

UNB still president-less

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After months of searching by a six-man committee, UNB is still without a president.

Dr. Paul Cassano, the only candidate presented by the Presidential Search Committee, was rejected at a joint Board of Governors/Senate meeting last Friday. Dr. Thomas Condon, acting president, was also rejected at the joint meeting.

As a result, the majority of the search committee - including its chairman, Dr. Israel Unger - have resigned.

The Brunswickan attempted to reach Dr. Cassano for comment on more than a dozen different occasions through the earlier part of this week. In each case, he was unavailable. At press time, it was still not known if Dr. Condon was planning to re-offer.

University Secretary James Woodfield noted, at a press conference following last week's joint meeting, that under the University of New

Brunswick Act, if no president has been chosen for two years following the resignation of the last president, the Lieutenant-Governor of the province may appoint one.

Unger, committee members resign

by CINDY CAMERON

Dr. Israel Unger said he resigned as chairman because he and his Presidential Search Committee found a man who met with the committee's Presidential standards, who in turn was rejected by the Board of Governors and Senate. Unger did his job in finding a candidate that more than adequately suits the position as President of the university, and cannot understand why Dr. Cassano was rejected.

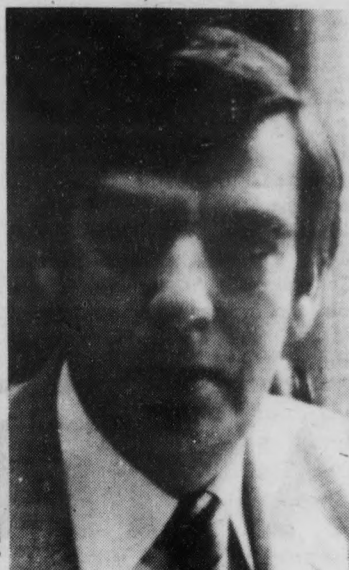
Dr. Unger commented, "I did my job and did it well. I attempted to serve UNB as best as possible and will in fact, continue to do so".

He said he feels Dr. Cassano was a prime candidate for the position; he had wide support from both the students and the faculty. In fact the faculty of UNB signed a petition in favour of Dr. Cassano becoming president of



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Dr. Paul Cassano



Dr. Thomas Condon



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Dr. Israel Unger

interested in being considered. Therefore Dr. Cassano ran alone.

Dr. Unger said he is very "disappointed with the decision" but believes his own reputation "still stands in order". He further commented that "as far as Dr. Cassano's reputation extends, the whole issue has enhanced it. He came to the university on two separate occasions and within this period of time gained the support of both the student body and the faculty".

As far as he is willing to speculate, the Presidential Search Committee will be replaced.

Besides himself, three other members of the committee handed in their resignation at Tuesday's Senate meeting. He also said he "didn't know" if Cassano would be recommended a second time, but he certainly "doubted if Cassano would offer."

the university, but he didn't have the support needed from the Board of Governors and the Senate. Dr. Unger felt if they were not prepared to give Cassano their support then "they don't need me."

A candidate for the Presidential position must have a "sense of mission, be intellectually

bred, possess a higher education, and be a recognized scholar. It's also equally important to be sensitive in human relations and have present, plus future vision within matters of the university".

Dr. Unger and the Presidential Search Committee found these specific traits in Cassano

plus one other element - bilingualism.

Dr. Cassano was one of three candidates who qualified for the position. Cassano was the sole runner, due to the fact that in time, the other two gentlemen

whose names the committee had come up with were no longer

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