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Adjunct professor controversy

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The newly-created position of "adjunct professor" has upset some academics.

According to a motion passed in Senate on September 15, the new title will allow appointees access to funding.

A concern raised by one Senate member was that there seemed little point in the creation of this position. Professor Edwards questioned the necessity for both adjunct professors and honorary research assistants. "What's the difference?", he said. "Why keep both?"

Dr. Burrige, who documented the motion, insists there is a marked difference

between the two positions. "Adjunct professors will offer a regular commitment to the university. There are over one hundred honorary research assistants, but only a small number work with the university on a regular basis."

Another Senate member objected to the motion, claiming that the creation of this new title was a ploy on the part of the administration to get corporate sponsorship. Dr. Whiteford feared that UNB would compromise its objectivity.

Referring to an article written by Dr. David Suzuki in *The Globe and Mail* last Saturday, Whiteford mentioned that along with many American universities, it appears that

UNB is being "industrialized."

Whiteford went on to say that adjunct professors are going to become mouthpieces for their companies. "It's an unfair representation", he added.

Dr. Burrige dismissed these allegations as "far fetched and narrow minded -- the result of having read too many science fiction novels."

He admitted that some American universities had developed this problem but that it was not a concern for UNB. Dr. Burrige felt that contributions and research by these professors would enhance the possibilities for more grants. However, he stressed that this funding would not favour any specific

departments.

Nevertheless, many Senate members felt that more discussion should have taken place before the motion was passed. Dr. Edwards feared that many of the Deans speaking in favour didn't understand the issues involved. "Many didn't have any feelings at all", he said.

At a meeting of the UNBS Senate, similar objections were raised. Senate member Dr. MacCharles referred to a recent case of corporate "interference" at Rochester University, NY, between Eastman Kodak and the Business School. He expressed a concern that the same thing could happen at UNB.

Professor Emeritus status to be bestowed

The University of New Brunswick will bestow professor emeritus status on four retired professors at Fall Convocation to be held at The Playhouse on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Robert McLaughlin, civil engineering, and Angus Hamilton, surveying engineering, will be honored at the 2:20 p.m. ceremony. Ronald Taylor, biology, and Leonard Smith, classics and ancient history, will receive their titles during the evening ceremony.

The title, *professor emeritus*, recognizes outstanding and distinctive contributions to the university.

Robert McLaughlin spent 40 years with the Department of Civil Engineering and is credited by his colleagues with establishing in the 1960s the basis of the present construction engineering program.

A Beaverbrook Scholar at UNB where he earned a BSc and MSc in civil engineering, Prof. McLaughlin joined the faculty in 1946. He officially retired in 1983 but has taught

part-time for the past three years.

A practising engineer as well as a teacher, Prof. McLaughlin was a founder of ADI Ltd. in Fredericton and designed several buildings on UNB's Fredericton campus.

Angus Hamilton joined the Department of Surveying Engineering in 1971 after 20 years in the civil service. During Prof. Hamilton's 14 years as department chairman, the Surveying Engineering Department pioneered the adaptation of high technology to surveying. Since his retirement in 1986, Prof. Hamilton has continued his association with the department in both research and teaching activities.

Ronald Taylor retired this summer after 41 years in the biology department. He served the university community in a variety of ways: he was on the Senate when it was called University Council, and was dean of science for a year, president of the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers and chairman of

several committees.

Dr. Taylor plans to carry on his research on northern and Australasian sea grasses and marine algae during retirement and to work with one graduate student this year. His "two abiding interests are the welfare of students and marine botanical research."

Leonard Smith joined UNB in 1957 and served as head of the classics department from 1969 to 1983 when he retired. His research interests have centred on archeological digs. During the summers and sabbatical years, Dr. Smith went on archeological digs in Turkey, Scotland, Spain and other countries. He studied Roman and British architecture in England and Greek and Roman in Turkey.

In 1975, he was awarded an Allan P. Stuart Memorial Award for excellence in teaching.

Congratulations and many thanks from the students of UNB you have taught over the years.

The life you save may be your own

By KEVIN FORAN

Crash! You've just been in a serious accident. You need blood. There isn't any! It could happen.

The provincial blood supply has been dangerously low for the past 3 months according to Mr. Veinotte, Director of Donor Recruitment for the Red Cross.

"More donors are urgently needed (by the Red Cross) in order to meet the increasing demands on the provincial blood supply," says Veinotte.

The Red Cross has noticed that during the past five years blood usage has increased dramatically while collections have remained stationary. They are not losing donors, but are not gaining additional donations to keep up with the increasing demand.

Within the past year a great deal of concern has been created due to the threat of AIDS or more recently known as Human Immunodeficiency

Virus (HIV). Media accounts of people being infected by hospital transfusions have only added hysteria. The simple fact is that you can not get AIDS by giving blood. Every needle used is destroyed after it has been used once. All donations must pass through sophisticated testing procedures to detect any sign of exposure to the AIDS-related virus as well as for hepatitis B and syphilis.

We all receive some benefit from the Red Cross Transfusion Service whether we actually receive blood or are secure in the knowledge that safe, free blood is available in the event it is required. By giving blood you may be saving your own life. A ten minute visit to a clinic is all the time it takes to give the gift of life. Think about it. Can you afford not to?

A Blood donor Clinic will be held Oct. 13, 14 and 15 in the Ballroom of the S.U.B. Lets show the Red Cross that students care. Lets give blood.

Notice

Jane Arnold, President of the UNB Student Union has tentatively scheduled elections for Council positions for the early part of November. She will be asking Council to formally declare the election at its regular meeting next week.

"Right now we have some vacancies on Council and a number of seats expire this semester", states Arnold. She hopes that this election will attract improved candidate and voter participation.