capable specialists as Directors and Administrators, then what's left for the Dean of Students to do? Well, the Dean himself, is the executive officer charged with the responsibility of developing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to a spectrum of specialized services provided to and for students, complimentary to formal instructional programs and connected directly with U.N.B.'s educational objectives.

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He is also the OMBUDSMAN for the students on academic, disciplinary and other matters affecting them within the university.

The Dean reports directly to the President and consults with the Vice-Presidents, Academic and Administration. He maintains a close liaison with the Student Representative Council on matters of concern to the student body.

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The Dean of Students, when he is not involved in all of the above is a member of: The University Senate, the Senate Student Services Committee, the Senate Admissions Committee, the Senate Student Standings and Promotion Committee, the Senate Examinations Committee, the Joint Board-Senate Committee on Residences, the Senate Undergraduate Scholarship Committee, the Senate Academic and Campus Planning Committee, the Student Services Staff Committee, the Health Centre Liaison Committee and meets on a regular basis with the U.N.B. Student Senators.

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... Now with all of these activities I really don't know how I'll ever find time to write this column but I'm sure going to give it a try. It seems to me that there are lots of topics that need airing - accommodations, student loans, course evaluations, exams & re-read procedures ... to name a few, and the thing that will make it all worthwhile will be having you make your way to my office on the ground floor of Memorial Student Centre whenever you feel you need to talk things over or at least to give the office a call about your pet beef.

... And that's the picture from where I sit ...

Thompson is looking for input and feedback for his column. Got a beef or want to talk? Just write down your ideas and drop them in or send them to either the Dean's office in the STUD or the Bruns office, Room 35 in the SUB. The Dean can help you with ANY problems that might be bothering you. Make this effort, his column worthwhile for you and let him or us know what's on your mind!

## Editors' comment continued

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This way, with us taking pictures, which was done again this year, and a submitted article the event gets the coverage it definitely deserves. We must apologize but we just do not have the people and we must rely quite often on organizations to help us out.

As for what you say about "what most now consider a trashy paper that has no appeal", we are glad you feel you can speak for 5400 students or even 300. What makes our paper trashy? You didn't really say. Because our policy is not to print stories or pictures pertaining only to queens? We are definitely not above criticism but please if you do criticize make it constructive not insults.

It would be impossible to print an editorial policy in any paper. Sure, we do have definite policies such as the queen but basically problems of four letter words in copy, supporting candidates in elections etcetera, all are taken up with the editorial board when we are confronted with it. As for Tom and myself not wishing to work if the SRC was to lay down our policy, what would happen if they did? As issues arise that must be taken care of immediately it would be impossible to get ahold of council for a ruling; we don't have time for that. As a group of students who pay their \$35 we could go up and demand to Peter Galoska that we do not like the way the SRC is being run or their policies. As students he will listen, but it would be impossible to let students run the organization; he would not be efficient if he was not left to make his own decisions including council. It is the same with our organization. Any student may join and vote on certain issues but it is only logical that the policy of the paper be left to the people who work so hard to get it out every week. What would happen to Irving, if as a publisher, he laid

down the editorial policy of his papers? It is left to the people who run it.

We are not on a "self made cloud of power". Sure we tend to call The Brunswickan our paper because a good many of us here spend 35 hour a week and more IN the office and that doesn't include work out of the office and as you can imagine this does not fit well into a full course load. We have a lot of people here who work extremely hard, long hours with pros who can't understand why they fall asleep in class after putting the paper out until sometimes four in the morning on Wednesday night and

Thursday into the afternoon, and that's just production. We don't want to scare any prospective staffers away because the work is fun and rewarding. The volunteers come and go as they please but the editorial board has the responsibility. So please, before you call the paper trashy or rotten or anything else, please formulate a reason why it's exactly "Trashy" because a lot of people work very, very hard and they want to know why.

We would like to invite Mr. Curtis to join the staff. We make every student welcome and

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