

Higgins raps university for 'arduous' process

By DAVE SIMMS

University of New Brunswick students who want theology course credits recorded on their transcripts, said Joe Higgins, must go through an "arduous and difficult" process.

The assistant professor at nearby St. Thomas University criticized the UNB administration for the lack of a policy which explains whether they will recognize or give credit for theology courses which UNB students take at STU.

Higgins gave as one example the case of UNB arts senior Rick Northrup. Northrup told The Brunswickan in an interview last week that UNB associate arts dean Peter Kepros in August 1975 gave him permission to have credits for STU Theology 307 and 308—two term courses taught by Higgins—included on his transcript. Arts Dean Thomas Condon was on sabbatical then.

Northrup asked only that the credits be included on his transcript—not recognized as two of those necessary to earn his degree—because he understood the university did not give credit for theology courses from other universities because by its charter it is not allowed to offer courses in religion.

Northrup later found in an agreement of affiliation between

the two universities—an order-in-council signed in 1970—that states that UNB students taking STU theology courses can have these included as credits toward their degree if permission is given by the university prior to enrolment.

Northrup said he passed the fall course (the other is a spring course in which Northrup is now enrolled) and that STU sent the marks to UNB but these were not included on his transcript. Donna Wallace at the registrar's office told Northrup, he said, that Kepros did not have the authority to grant Northrup permission to take the courses and that the registrar must make the decision.

Northrup then approached John Meagher, executive assistant to UNB president John Anderson, who told him to have STU send him a separate transcript.

Northrup said he felt this was not true, that UNB held the responsibility to see that the marks were included. Wallace called him the day Meagher's letter arrived and said since he was not satisfied Northrup should contact registrar Brian Ingram.

Northrup said he told the registrar he understood a verbal agreement between Condon and STU theology department head Louis Kingston made last year allowed the arts dean to give permission for UNB students to take theology courses at STU and that automatic approval would come from the registrar.

Northrup said he received a letter from Ingram Jan. 30 saying that he had no knowledge of any such verbal agreement and that the 1970 order-in-council was the only agreement on the issue. The registrar apologized for the difficulties Northrup experienced and said his credits would be included.

This debate took three weeks and according to Northrup, the marks still had not been included on the transcript, a copy of which he received Tuesday. He said this was probably "an office oversight," however.



Joe Higgins, a St. Thomas assistant theology professor and member of the campus ministry team, called for a clearly-defined procedure for University of New Brunswick students who want to take theology course at STU. Rick Northrup is shown at left.

Northrup said he has asked the registrar to "honor the contract" (the 1970 agreement) and recognize his courses as credits toward his degree. Ingram said in an interview Wednesday the 1970 agreement does not make clear whether UNB will merely record or will actually credit STU courses toward a UNB degree.

The item says UNB students can take STU theology courses "for credit" but Ingram said he interpreted the phrase in the broad sense of having the course marks recorded on the transcript but not counted as a credit for a degree.

Northrup said he "would like to have these credits" but is satisfied that "I've got the best deal of anyone yet. No one (at UNB) is going to get theology (as a credit). I should get a credit, but the best thing they can do is give me simply what I asked for."

Northrup still has not been told who must give permission to students who wish to take the STU courses.

Kepros said in a telephone interview Wednesday his office gives permission to arts students

but the file held by his office on Northrup showed that he had not received permission prior to enrolling in the STU courses. Northrup, however, showed The Brunswickan a photocopy of a letter granting permission and carrying Kepros' signature.

The associate deans of arts also said he had no idea if a verbal agreement had been made between Kingston and Condon.

Kingston said in an interview the same day that he, Condon and then associated arts dean, Alvin Shaw (now acting arts dean) had met in the spring of 1975 and made a verbal agreement that the dean of arts could give approval for arts students who wanted to take STU theology courses "because other students had had similar problems" to Northrup's. Kingston said he understood his approval would also have to be endorsed by the registrar.

Ingram said in an interview to his knowledge the dean's of arts office was supposed to decide whether UNB students could enroll. He also said he understood that Northrup had received permission from Kepros.

He said there appeared to be a contradiction between the 1970 agreement and the UNB charter

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Phones pilfered

By ALISON KING

Ripped off, and ripped out - this is the plight of the pay phone in the Forestry and Geology Building. A telephone enthusiast has had two successful go's at ripping the pay phone completely out of the wall and carting it off somewhere. The first theft occurred a couple of months ago, and N.B. Tel replaced it, in the same location in the easterly exit to the building.

Two weeks ago the new telephone was again ripped out. These telephones cost about \$1000 a piece but this particular telephone was the best on campus as regards rate of return so there is no problem about having a third one put in.

Mr. Michael Shanks, the Administrative officer for UNB said "They do have it scheduled to be put in. That's guaranteed. It's certainly useful to have a telephone in the building. However, it might be put back in a different location".

There are no clues as to suspects or reasons for the theft. Perhaps someone now has a couple of telephones decorating their abode. Interior decor with a difference.

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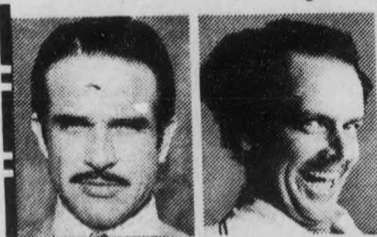
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By MICHAEL LEN

"Why the Watergate with all the risks involved one of the sentiments expressed by John Dean, former ex-President Nixon, as he addressed a large crowd at a sponsored lecture in Beaverbrook Gym last night.

"I recall little of what Dean said, 'but to define I can, when I think of Watergate as a political scandal, the public funds and the general of power by high officials for political purposes.

Dean said that to talk about a break-in alone, would be working on a book which will best explain the philosophies behind House during this period.

He stated that Nixon secured in the office President. He said that an election was more election, it was very business. His re-election, of which Dean was was to do everything to done to secure Nixon's.

Dean added, "we did the seriousness of Nixon's memo to his statement, 'I want the intelligence system to be 'Apparantly Nixon Democrats had done a work themselves in elections, he said. He tried, after investigation, claims to convince that there was no political practices by tion in previous elections not do so, Dean said.

"Nixon still held his did it to us so we can do it."

He reflected, "One of the Nixon White formed mostly of young people. They were anxious greatest of their own."



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