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Associate Registrar Michael Shanks remembered

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BRUNSWICKAN NEWS

UNB's Associate Registrar Michael Shanks is being remembered by friends, colleagues and supervisors this week as conscientious, reliable and dedicated to the university.

Shanks passed away suddenly earlier this week.

He was 46.

A graduate of Fredericton High School, Shanks held a B.Sc. from UNB. He joined the University in 1974 as an Administrative Assistant in the office of Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning, Eric Garland.

"I was truly saddened to hear of Mike's unexpected death earlier this week," said Garland, reached at his home in Fredericton.

"He was a very conscientious worker and was instrumental in my office in setting up a lot of new things that we were doing at the time."

"He was one who identified a problem and solved it and then got on with it," Garland remembers.

When Shanks later left to assume new duties in the Registrar's Office

Garland said he knew he would do an excellent job.

"Mike was a valued member of the university administration," said Garland, who retired several years ago after a long career at UNB and has since been named UNB Associate Vice-President Emeritus.

Registrar Deanne Dennison, who was Shanks' immediate supervisor, said she learned to depend on him a lot.

"Michael was here when I first came to UNB. He was one of the most reliable individuals you could have hoped to have met in any circumstance, but in particular having someone working with you who was so committed to UNB."

Dennison remembers working with Shanks a great deal on the Enrollment Management concept.

"He was really, really interested in that side of the work as well as recruiting and admissions."

"He saw a lot of good could come from if the university was able to let the public know that we were a caring institution and that in fact we acted like a caring institution," said Dennison.

Dennison said Shanks had been



Michael Shanks

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invited to speak at a North American Conference on Enrollment Management, specifically examining the first year experience of students.

"It had been tremendously well received by the people in attendance." So much so that Dennison said Shanks had been invited to go back to North Carolina this year to do it again.

"It was quite a compliment to him but also to the idea that a smaller university so to speak, in the American picture, could gain that kind of notice."

Dennison noted that staff in the Registrar's Office respected Shanks a great deal.

"They were quite accustomed to having such a solid individual in charge of their unit."

"It is going to take us quite a while to adjust," Dennison admitted this week.



The University's flags were lowered to half-staff this week to mourn the passing of Associate Registrar Michael Shanks. PAT FITZPATRICK PHOTO

Council Watch

Joseph FitzPatrick

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After an aborted attempt to cancel the meeting because of poor weather Tuesday night, a packed Council took just 90 minutes to award \$21,000 in honouraria, pass \$850 in grants, give the Executive (minus Davidson) a chance to recall what they did during the previous week, and allow Forestry Representative Blair Saulnier to explain how the wedding of Forestry Paul and Nursing Flo would proceed.

The SU Honouraria Schedule, which doled out \$21,000 to 83 people, was passed without amendment. Three factors contributed to an apparent savings of \$10,000: some positions were vacant, some positions did very little, and some positions are awarded honouraria in second term only. Scholten was uncertain as to how much of the \$10,000 would be saved by the end of the year.

The only substantive debate about honouraria centered around Jeff Clark and his position of Anti-Poverty Coordinator. Of the \$250 budgeted, he received only \$50. Scholten emphasized that all applicants for honouraria were judged by the same criteria and a motion to increase the award to \$100 was defeated.

Others receiving less than the budgeted amount included Activities Director Sean Burnett awarded \$50 of \$500; and Chair of the UNB Student Disciplinary Committee, David McLellan, who received \$50 of \$187.50. Ian Johnstone, Chair of the UNB Foundation for Students, refused his honorarium. "He said he didn't do it for the money, so he didn't want it," Scholten reported.

Of some interest, but little debate, were the results of the Council's Honouraria, given this term after a five year absence. The Committee recommended that 12 of the 28 members of Council receive honouraria between \$30 and \$125. Scholten indicated that factors such as missed meetings, number of committees on which a Council member served, their involvement with that committee, and the workload of the committee were used to determine the levels. Business Representative Matt Hanrahan, Law Rep Cathy Clark and Arts Rep Susan Shaw received the maximum of \$125. Forestry Rep Blair Saulnier did nearly as well with \$122.

Honouraria for CHSR (\$1,500) and The Brunswickan (\$6,227.50) were awarded in keeping with the recommendations of the Editorial Board of The Brunswickan, and the Executive of CHSR. "We went with the recommendations of supervisors," Scholten explained, adding that the Committee could not determine for themselves the involvement of people in these two organizations.

Scholten brought two grants to Council, and noted that the Grants Committee had awarded a third, in the amount of \$150 to the Music Society.

There was some debate about the grant application of the Chess Club to the attention of Council. The club, newly recognized this year, requested \$700 for equipment and a tournament in second term. When Forestry Rep Blair Saulnier asked how many members were in the club and what the membership fee was, Scholten was unsure as to what the fee was, whether anybody has paid it, and whether the club's organizers were aware that the Chess Club had a membership fee in its constitution. The Grants Committee's recommendation of \$350 was carried.

SPARC, the Student Pride and Alumni Relations Committee, was granted \$500 to send 7 delegates to the Canadian Student Alumni Conference in Nova Scotia. SPARC, which is not a recognized club or society of the SU, has nevertheless received \$900 so far this year. SPARC has its own fund raising activities in second term, but has also received over \$2,000 in cash and office supplies from the UNB Development and Public Relations Office. While the recommendation of the Grants Committee was only \$350 of the \$1,000 request, Council was moved to increase this amount to \$500 when two members of SPARC in attendance and several Councilors who either are currently or have been involved in SPARC pointed to its successes and its purpose. Consensus was that SPARC increased UNB's reputation and marketed UNB to students around Canada. The Council seemed particularly encouraged that this funding from the SU may help SPARC in its bid to host the conference at UNB next year.

VP External Anthony Knight told Council that the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations has increased in size and now represents student associations with membership in excess of 163,000. In other CASA news, Knight said the University of Ottawa council narrowly defeated a motion to join CASA. Knight went on to say that CASA was preparing a national campaign for late January but although he indicated that he was not yet aware of its title or what it would address, he promised to bring it to Council attention when he found out.

Knight mentioned that he and President Helmeister met with the Continuing Adult Mature and Part-Time Students (CAMPUS) and the Graduate Student Association (GSA). Their meeting was productive, claims Knight, and the potential is there, in his opinion, for a great deal of cooperation among the three UNB student associations. He also mentioned that CAMPUS and the GSA were considering joining the provincial lobbying group, the New Brunswick Student Alliance.

Knight also wrote a letter to NB Finance Minister Edmond Blanchard which asked the province to consider the needs of students when determining who may be entitled to a tax rebate under the new Harmonized Sales Tax.

In closing, Knight made a point to mention the letter he sent to the Minister of Advanced Education, Roly MacIntyre, criticizing the amount of part-time income students had to commit to their education.

VP Finance Monique Scholten told Council that she has already begun the budget process for the 1997-98 budget year. Letters have been written for recognized clubs and societies and organizations which have applied for grants so far this year to make them of the application deadline for SU funds. Letters will be sent to SU committees and VPs as well as *The Brunswickan* and CHSR, at a later date.

Scholten then turned her attention to the SU audit of the 1995-96 fiscal year, which ended seven months ago in April of 1996. According to Scholten, "It's in the typing stage." In contrast to her statements which appeared in *The Brunswickan* on November 15, when she indicated the audit would be ready for this past Tuesday's Council meeting, she seemed more reluctant to promise the audit would be available by next week's Council meeting (the last one before the Christmas break).

Evaluations of Student Union employees Barb Kirk (General Administrator), Marlene O'Neill (Accounts Coordinator), Marlene Brewer (Assistant Accounts Coordinator), and Karen Miner (Receptionist) are getting underway. Scholten admitted that the SU evaluations were supposed to start before November 15. The SU Employment Policy, Section 27, states that staff evaluations are to be conducted "once yearly between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15."

VP University Affairs Anoushka Courage presented Council with a detailed 5 page report of the Canadian Academic Round Table (CART) Conference she attended. Workshops and discussions pertaining to a Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Course Evaluations, and the down-sizing of Student Services occurred at the conference.

Anthony Knight asked Courage why there was no Consumer's Guide this year, to which Courage responded that there was a decision made that, in the wake of tension between the project's last coordinator, Joseph FitzPatrick (now Managing Editor at *The Brunswickan*) who threatened to print the names of Faculty members who did not participate in the course evaluations in *The Brunswickan*.

Anthony Knight expressed his desire to publish the results of the course evaluation done by University. Any member of Council with direct knowledge of the project would be aware that the SU proceeded with its own evaluation only after two years unsuccessful attempts to convince the University Senate, which performs the evaluations, to consent to the publication of the results.

Although there have been no evaluations by the SU this term, there are results from last year which have yet to be published. Trish Davidson, VP Student Services, claims that the results are available on-line, if you know the correct location. However, a search of the University web server will not only fail to produce such a page, but a list of files in the SU web site does not include such a file. Plus, no honouraria was awarded to the "Consumer's Guide Compiler" and Publications Editor Mark Morgan reveals that he has neither compiled the results himself nor coded the results of the 1996-97 survey though the text of the "Tackling the System" part of the publication, written in 1995 by former VP University Affairs Pat FitzPatrick, and updated last year by VP University Affairs Chantale Walker, were coded by him and are available on the SU web site.

In addition, a cursory examination of the debris outside Room 30 of the SUB will reveal 10,000 completed forms from the 1995-96 publication, over 30,000 blank forms, and nearly 5,000 completed forms from 1996-97.

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NB photographer helps save art program

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World-renowned New Brunswick photographer Freeman Patterson delivered a broadside blast to the New Brunswick government last week, denouncing its decision to close the College of Craft and Design's photography program.

According to sources in the Department of Advanced Education and Labour, the decision to end the program was made because fine-art, commercial and journalistic photography based on present-day silver chemistries is obsolete.

The decision was a cost-cutting move made to emphasize a number of digital imaging courses offered at other branches of the New Brunswick Community College system.

In addition to eliminating a program popular with both Craft College students and area residents, the closure would affect UNB students, particularly those in the Fine Arts Minor program. Fine Arts students at UNB are eligible

to take courses at the College of Craft and Design for full credit toward their UNB degrees.

A student in the photography department at the College, who wished to remain anonymous, was incensed. "It's ridiculous. Peter [Gross, the photography program's director] has created a nationally recognized program. How can the government claim that currently used photographic processes are obsolete when the College still teaches things like metal working and painting?"

Calling the decision to close the program an "act of cultural barbarism that destroys an outstanding educational program carefully developed over 20 years," Patterson claimed that the decision was exemplary of those who "seek to shrink the world in order to control it and who confuse control with leadership."

Patterson then called upon New Brunswick residents to place themselves in front of the Liberal government's chainsaws and help save

the program that, he says has "developed independent thinkers who love what they're doing."

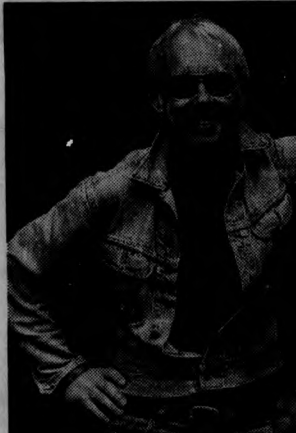
People are trained to be entrepreneurs, which is precisely what the government wants," wrote Patterson.

This past Tuesday, Patterson's pleas were partially answered by Minister of Advanced Education and Labour, Roly MacIntyre. In a prepared statement, the Minister announced that his department was reversing its decision.

"In light of the response from the arts community, we feel it is best if we postpone the decision until such time as we have an opportunity to study it further," said MacIntyre.

"The government has only done the fair and responsible thing under the circumstances. Reversing the decision not only gives an opportunity for those with interest and knowledge in the field to give input, but is finally a recognition of the work done by [program director] Peter Gross."

As of press time, details of the



Freeman Patterson

consultations in which the government has promised to engage were not public, but Patterson stated that he is satisfied that New Brunswick residents will be granted some input into the program's future.

Decision on Grad Class project when 23 vote

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Organizing a successful Graduating Class Project and the \$10,000 needed to make it happen takes one small step at a time.

Prospective Graduates of the UNB Class of 1997 will take a first step in that direction over the next several days by choosing one of seven potential projects.

They include: establishing a scholarship, funding for library books, improved lighting on campus, accessibility to a building, lights and bench in front of a residence, stairs leading from the Old Arts Building to the LB Gym or new windows for the Old Forestry Building.

Grad Class President Jeff Clark said all prospective graduates will be contacted by e-mail by today.

Graduates will be given an opportunity to vote on which of the seven projects they prefer.

Ballots must be cast by e-mail. Deadline is Wednesday, December 4.

While clearly disappointed in the turnout at Sunday's Grad Class meeting and vote—just 23 of 1500 prospective graduates attended—Clark remains optimistic.

He is already beginning the search for graduating class faculty representatives and volunteers to help with the telephone campaign that begins in February.

All graduates and their parents will be contacted and asked to pledge \$25

in support of the project, which will be completed in time for dedication at May graduation ceremonies.

Melanie Quigg has already been selected as Chair of the Grad Class Project.

UNB's Director of Development and Public Relations Susan Montague points out that about \$100,000 has been raised for Grad Class Projects on the Fredericton Campus since the tradition began in 1990.

Since that time, each successive Graduating Class has completed the following projects: gates for the Montgomery Street entrance to campus, steps behind the Harriet Irving Library towards Ludlow Hall, a scholarship fund, adopt-a-book for the Library, lighting on campus, wheelchair accessibility to the lower level of the SUB, and in 1996, benches and lighting near Harrison and Bridges House.

In other news, the Grad Class Executive plans to appoint a Secretary-Treasurer in January. No one stepped forward to run for the position during the SU Fall Bi-election.

A Grad Class meeting has been set for the third week of January when candidates who come forward for their Valedictorian positions will get a chance to speak. The Valedictorians will be chosen in February in conjunction with the UNB Student Union General Election.

Clark also expects that UNB's Yearbook will be completed in time

for May graduation despite a very late start. Co-editors Scott Whamond and Gaby Ferreira have recently been appointed by the Student Union. A deadline of January 21 has been set for all graduates who wish to submit their photo to the yearbook.

The Arts Faculty is also attempting to organize a graduate composite for all departments this year. The fee is \$15. Graduates should contact the Dean of Arts office.

Clark also notes that grad hats are now available for \$15 at the Paper Trail or in the Grad Class Office, Room 117 of the SUB. Sweatshirts costing \$45 will also be available in the same locations in about a week.

Winter Carnival returns

JENN BROWN

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The Student Union is attempting to revive the Winter Carnival this year.

Winter Carnival has been a UNB tradition since the early nineteen hundreds, but there has not been one for the past several years. This year's winter carnival, although not yet fully organized, is at least in the early stages of planning.

"For the last two years, there has been nothing done," said Anoushka Courage, VP University Affairs. "This year we are doing our best to ensure that Winter Carnival is a success. We have a lot of fun things planned."

Sliding, a sculpting competition, a family day, a ski day, concerts and an outdoor breakfast are just a few of the anticipated events.

After Christmas Break, more concrete plans will be made. The Student Union is hoping to get participation from various residences and campus groups.

"To combat the problem of apathy we want to make an effort to involve as many people as possible. We want to make sure that the timing and scheduling is okay," said Courage.

"The more people who come out the better," she replied when asked if the events would also be open to students from St. Thomas, or from Fredericton High School. "Some of the night time things are alcoholic so [minors] wouldn't be able to attend obviously, but concerts are open to the general public."

Although many events will not have fees, Courage says "concerts and things like that," will. As well, t-shirts will be on sale, despite the weather. "They're cheaper than sweatshirts," she explained, "and the inside of buildings are usually overheated anyway."

The planned dates for this year's Winter Carnival are January 22 to 29. The committee, consisting of ten volunteer members, will be posting the scheduled events as soon as everything is finalized.