

Students mock Legislature

By ANN POND

"The best form of student aid is a job" - Odetta Griegoschewski, Minister for Employment (Mount Allison University)

Last Wednesday, for the first time in over a year, the New Brunswick Provincial Legislative Chamber housed members of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition.

The event was a mock sitting of the Legislature organized by the N.B. Student Alliance and the Canadian Federation of Students to mark National Student Day. Fifty representatives from New Brunswick univer-

sities assumed the roles of the Government and the Opposition and for two hours debated various student issues.

"It is adding insult to injury to make students ask for letters from five people who would not employ them in order to get student aid."
-Chantelle MacDonald, Opposition Critic, Tuition Fees (Saint Thomas University)

They discussed government policy on student aid, summer employment programmes, tuition hikes, daycare, foreign student fees and university funding.

According to Jane Arnold, President of the N.B. Student Alliance, the purpose of the event was to allow students to make their positions known on these matters and to make

politicians aware of these concerns.

Although no politicians showed up to hear the debate, and despite scant attendance by students or other members

of the public, Arnold called the event "a tremendous success."

It allowed student leaders from around the province an opportunity to work together and discuss the issues.

A day in the life of Downey



James Downey

by BLAIR T. SAWLER

Dr. James Downey is the president of UNB, and has been since 1980. If you think you have a rough schedule, you should trade with him, he probably would like the break.

Dr. Downey said that "the only thing that's normal in any of my days is that there isn't enough time to do all that I am suppose to be doing."

Dr. Downey stated that "I have to deal with both the external, and internal affairs of UNB Fredericton, and UNB Saint John." Being president of UNB means that he is president of both campuses.

Last Monday was an example of what he meant about dealing with external affairs of the university.

At 9:00 am, he had to welcome the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to UNB. NSERC is one of the three ma-

ior federal funding agencies for research carried out in universities. Last year about \$5.6 million came to professors of Science, Engineering, Forestry, Computer Science, and Math, here at UNB.

They set policies, and determine who is to get support. They only have one meeting a year outside of Ottawa. "I'm very pleased that they decided to have their meeting here at the university," said Dr. Downey, "I'm glad the university and myself can be a part of it."

Being president carries a lot of responsibility, at 10:00 am the same morning, he had to meet with the Properties Committee. A lot of students do not realize that UNB owns about 7,000 acres of land. The Properties Committee has to deal with all land transactions that go before the Board of Governors. There are people who want to buy land, or be able to gain access through part of the land, etc. "Just at that meeting," he explained, "we had four or five proposals to deal with."

The rest of his day on Monday was dealing with funding for Marine Engineering at UNBSJ, a cocktail reception hosted for NSERC, and then in the evening, he had to attend a dinner hosted by NSERC.

On Tuesday he had the day

booked for Internal matters. He had to have lunch with the Deans, and then a meeting with them to talk about the administration of UNB.

Right after that, he had to meet with Don Eagle, the Dean of Students for matters relating to residences, and career counselling.

That evening, he even had to go to the Airband Challenge for Engineering Week, so he could present the prizes to the winners!

Even though it is October, he even had to pick out UNB's Christmas card. That may sound simple, but it isn't. He had to get in touch with the artist, and then the owner of the print for permission to use it.

When he is not in meetings, and his schedule reads as if he has free time, he doesn't. He is busy writing letters, and returning phone calls.

"I had to stop teaching because I was missing most of my own classes," he continued, "I think that it is important to make time to see students, I like to talk to them. I can't see them all of the time, but I do try to see most of them, who would like to talk to me."

Being president is a seven day a week job, and it usually is more than an eight hour day.

"I'm busy most of my weekends for matters dealing with UNB."

Brunswickan Publishing Inc., a non-profit corporation, has replaced the Student Union as publishers of *The Brunswickan*.

This is the result of proceedings set in motion by the Student Union near the end of last year. The Student Union near the end of last year, The Student Union acted on a recommendation by an ad hoc committee on sexual harassment consisting of then V.P. Larry Hansen and Marie Gillen. The report had stated that "The Student Union should not be in the business of publishing newspaper."

Brunswickan Publishing Inc.

is in the process of setting up its internal structure which is to be quite similar to that of CHSR, in which an executive (The Editorial Board) will run the day to day affairs of the paper under the supervision of a board of directors. Funding for *The Brunswickan* will still come from the Student Union, but, once allocated, the funds will be committed under control and discretion of Brunswickan Publishing Inc. to use in producing *The Brunswickan*. Details of the structure of Brunswickan Publishing Inc. will be published in *The Brunswickan* once they are available.



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