

Vice President Academic Responds

The following is a statement from R.E. Burrige, Vice President (Academic) concerning the Brunswickan's Publication of a table with the article 'New Limits on Arts' Enrollment' that appeared in the November 24, issue.

Staffing provided attempts to accommodate the teaching and research activities in Departments and Faculties. As far as teaching responsibilities are concerned, the Faculty of Arts teaches about a third of all the undergraduate teaching on the campus measured in terms of Full-time Equivalent students taught in its various courses. Thus a ratio of the number of students registered in the B.A. degree program to the number of faculty members in the Faculty of Arts does not give a meaningful indication of the teaching responsibilities of the Faculty. If a ratio is to be used it should be the ratio of Full-time Equivalent students taught in courses offered by the Faculty to the number of Full-time

Equivalent Teachers. To assist in putting the matter in a more realistic context, Table 1 shows the ratios of FTE students taught to FTE Teaching staff for each of our Faculties in

1988-89. The "weighted" figures separately identified laboratory courses are offered so that the ratios for laboratory-based disciplines (Engineering, Forestry, Science) understate teaching activity.

The table and accompanying comments are, apparently, intended to show that since in 1988-89 there was a certain number of students registered in B.A. programs and a certain number of Full-time Equivalent Faculty members in that Faculty, the Faculty of Arts has a favoured position in the University insofar as the teaching resources provided to it. Such a conclusion is totally incorrect.

Food Appeal

News Release

Ruth Kavanaugh, Program Manager of Helpline Inc; Mary Greenham and Dot Evans, Food Bank Co-ordinator are again making an appeal this year to local businesses, groups and individuals to help those less fortunate individuals in the area to have a better Christmas than ones past. Last Christmas the Christmas Hamper Program was able to provide 79 families with food

hampers. They claim that local response for the program has been very generous. This year the program is supporting over 100 families in the Oromocto area. It appears that the need for such a program has grown. Any support that can be provided will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact the Helpline Office at 68 Iroquois Ave., Oromocto or phone: 357-9494.

Table 1
FTE Students per FTE Teaching Staff, Fredericton Campus
1988 - 89

Facility	FTE Students	Weighted FTE Students	FTE Teaching Staff	FTE Students per FTE Teaching Staff	Weighted FTE Students per FTE Teaching Staff
Admin.	629.2	711.2	31.7	19.8	22.4
Arts	2111.5	2449.8	142.5	14.8	17.2
Education	569.0	897.0	52.3	10.9	17.1
Eng.	1019.4	1524.7	92.5	11.0	16.5
Forestry	119.9	294.2	27.0	7.4	10.9
Law	241.6	241.6	16.5	14.6	14.6
Nursing	151.9	151.9	23.0	6.6	6.6
Phys. Ed	146.2	165.6	13.3	11.0	12.5
Science	1221.5	1484.8	109.2	11.2	13.6
Fredericton Campus	6292.8	7923.3	508.1	12.4	15.6

Source: Trend Statistics Fredericton Campus, 1976-1988, Vols. I & II Compiled by the Office of the Vice-President (Academic), Oct. 1989.

It must be noted that such ratios are simply indicators. The needs of a Department or Faculty and support staff manpower depend upon such factors as teaching patterns, research activity and discipline coverage as well as the number of students taught.

Wednesday Night Movies



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