

## FROSH "MORTALITY" HIGH

By Peter Kent and Dave Crowther

The general consensus of opinion among the faculty is that this year's Freshman class did not prepare themselves adequately for the Christmas exams.

In an interview with professors of the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Classics, English, Geology, German, History, Mathematics, Physics, and the Romance Languages, the reasons for some of the high failure rates were given.

Speaking of his History 100 course, Dr. J. K. Chapman said, "Many students failed to apply themselves to the course and some are definitely not college material." Dr. Chapman said that his class had a 50 per cent failure rate, but that there were some very good papers written as well as some very bad ones.

Professor Allan Donaldson of the English department stressed a similar point for the English 100 exams. He said that there were a large number of first divisions and second divisions and a large number of failures, but very few third divisions.

### Illiteracy Blamed

Professor Donaldson said this would indicate that the reason for the 63 or 64 per cent failure rate in English did not lie in the exam itself, as many students were able to get high marks.

He laid the blame for the high failure rate on an under-par Freshman class, saying that there was a high degree of illiteracy in the papers.

He suggested that possibly the fault lay in the occurrence of more extra-curricular activities in the first term than in previous years.

Dr. R. L. Rosenberg, head of the Mathematics department said that, on marks alone, 70 per-cent of the Freshman class failed Mathematics 100.

However, he stressed the fact that he feels the students will do better in May, stating that the Freshmen never really settles down to work until the second term.

### Not College Material

Speaking of Chemistry 110, Dr. A. P. Stuart indicated that 12 per cent received "A's", 22 per cent "B's", 11 per cent "C's" and 55 per cent failed. He said that a lot of the Freshmen just don't do any work, and that very few attend the tutorials. He also says that there are a lot of Freshmen who are not college material.

Professor C. D. Herisson found in his Freshman French papers that there was a gap between the good and the poor students, although only 30 per cent failed French.

He said that Freshman French is very elementary and can be done mechanically, so there is little reason for failure in this course.

### Lack of Attention

Professor Alvin Shaw said that the standards in Spanish 100 and 110 are down from last year. He attributes this partly to the lack of personal attention/available in the large classes.

The Geology 100 papers were not up to university standards either, according to Dr. G. S. MacKenzie. Seventy per cent of the class passed at Christmas, but he believed that those who passed could have prepared themselves better and acquired better marks.

### Some Exams Adequate

Dr. C. W. Argue of the Biology department, Dr. M. E. Milham of the Classics department, Dr. Harold Lusher of the German department, and Professor Allan Boone of the Physics department felt that their papers were written adequately, and that the pass rate was similar to previous years.

Dr. Milham said that the exams in the Classics department were particularly well written.

### RETIRING OFFICER HONOURED



Retiring commanding officer, Major R. J. Love, is shown receiving a gift from O/C R. L. DeWitt. Also present is the corps new commanding officer Major D. R. Galloway.

### Cadet Corps Presents Major R. J. Love With Gift

Members of the COTC, past and present, recently gathered at the N.B. Area Headquarters Officer's Mess to honour their retiring commanding officer Major R. J. Love ED. At the smoker, the mess president, O/C R. L. DeWitt, presented him with a set of engraved decanters.

Major Love retired last month as the commanding officer of the U.N.B. COTC contingent after twelve years of service. He has been connected with the army for

some thirty years, first joining the Fredericton High School Cadet Corps, and then serving in World War II, retiring with the rank of Major.

The new C.O. is Major D. R. Galloway M.C., professor of English here at the University. Major Galloway received his officer's training at Cambridge University in England, and served with the British Army in the Mediterranean area from 1941-1946. Major Galloway had been adjutant since 1956.

### PANEL TO DISCUSS HEALTH INSURANCE

The widely anticipated panel discussion of National Health Insurance is scheduled for tonight at 7.30 p.m. in the Upstairs Lounge of the Student Centre.

Featured as panelists are four eminent authorities in the field: Dr. C. W. Kelly, planner of the present New Brunswick hospital scheme; Mr. R. H. Stocker, Admin-

istrator, Victoria Public Hospital, Fredericton; Professor W. Y. Smith, head of UNB's Economics department; and Dr. A. F. VanWart, president, Canadian Medical Association.

The panel is sponsored by the Pre-Medical and Pre-Dental Club. Chairman for the event will be Dave Petrie.

### Tunis Accepts Position With McGill Grad. Society

Albert A. Tunis, formerly U.N.B.'s Director of Public Relations, left Fredericton Sunday to take over his new position as Director of Public Relations for the Graduate Society of McGill University.

A familiar and popular member of the University Administration body, Mr. Tunis had previously occupied positions on the McGill Daily, the Montreal Gazette, and the Daily Gleaner before arriving at U.N.B.

Mr. Tunis contributed his services as Faculty Advisor to the Brunswickian during his stay here. With regard to his association with U.N.B.'s college paper, he stated:

"It has been a very great pleasure for me to be on the masthead of the Brunswickian during my years here, and I think the Brunswickian a lively student paper. I wish it the very best in the future."

Mr. Tunis' family plan to join his later in Montreal. He was in charge of Public Relations at U.N.B. for five years.



A. A. TUNIS

### GREGG TO SPEAK TO ARTS SOCIETY

The Honourable Dr. Milton Gregg will address the next meeting of the Arts Society on January 15.

The meeting will be held in the New Lounge of the Student Centre, beginning at 7.30 p.m.

#### Former President of UNB

Dr. Gregg, a former president of UNB and federal cabinet minister, has just returned to Canada from Bagdad, Iraq, where he was with the United Nations' Technical Assistance Scheme.

Dr. and Mrs. Gregg were in Iraq at the time of the revolution last summer, and had a first hand view of the uprising.

#### Questions Discussed

On Thursday evening, Dr. Gregg will answer questions on the Iraqi revolution and give his impressions of it.

Dr. Gregg's talk will be preceded by a brief business meeting. President Carl Wallace will call for reports from the Arts Week and Winter Carnival committees, along with other items of business.

### Drama - Carnival Clash Resolved

The Drama-Winter Carnival clash has been resolved, as the Drama Society no longer plans to show "The Moon Is Blue" in early February. Because there are insufficient entries in the New Brunswick Regional Drama Festival this year, there will be no preliminary adjudication.

This change eliminates the necessity of presenting the show already

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### Just Passing Through?



In view of recent developments, some freshmen have decided upon an extended leave of absence. The nature of their trip was not disclosed. It is suspected, however, that the gentleman above has postponed the seeking of knowledge until a later date.

### GALA PLANS COMPLETED FOR CARNIVAL WEEKEND

By Marg McLelland

February 5 to 7 are the big dates for '59's Winter Carnival, a gala weekend of sports, dances, parades, and general revelry. Traditional ideas mixed with improved features are to be highlighted in this year's festivities.

The success of last year's production of "Around The World In 80 Minutes" has led to another extravaganza by Steve Patterson. We mean, of course, "Vicki".

Producer Jerry Scarfe promises an even greater degree of polish in this year's production. Although many people have already shown interest, there are still positions unfilled in all phases of the production. Anyone interested may contact Jerry Scarfe, Phone number 1-2450, or Steve Patterson, at 5-6786.

#### Opening Spectacular

The Winter Carnival Committee feels enthusiastic that this year's revamped edition of Opening Night will be the most spectacular in the four-year history of the Winter Carnival. In an effort to have the chosen queen of the carnival preside over all events, she will be crowned on the first evening.

The Committee expects to double the size of the fireworks display and the torchlight parade will have several innovations as well. Approximately 200 torches will be carried through the downtown section to the gym, where the queen will be crowned.

#### Prizes Offered

A fifty dollar prize will be awarded to the float best representative of its faculty in the float parade. A new system of judging floats will be used. Points will be allocated as follows: Originality, 20 points; finesse, 20; colour, 20; additional features such as mechanical movement and humour, 20.

Competition among the four residences should be keen, with a trophy presented to the best residence entry in the parade. There are tentative plans for a float entry from Mount Allison.

#### Bigger Sculptures

As for snow sculptures, they should be bigger and better than ever this year. The new point system will also be used in judging the best snow sculpture. Points will be awarded as follows: Originality, 20; detail, 20; finish, 20; general appeal, 20; size, 20. A trophy will be presented to the best residence snow sculpture.