

NEWS

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Political Science professors not being replaced

by Tami Richard

Normal administration procedure when a department loses a professor due to death or retirement is to replace the professor. Thus far, the Political Science Department has lost three professors and none have been replaced.

In the 1990-91 school year there will be seven professors in the department and one of these seven positions has not yet been filled. This obvious lack of an adequate number of professors threatens the future of the International Relations

program, a professor from the Political Science Department commented.

As one political science student stated: "If the International Relations program does not improve, I will be forced to change universities in order to complete my degree with the courses I am interested in. How can I fill degree requirements when half of the courses needed are not being offered?" This view was expressed by other concerned students.

The professor continued by

saying that the program attracts many students each year. Graduate and Honours students in this program have had very good placement success and, up until now, have earned the respect of other universities at such important events as the Model United Nations Conference that was held in Toronto in February.

A professor in the Political

Science Department confirmed fears when he stated he was unsure of how much longer the International Relations program could be successfully offered. The reason he gave was lack of professors and persons qualified in the specialty areas.

Presently, there is neither an International Relations specialist or an American specialist in the province of

New Brunswick.

Today, these two areas of study are regarded as vital to any recognized political science program. It is feared that this problem will have an adverse effect on UNB's status as a university with a respectable Political Science Program. Future students may by-pass UNB to attend other universities that offer better programs.

CFS fighting for International students

from the Aquinian

In the three Maritime provinces (New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia) an international student pays \$1700 on top of the \$1640-\$2460 that a Canadian graduate student pays in tuition fees (this is also the range of grads' tuition fees at UNB).

Across Canada differential fees vary by university and program of study. The Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada rates them from a low of \$500 in Alberta to highs of \$2400 in Ontario and \$5400 in Quebec.

It is the provincial governments who decide whether or not to have differential fees in their province. There are two provinces which do not have any differential fees, Manitoba and Newfoundland and the other provinces are rapidly realizing that they cannot afford to put up this barrier.

In Ontario, the government has provided 1000 graduate

students exemptions from these fees.

The Canadian Federation of Students, nationally and provincially, has been fighting differential fees and has been trying to get a better deal for international students studying in Canada.

One of its lobbying successes in Ottawa was relaxing the working restriction for international students and spouses. This year the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission is recommending that 200 graduate students be exempted from differential fees and "is opposed to the principle of supplemental fees for foreign students", but has not recommended their abolition for the coming year (as CFS-New Brunswick pressed for in its submission to the MPHEC in October) for financial reasons.

It seems that this line of argument is quickly losing its justification.

Engineering Senior Report Conference

by Bruce Carr

The public is invited to attend the University of New Brunswick's Civil Engineering Senior Report Conference.

The conference is to be held this Tuesday, April 3, from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm in Head Hall. Reports will be presented concurrently in Dineen Auditorium and HC 11 with refreshments to be served in the lobby.

The presentations mean many months of research by the Civil Engineering seniors

and represent problems relating to the various areas of Civil Engineering.

These topic areas include structural, transportation, hydrotechnical, geotechnical, construction, environmental planning, and materials.

Of the 37 presentations to be made, many should be of interest to the public and to students of all disciplines.

Such topics range from the effects of the GST on the New Brunswick Construction Industry to Leachate management at Sanitary Landfills.

Student leaders honoured at banquet

by Leslie Robertson

About 300 people attended the First Annual Student Union Banquet held last Monday evening in the SUB ballroom. The purpose of the banquet was to recognize students who have contributed to the quality of student life in the past year.

Following the dinner, VP Activities Secretary Richard Renaud introduced the members of the executive as well as guests Dean Austin and President James Downey.

In an introduction to the occasion, VP University Affairs James Gill explained that although this is the first year to have an organized banquet, the SU awards have been in existence since 1987.

The recipients of the awards were introduced by Dean Austin and presented by President Downey.

Gold Awards were given to Wayne Charles Carson, Timothy Joseph Judah, James Christopher Murray Gill and Richard J.A. Renaud.

Silver Awards were presented to Roderick E. Cumberland, Marie Gribbon, Timothy P. Lynch, Stephanie J. More, Kimberly R. Doyle, David M. Kilfoil, John R.B. Marshall, Laura J. Wanamaker and Kent Kin Sing Wun.

Merit Certificates were awarded to Ian Bacque, Brent Dinsmore, Michael Elliott, Dave Nelligan, James M. Petrie, Karen Stillman, Graham R. Wyer, Laura B. Coleman, Natalie C. Doyle, Carolyn F. McNeill, Gisele N. Pataki, Nicole Roy, Raia Van Ingen and Nujma Yaqzan.

VP External Gary Clarke presented the first ever councillor of the year award to Carolyn McNeill. The recipient was selected by the

executive committee based on commitment, cooperation and attitude. Three honorable mentions were given to Arts Representative Mark Lockwood, Residence Representative Greg Lutes and Nursing Representative Laurie Wanamaker.

Following the distribution of awards, SU President Wayne Carson paid tribute to President Downey, who has in turn made a significant contribution to student life. Carson said "President Downey has fostered and encouraged the development of an environment which has allowed students to excel

academically, athletically and extracurricularly."

Downey was presented with the first SU activity award to be given to a non-student as well as a student leadership award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to university life.

President Downey thanked the students for their generosity to him and congratulated the SU for honouring students worthy of recognition.

Following the banquet, festivities continued at the Social Club with entertainment provided by UJAAMA.



Carolyn F. McNeill receiving the Councillor of the Year Award from Gary Clarke, VP External at the first Student Union Awards Banquet. Photo by Glen Vienneau