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"Presidents must speak out" - Armstrong

by Senu Tevi

University Presidents across Canada will have to start speaking out about the importance of a buoyant tertiary education system to Canada's development in the 90's. These were the sentiments of UNB presidential nominee Dr. Robin Armstrong.

Armstrong, who has worked as an academic and administrator in tertiary institutions for the past 20 years is visiting the University to meet with members of the University committee. At a meeting with members of the Alumni Association, Student Union representative, Graduate Students and the Campus media, Armstrong addressed a

number of issues in what was a amicable and productive dialogue.

Armstrong made it very clear that the question of funding for universities is one of the most significant challenges for the 90's. He said that it was very important that through a combination of community pressure lead by Alumni and through vocal lobbying from university administrations the Canadian government be encouraged to beat tertiary education as a number one priority.

When asked whether he therefore regarded the role of university president as that of "chief financial officer", Armstrong stated that while this was a danger, it was important that a balance of internal and external activities be carried out by any president today. He said his 20 years experience in university education along with his successful record as an academic would be useful assets to the University of New Brunswick.

When asked about his thinking on student government and its relationship with University Administration, Armstrong stated that student governments

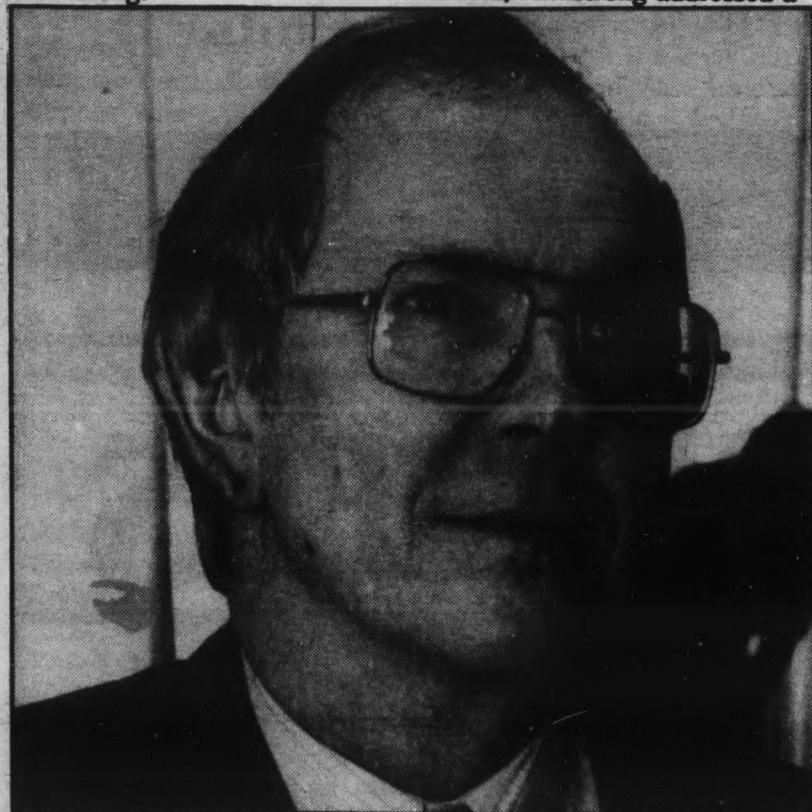
are primarily responsible to the student and it should remain that way. He admitted, though that there was a place for the Administration to be concerned about the overall image of all facets of the university.

On the issue of differential fees, he stated that he was more aware of the situation in Ontario in which there are ideological problems with the policy among university administration. For his part, he said, fiscal concerns are often the deciding factors and while he regarded the role of foreign students as integral to university life in Canada, he felt that sometimes financial issues demand certain policies that may not be palatable.

Armstrong, in dealing with

the question of gender and hiring policies at the university, made it clear that while he agreed with the principle of bringing fairness to the problems of male/female ratios in the faculty of universities in Canada, he was against quotas which he argued would jeopardize the chances of male candidates from getting jobs. He said that he longs for the day when attitudes would change to the extent that this issue was no longer a problematic one in Canada.

On Wednesday, March 14, the Board of Governors and the two academic Senates will meet in joint session in Fredericton for the formal nomination of the candidate and the deciding vote.



Dr. Robin Armstrong

Smoking sign causes concern

by Jayde Mockler

A sign posted in the SUB lobby has been causing concern among a number of students.

The sign says that "students who violate the 'no smoking' restrictions in an area where an event is being held to which CP have been assigned, are guilty of an offense.

SANCTION: Fine up to a maximum of 6% of tuition.

It is a valid concern but, according to Prof. B. Taylor, commissioner of Student Discipline, at present the only people authorized to charge a person are the Campus Police.

CP's are only hired to work in the SUB during certain events, such as concerts, when the no-smoking rules are suspended.

Once charged you appear before the Student Disciplinary Committee who decide on the amount of the fine, 6% being the maximum.

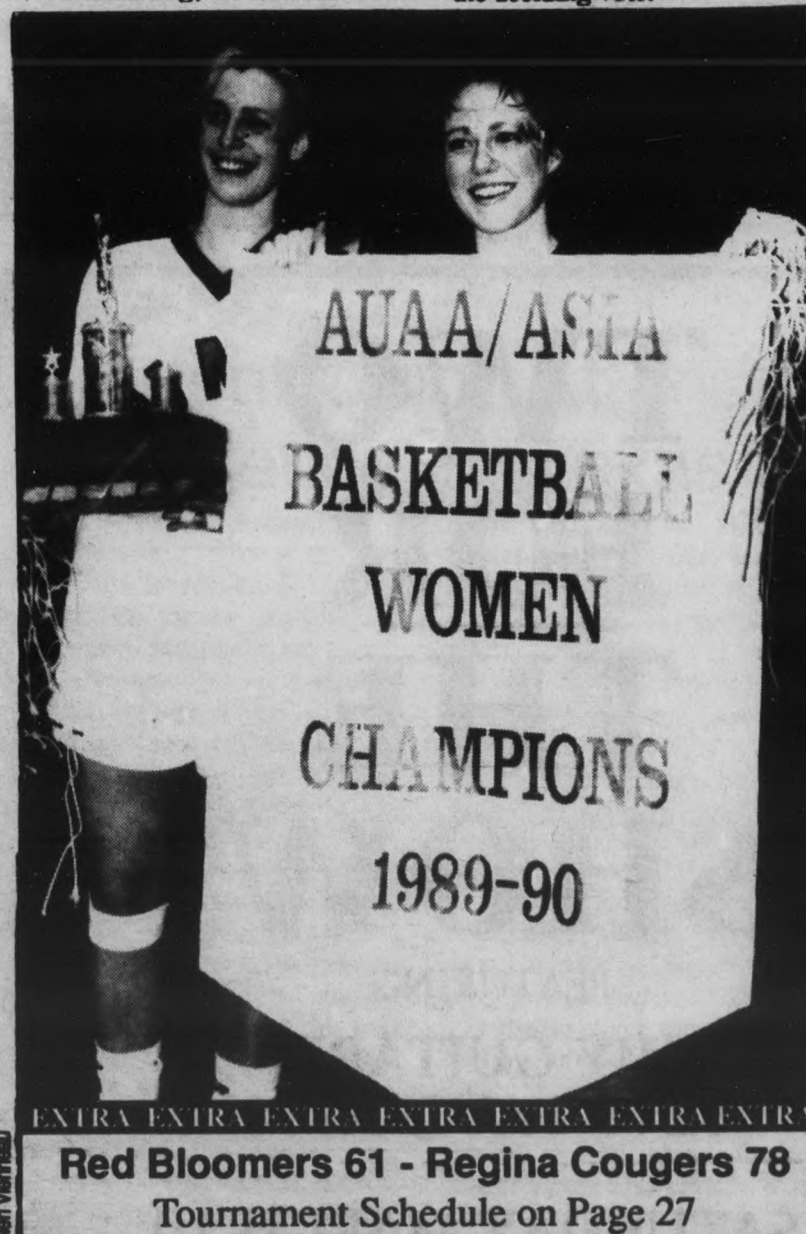
Mr. Norris apparently posted these signs, after being advised against it by Prof. Taylor, as Mr. Norris has no power to enforce codes set by the S.D.C.

After questioning Mr. Norris about his reason for disregarding Prof. Taylor's

advice and posting the notice, he responded that he wanted it to act as a deterrent. A way to make smokers who continually disregard the no-smoking policy aware that they are violating a law and possible repercussions.

Mr. Norris has also put a motion forward to the Board of Governors to have this section amended in such a way that it would enable University Personnel, Mr. Norris and SUB staff included to enforce the policy.

This will be reviewed at the next Board of Governors meeting on March 31.



Red Bloomers 61 - Regina Cougars 78
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A bloodied but unbowed Pauline Lordon and team veteran Lynn Christiansen proudly display their first ever AUA Women's Basketball pennant. See page 25.

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