

1.5 M Dalton Camp Endowment funds new program at STU

STU first in Canada to offer Journalism as a Bachelor of Arts

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A new Bachelor of Arts in Journalism program has been created by St. Thomas University in the namesake of Canadian journalist, Dalton K. Camp.

Staff and students, along with friends and faculty, gathered last week to recognize Camp's work and celebrate the launch of this 1.5 million-dollar initiative.

The conference was held in the new Professional Studies Building on STU campus which will be the central location for this new initiative. The next development will be to address issues of space and equipment as the program grows.

The new Bachelor of Arts in Journalism at STU is the only one of its kind in Canada. The aim of the program is to produce graduates with a deep, profound understanding of journalism.

Activities to be funded by the Dalton K. Camp Endowment in Journalism are a lecture series, scholarships, bursaries, and internships.

Moreover, the endowment will serve to fund a Journalist in Residence. This will allow a distinguished journalist to come to Fredericton for one term each year.

The hope is that a journalist will enrich the experience of students through public lectures, teaching, and community outreach.



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"Dalton Camp was a study in bad ergonomics" - Michael Camp

Philip Lee, Director of Journalism at STU, feels this new program is an opportunity to create a centre of excellence in journalism in Atlantic Canada.

Lee views Camp as a superb writer, a great Canadian and a fine man.

"This program will honour the memory of my friend and the man who influenced me."

Dalton Camp's son Michael joked that his father was a "study in bad ergonomics." He said with his feet on his desk and a typewriter in his lap, Camp had unbreakable focus for at least a couple of hours.

Camp said his father felt the role of a journalist was to "comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable."

"My father loved speaking to young people," said Michael Camp, "he found

his own peer group kind of boring most of the time."

Dalton Camp was Editor-in-Chief of *The Brunswickan* in 1948, and since then made his mark across the country.

Described by friend and colleague Jackie Webster as an "activist journalist," Camp's principles were not to be reckoned with.

Almost two years ago, the paper he and Webster had been writing for asked them to sign a contract.

They refused to bow to the demands of the *Telegraph-Journal*, to compromise their principles. They left the paper along with five other journalists.

Camp suffered a stroke this past February and after his death, the story written in his memory in the *Telegraph* did not acknowledge he had written for that paper.

Tech Fees

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making sure there were workstations that were accessible for students with disabilities," Campbell remarked.

A voting committee was established to decide on the projects funded by this fee. Compromise was essential to the deciding process.

"The university wanted more e-classrooms but we decided on only two because, based on their usage, it didn't seem like a huge priority."

The new digital projectors and laptop connections will be placed in Head Hall C11 and Tilley 303.

"We could have also spent money on increasing the speed of the internet all across campus," said Campbell.

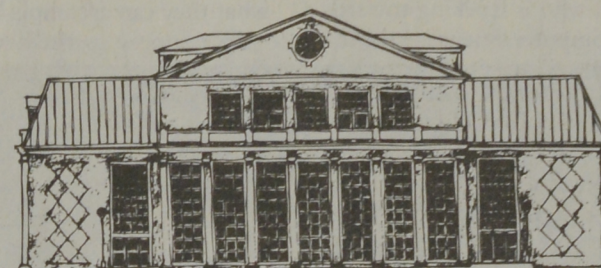
Ultimately, the committee decided on more tangible objects for the first year, so the students can see where their money is going.

"Every piece of equipment bought will be labeled so [the students] can see exactly what their tech fee paid for."

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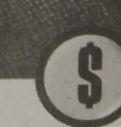


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