

Forestell dismissed from board

By GARTH WAITE

Susan Forestell, an elected student representative to the UNB board of governors, was dismissed from her position on July 30, 1987.

It was charged that Forestell had tried to negate the decision of the board to sell Rosary Hall, after the majority of the board's members had voted through a mail ballot to sell the property.

Forestell objected to the use of the mail ballot, since it closed the avenues for debate and discussion, and that board regulations did not allow for use of mail ballots.

One week after the issue of the ballots in early June, Forestell wrote to members of the board of governors asking that they delay voting until discussion had taken place. At the end of her letter she mentioned that she would like to make a press release after the decision was finalized, and that she would like to know if there were any objections. She received objections and sent no press release.

She felt that certain important issues should have been addressed. While the administration claimed Rosary Hall was a financial drain and

that the residence was not required, Forestell countered that the residence system is a financial drain, and that residence occupancy last fall was over 100%. She also questioned the fact that the residence was to be sold for less than its original purchase price in 1984, even after the university had spent tens of thousands of dollars on renovations annually. Forestell also questioned why the sale was conducted

privately, instead of on the open market to obtain the best selling price.

On June 15 the university secretary announced the approval of the sale, and that the university was seeking the authorization of the provincial cabinet.

Forestell asked the secretary about the status of the sale, and was told to contact the cabinet herself. She wrote a letter to the cabinet on June 22, inquiring not only about

the status of the sale, but asking that the application not be accepted on the grounds that due process had been ignored through the use of the mail ballot and absence of proper discussion.

At the meeting on July 30, the removal of Forestell from the board was demanded, although she had received no notice of the removal motion.

She was told that it was the "obligation of a minority to accept and respect the decisions

of the majority".

She maintains however, that the regulation was quoted out of context. The first sentence in that rule calls for "full debate" and that a minority is obliged to respect only a "decision reached by due process".

Forestell has indicated that she is displeased by these actions, and although not specific, said she was considering various options, and that she wished to regain her seat on the board.

Education library grant

The University of New Brunswick Libraries has received a \$30,000 grant which recognizes the contributions its Education Resource Centre makes to teachers in the region.

The grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) will be used to purchase materials for the cur-

riculum development collection in the centre in Marshall D'Avray Hall.

The major acquisition will consist of a set of several thousand curriculum guides on microfiche from Kraus International Publications. It will supplement the Educational Resources Information Centre (ERIC) collection of more than 200,000 documents on

microfiche. The centre will also acquire microfiche collections of Canadian publications related to education and back runs of 20 curriculum-oriented journals.

The curriculum guides and other documents will aid research and teaching in the faculty of education's four divisions: curriculum and instruction, vocational education,

student teaching, and educational foundations. Other local and regional researchers and practitioners in curriculum development will also have access to the collection, either directly or through the interlibrary loan system.

New development director

By MARK STEVENS

Susan Montague has recently been appointed UNB's director of development.

Previously director of public relations and information here at the university, Ms. Montague will be responsible for coordinating fund-raising programmes on both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses.

She began her new job on Sept. 1, taking over from Dr. Reginal Tweeddale, who founded UNB's development office in 1984.

As she sees it, her current

role is to identify possible sources of funding while at the same time coordinating ongoing fund-raising programmes. "It's important to know what everyone else is doing", she said.

Over the past three years, the development office has raised money from alumni, corporations, foundations, and friends of the university. Following an intensive phone/mail campaign, UNB's alumni have pledged over four million dollars to the development fund.

Although she is not directly



Susan Montague, UNB's new director of development.

responsible for the allocation of donated money, she does exercise a certain influence. "However, the final decisions are made by a presidential committee", she said.

Ms. Montague added that allegations of departmental favouritism were unfounded. "Corporate sponsors are more likely to fund projects which will guarantee them a tangible result", she said. "A scholarly dissertation on Balzac doesn't appear to be as tangible as some machinery for the engineering department - particularly if it's an engineering company providing the

money."

But Ms. Montague recognized the need to provide funding for the humanities -- particularly in the light of recent cutbacks. "If any faculty members are disenchanted with the way funding is allocated they should come and talk to me", she said.

Ms. Montague's long term plans for the office of development include the establishment of a large endowment fund which would be invested to benefit the university community at large.