

Dr. James Downey Presidential hopeful interviewed

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Dr. James Downey, vice-president academic at Carleton University and candidate for the presidency of UNB, said that should he become president he would try to keep UNB "an outstanding university and to enhance those traditions that give it strength." He said he hopes to give UNB the leadership it deserves.

Downey said he was reluctant to discuss any possible plans he might have for the university because there was still too much for him to learn in order to speak with confidence on the subject.

Universities are complex social organizations, he said, and each is different with its own personality.

Downey said he had been invited by the presidential search committee to let his name stand for the nomination. He said he had thought about for some time because on the one hand he likes Carleton very much

and that university is presently in the midst of a major curriculum review.

On the other hand, Downey said, he felt it was a good time for him to consider branching out and he had decided to let his name stand.

Downey added that he had been reflecting on career goals and ambitions and that it seemed an appropriate time for his decision.

Downey was born in Winterton, a small fishing village in Newfoundland. He attended Memorial University where he received the degrees of BA, BEd, and MA. He taught high school for two years.

In 1966 Downey completed his doctorate in English at the University of London in England. In that same year, Downey returned to Canada to become a professor of English at Carleton University. In 1972 he was made chairman of their English department and in 1975 he became dean of arts.

Downey became vice-president academic of Carleton in 1978 and for the first five months of 1979 he was acting president.

Downey said his abiding interest had always been in the teaching of English, not only at the university level but at the high school and elementary levels. He said he had been involved in committees outside the university to affect changes in the Ontario curriculum, with regards to the improvement in quality of the teaching of English.

His work in his own field has been in the area of research into 18th century literature. Downey has published a book on the subject of 18th century preachers and preaching.

Downey said he has always had a high regard for UNB and has had indirect experience in its research. He also said he has heard a great deal about some of its programs.

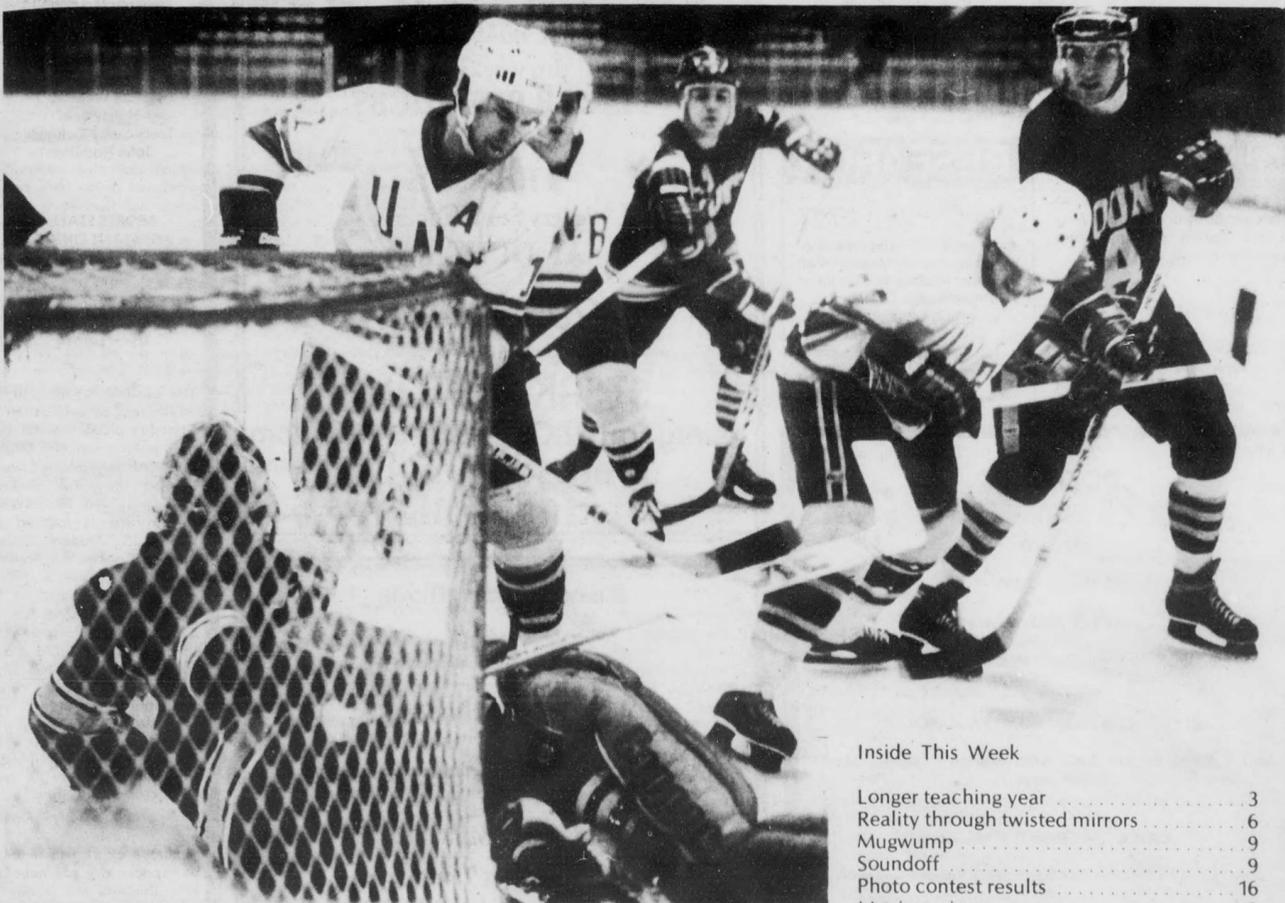
Downey said he had been flattered at being nominated for the presidency of what he called "an important institution in Canada."



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Sid Vesey (left) and George Wood look for a rebound against Mt. A. on Friday night.

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