

# NEWS

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## Newsbits

### Nine appointments made

The faculty of administration's advisory council, established ten years ago to keep in tune with the business world, has been itself updated. Nine new appointments to the council were recently announced.

"The council's mandate is to advise and assist with the advancement of excellence in academic programs, research, and to interface with business and government," said Barbara Trenholm, acting Dean of Administration.

UNB's President, Robin Armstrong, recently approved nine three-year appointments to the advisory council. The new members from Fredericton are Robert P. Coy, President of Ross Ventures; John Dixon, President of Greenarm Corp.; Archie L. Gilliss, Vice-President of corporate planning and external marketing for NB Power; Ernest MacKinnon, Deputy Minister of Human Resource Development for the Province of New Brunswick; Brad Woodside, Mayor of Fredericton; Robert Chambers, President of RMC Management in Augusta, Me.; John Craig, President of Craig's Machine Shop in Hartland, N.B.; Edward D. McLean, President of Connors Bros. Ltd., in Blacks Harbour, N.B.; and Carol Snider, Vice-President of the Bank of Montreal's Atlantic provinces division in Halifax.

Returning members of the advisory council are chairperson Larry Armstrong, Vice-President of J. D. Irving Ltd., in Saint John, N.B.; Terrence Bird, Vice-President of corporate development for McCain Foods in Toronto; Michael Cart, a program executive for IBM in Somers, N.Y.; Archie McLean, Vice-Chairperson and CEO of Maple Leaf Foods Inc. in Toronto; from Fredericton J. W. (Bud) Bird; John Dean, President of ADI Ltd.; Alice Gardiner, Manager of Gardiner Realty Ltd.; Gary Llewellyn, President of Wandlyn Inns; and Roland Lutes.

### Fellowships in telecommunications

Graduate business students can test their mettle in the real world thanks to a \$30,000 fellowship program established by NBTEL.

Under the recently formalized program, NBTEL is funding two student fellowships a year for three years. "Our students get funding and academic credit for their work, and NBTEL gets something useful in return," said Norm Betts, the assistant dean responsible for graduate studies in the faculty of administration.

Three telecommunications projects have been completed by MBA students to date. "The students' work is an effective complement to our market research activities," said Mike MacNeil, manager of NBTEL's Multimedia Service Bureau.

The fellowships are open to all master of business administration students on a competition basis. "NBTEL officials generate a list of potential project topics," explains Betts. "Then it's up to the students to develop a proposal in consultation with their faculty supervisor." A committee comprising NBTEL personnel and administration faculty select the fellowship recipients based on their proposals.

The fellowship recipients for 1995-96 will be announced by the end of December.

### Council briefs - all about money

The Jann Arden concert realized a profit of \$4,200. This came from \$3,200 in ticket sales and \$1,000 from the cash bar. Derek Ferlatte, Activities Director, attributes the success to "the really, really hard work" of the Activities Committee. Barb Kirk, General Administrator, was also commended by Council for her hard work on this concert.

Students of UNB will be getting a Christmas present a few days early. Nahie Bassett, VP (Finance and Administration) has promised that the "fixed" Student Union budget will be in before the end of the year.

Rodney Chiasson, Student-at-large, again questioned Chantale Walker, VP University Affairs, about the lack of activity in the Social Issues. Walker explained that the Committee's first campaign would be the Montreal Massacre on December 6. Walker indicated that the Social Issues Commissioner, Marie-Eve Pilon, would be consulting with the Women's Collective and the Social Issues Committee would be meeting early next week to plan a campaign.

Social Issues, which has an allotment of \$2,500 from the Student Union, had, according to the October operating report, only spent \$1. The Social Issues Committee is mandated to run campaigns on issues which affect students including: racism, homophobia, dating violence, sexual assault and violence against women.

### Banking charges cut in half

CIBC will be cutting in half its charges for banking transactions for full-time college or university students. The discount also applies to students who select flat fee packages for banking services. Students can apply to their local branch for the reduction, or call 1-800-465-CIBC.

"We realize that most students have limited funds while studying full-time," said Perry Eisenschmid, general manager, CIBC transaction accounts. "We've launched a number of initiatives, including a streamlined student loan process, a National Student Loan Centre and a personal loan program of up to \$5,250 per year."

## Budget deadline contested

by Joe FitzPatrick  
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Nahie Bassett, VP Finance and Administration, announced to Council on Tuesday, November 21, that she intended to amend the Financial Policy of the Union to change the deadline for budget submissions from the end of February to the middle of January. Last year, the VP Finance set an earlier deadline, but the policy was not changed.

This prompted Law representative Shona Bertrand to question the logic of making an amendment which would not come into force until two days prior to the deadline.

According to the Bylaws, amendments to the financial policy require three weeks notice and a two-thirds motion of council before they come into force.

This would have the amendment come to Council for approval on January 9.

Later in the meeting, Bassett again proposed the middle of January as the deadline. She justified this change "because I told the clubs and societies in a letter that the deadline was January 13."

This statement sparked Bertrand to retort derisively "Point of something - how can you send a letter with a deadline which is in direct violation of the Financial Policy?"

After some discussion, the Chair

advised Bassett that she needed to send a letter to the clubs and societies indicated that the amendment had not come into effect, and could not come into effect until January 9.

The advantage of amending the Financial Policy is in regards to the penalties for not meeting the deadline. These penalties are contained in the policy.

As stated in the financial policy: "Organizations failing to comply with this or to make alternate arrangements shall not be allotted a budget for the following fiscal year."

Until the amendment is passed, the Finance Committee has no power to penalize a club or society for failing to submit a budget by the middle of January.

## Dividing the bill: Insurance

by Joe FitzPatrick  
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The UNB Student Union has charged both *The Brunswickan* and CHSR the full amount of their respective insurance premiums, contrary to their budgets (approved by the SU) and the agreement between the SU and these organizations.

The UNB Student Union, in 1993, recognized that it was very poorly insured against liability suits. *The Brunswickan* and CHSR could easily be the subject of libel suits. As such, in 1993, an insurance agreement was entered into by the UNB Student Union with I. Morrison & Son, Inc.

As the policy was signed over the summer of 1993, the SU Executive decided it was unfair to penalize either media outlet by forcing them to pay the insurance for 1993. For 1994-5 it was decided that the media would pay none

of the insurance, in 1995-96 each divide the premium with the Student Union, and in 1996-97, each would pay their own.

Documents attesting to this agreement were cited by the CHSR station manager in a conversation with Nahie Bassett, SU Vice-President (Finance & Administration).

Bassett initially seemed to disavow knowledge of the situation at Tuesday's Council meeting.

Council seemed ready to support the position of Brunswickan Publishing Inc. and CHSR Broadcasting Inc., that the Union should not transfer money out their accounts: a) without their knowledge, and b) in excess of the amount budgeted.

Council has requested copies of the budgets of CHSR and *The Brunswickan*, and has tabled the matter until November 28.

## Steady funding hurts library

by Gordon Loane  
Brunswickan News

UNB Library officials have cancelled over 1500 journal subscriptions and cut annual book purchases by nearly half since 1989-90 in an attempt to cope with continuing budgetary restraint.

Figures obtained this week show that since 1989, the library has cut annual book purchases from 12,546 volumes in 1989-90 to 7,015 annually in 1994-95.

A similar pattern emerges in the amount of serials or journals being purchased annually.

Purchases have dropped from 6,470 titles in 1989-90 to 4,912 in 1994-95.

The total number of serials or journal cancellations is even more staggering when the last twenty years is taken into account. Nearly 4,300 have been cancelled since 1977, according to library officials.

"Our acquisitions budget has remained basically static over the last five years while inflation has been averaging about twelve percent annually," Judith Colson, Head of Collection Development at the Harriet Irving Library, told *The Brunswickan* in an interview this week.

In 1991-92 the library's total acquisition budget stood at \$1,500,000. The budget was frozen for two years, but rose slightly to \$1,550,765 in 1994-95 to cover extra

journal in English and American literature stood at \$31.

On a more optimistic note Colson says Inter Library/Quick Loan usage has more than tripled since 1989/90.

"We have substantially improved our document delivery service," she said.

Meantime, the Chair of the UNB Fredericton Senate's Library User Committee has expressed concern about the level of funding.

In a November 1, 1994 report to Senate, Professor

James Sexsmith of the Faculty of Kinesiology said the consensus of the committee was that the library is underfunded.

"If the university truly values the critical and primary role of the library collection as a core resource of the university, then the university budget should reflect this," Sexsmith said in the report.

A survey released last week in *MacLean's* magazine is illustrative of the shortage of funds for library acquisitions at UNB compared to other universities.

In *MacLean's* Fifth Annual Ranking of Universities, UNB's library holdings per student ranks first among nine universities in the comprehensive category.

But in the proportion of library budget allocated to updating the university's collection, UNB ranks last of the nine.

