

Law journal

This one's bigger than ever

The University of New Brunswick Law Journal is facing a problem that it has never had before - more articles than it has room for in the next issue.

Not that the journal's editorial board minds - its a problem they are happy to grapple with.

The Law Journal is published annually, and contains articles dealing with various legal issues, notes on recent cases, and book reviews. It is produced by an editorial board of volunteer law students and faculty advisors.

The journal is funded by advertising revenue and grants from a number of sources, including the university.

For 27 years, the journal has remained much the same in format and size, with about 10 articles per issue.

Last year, things changed. A record 17 articles appeared in last year's journal and this year that number will jump to 27.

Advertising has quadrupled, and the overall budget of the operation has gone from \$5,000 to \$15,000 a year.

The reason for the change? Second-year law student John Reynolds, this year's editor-in-chief says its the people involved with the journal who have made

the difference. They have brought enthusiasm, and in many cases, experience in publishing, to the journal and have wrought changes in its format, size and overall quality.

Dr. Reynolds himself, a former member of the UNB forestry faculty, is the editor of *Megadriologica*, a scientific journal devoted to earthworms, and is editor of one section of the bulletin of the Tall Timbers Research Station. He has also published widely in scientific journals. He received his PHD in ecology, with a minor in soil science, from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Reynolds said Roger Cotton, last year's editor-in-chief made improvements in the journal, including a change in format, an increase in size and a restructuring of the editorial board. Mr. Cotton's wife, Sheila Cotton, who has recently been acclaimed as one of New Brunswick's most promising new artists, designed the new cover for the journal.

Another of the instigators of the change in the journal, according to Dr. Reynolds, is business manager Wayne Myles, a second year law student. He has instituted a new

bookkeeping system and organized a 15-member advertising committee which has more than quadrupled the journal's advertising revenue.

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There are 50 people on this year's editorial board, including students from the three years of law school, and three faculty advisors. This year's faculty advisors are dean of law Edward Veitch, and professors Ivan Ivankovich and Anne McLellan.

The journal is funded by advertising, mostly from law firms in New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and by a number of grants.

The New Brunswick Law Foundation, an organization that

funds projects which benefit the public, gave the journal a "substantial" grant for the first time this year.

The journal tries to appeal to a wide variety of interest groups - New Brunswick's practising lawyers, academics, students and the public.

Now that there are more articles than room in the journal, Dr. Reynolds says the editorial board is trying to establish criteria for selection of material to be printed.

The journal is bilingual, carrying articles in both English and French, but Dr. Reynolds said they are now trying to decide what percentage of articles should appear in each language.

Another consideration is geographical - whether the journal should concentrate on issues affecting New Brunswick or whether it should aim for a more cosmopolitan approach.

Students and faculty member of the UNB law school each get a free copy of the journal and a subscription goes with each membership in the New Brunswick Bar. About 1,600 copies of each issue are printed.

Circulation among individuals outside the law school and the New Brunswick Bar is not wide. Dr. Reynolds says, because most people interested in reading something in the journal can find it in a library.

Carswell's a Toronto publishing firm, handles subscriptions which were \$8 last year.

This Dr. Reynolds said there are usually some articles or book

reviews in each issue that are of interest to non-lawyers.

This year's issue for example which Dr. Reynolds is hoping will be published by January, contains articles on native fishing and hunting rights in New Brunswick, community planning, and protecting the built environment in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

The articles are written by UNB law faculty and students, academics from other universities and practising lawyers.

Each article is edited by a team of two students, with first-year students teamed with upperclassmen. Dr. Reynolds said a successful attempt has been made this year to get first-year students involved, so that in subsequent years the journal will have people with experience to rely on.

By encouraging students to begin working on the journal in their first year, Dr. Reynolds hopes to overcome the journal's main problem - lack of continuity in staff. In the past, he said the journal has been uneven, because each year's editor and editorial board have imposed their own format and ideas on the finished product.

A law journal, Dr. Reynolds says is a "benefit to the law school and the university". It is a standard by which the quality of the school can be measured, a liaison between the school and the province's lawyers, a learning and research tool for students and faculty and a means of informing the public about current legal issues.

Chinese scholars coming to UNB

Of the first 100 scholars to come to Canada under a special agreement with the People's Republic of China, three will come to UNB.

Zengxu Yang, from the Peking Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, has already arrived. Mr. Yang, who has been teaching for the past 11 years, will be at UNB for approximately two years to study developments in electrical engineering.

Due in Canada this month is Tian-xiang Gu, of Wuhan College of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography. Guowei Lu, teacher at the Research Institute of Geodesy, Photogrammetry and Cartography and Cartography of the National Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, is expected here later this year. Both of these academics will work with the un department of surveying engineering.

The exchange agreement resulted from meetings of diplomatic and educational officials held in China in the spring.

Scholars, for the purposes of this program are defined as persons pursuing studies for purposes other than a university degree. The Chinese government is using this opportunity to bring mature faculty members up to date in their fields, after the disruptions of the cultural revolution in the 1960's and early 1970's.

Lawrence Shyu, professor of history is helping Mr. Yang get acclimated. The benefit is mutual, Dr. Shyu said, because in return Mr. Yang is giving him a more detailed understanding of the impact of the cultural revolution on Chinese academics.

Most of the institutions of higher education in China were closed during 1967-69. When they reopened, Dr. Shyu explained, entrance exams were abolished, and admission was based on

political accomplishments. Faculty members faced ill-prepared and poorly motivated students, and were subjected to suspicion and pressure if they read Western books and journals, Mr. Yang said.

Mr. Yang said that since 1977, the traditional emphasis on ability and scholarship has been operating but the faculty members find themselves way behind in technical areas.

Mr. Yang's program of studies if being directed by a faculty committee within the electrical engineering department.

The university women's club will locate tutors to help Mr. Yang expand his use of English. He'll be expecting lots of mail in Chinese, however, particularly from his two school-aged children.

Canadian universities are now considering another list of 100 scholars proposed by the Chinese government for the second round

of exchange. After reading summaries of their backgrounds and educational objectives, UNB officials have indicated a willingness to take another three Chinese academics.

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