

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Since my last report was published, in the January, 2004 issue of **Bulletin**, a delegation from the Federation met on January 29<sup>th</sup> with Education Minister **Hon. Madeleine Dubé**. At the meeting, the Federation was represented by the Past-President, Jack Vanderlinde (AUNBT), the Executive Director, Desmond Morley, and myself.

Among the topics discussed were the inadequacy of the funding increases of approximately 13% budgeted for New Brunswick’s universities over the next four years, and the Lord government’s approval of the introduction into New Brunswick of yet another on-line, for-profit “e-business” permitted legally both to grant “Master’s degrees” in Psychology, and to call itself “Yorkville University”. We remain in frequent, and virtually daily, contact with the Minister’s office and other departments of government with the goal that this and other such enterprises be prohibited from misusing the word “university” simply in order to make their educational products more marketable.

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Executive Director,

Desmond Morley, accompanied by Prof. Rick Hudson of MAFA, made a presentation to Finance Minister Jeannot Volpé at the public hearing on provincial Budget priorities held in Moncton. M. Volpé confirmed publicly at that time that no cuts would be made to university funding in the next Budget, and that the 3.25% increases promised last year by the Premier in each of the next four years would be forthcoming. The applause this exchange received from the mainly “blue collar” crowd of

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**Notice**  
Board Meeting  
**All FNBFA Board meetings are open to individual faculty members, and an invitation to attend is extended to anyone wishing to do so.**

**For more information concerning dates of upcoming board meetings, log on to: [www.fnbfa.ca](http://www.fnbfa.ca)**

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several hundred members of the public indicates that our efforts in getting out the message that post-secondary education, especially at the university level, is essential to obtaining meaningful employment have been successful.

Building on last year's successful "**Bookmark**" public relations campaign, the Federation has expanded the distribution of the bookmarks to the public libraries in the larger provincial centres in addition to the major bookstores. We have also prepared an updated "**Did You Know...**" pamphlet for distribution this year to MLA's, MP's and Home and School associations. [Samples of the bookmark and the pamphlet are enclosed. – **Ed.**]

This will be my last report to you as President of the Federation. It has been my honour and privilege to serve our members in that capacity for the last three years, and I am pleased with the overall success of the Federation's undertakings during that time. I could not have performed my functions effectively without the support of the Members of the Board of the Federation, the importance whose contributions cannot be over-emphasized.

I also wish to acknowledge, in particular, the efforts of the Chair of our Communications Committee, **Prof. Ian Fraser** (FAUST). Ian and the Executive Director have put our Federation squarely "on the map" through newspaper editorials, and through various other productive, yet inexpensive, public relations initiatives.

I also wish to thank our Executive Director, Desmond Morley, and our staff secretary, Patricia Lewington, for their loyalty and diligence. Again, my job would have been extremely difficult without their enthusiastic support.

Sincerely,  
Claude Dionne  
President

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## **FNBFA STUDENT ESSAY PRIZES**

### **OBJECTIVE**

To increase awareness of feminist issues and to promote feminist scholarship among New Brunswick students.

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## **ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PRIZES**

The contest is open to male and female undergraduate students on New Brunswick campuses. Two (2) prizes will be awarded. One prize will be awarded to a student in the first or second year of study. The other prize will be awarded to a student in the third or higher year of study. The Committee reserves the right to determine the eligibility of a submission for a prize.

## **GUIDELINES**

Essays should be:

- a) Written in English or French.
- b) Typed double-spaced and include a title page, the student's home address and year of study, a bibliography and an abstract.
- c) Prepared in the framework of an undergraduate course.
- d) Recommended and forwarded to FNBFA by the professor teaching the course. Not more than one essay per class should be submitted by the professor. Essays should not be marked in any way by the professor.

## **CRITERIA FOR JUDGING ESSAYS**

- a) Relevance to feminism.
- b) Style and organization.
- c) Documentation and research approach.

## **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS AND DATE OF JUDGING**

Essays written with the regular academic year will be eligible for the contest. All essays must be submitted to FNBFA by May 31 of that year. The essays will be judged during the course of the summer and the winner will be announced at the beginning of the following academic year.

## THE SELECTION COMMITTEE

The members of the FNBFA Status of Women Committee will select the recipient of the prize subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the FNBFA. Professors of Women's Studies and other disciplines may be invited to act as resource people. The decision of the selection committee is final.

Essays submitted for the contest will become the property of FNBFA.

For further information, please contact the President of your local association:

Paul Deguire (ABPPUM)  
Yves Martin (ABPPUMCE)  
Christiane St-Pierre (APPUMAS)  
Don Fields (AUNBT)  
Erin Steuter (MAFA)  
Jeannette Gaudet (FAUST)

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## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

**The Communications Committee has been fairly busy since its last report in the January Bulletin. Below are some of its main activities:**

1. We decided to concentrate on more effective delivery of our free promotional bookmarks, which have been generally well-received. To this end we will be approaching selected Public Libraries and asking them to distribute the bookmark. Thus far we have been permitted by the Fredericton, Woodstock, Moncton, Riverview and Sackville Public Libraries to set up distribution points. The bookmark also will, of course, still be distributed by Chapters, Coles, Beegee's, Westminster Books, and la Librairie acadienne bookstores.
2. We still have been unable to have articles published in l'Acadie Nouvelle. The Board has directed that we should again request a meeting with the publisher to discuss the matter, and that if we are unsuccessful in obtaining coverage, we must pull our paid advertising from that newspaper and approach other French-language newspapers instead.
3. The 2003 Portfolio of Newspaper articles has now been circulated to all MLA's, New Brunswick MP's, Home and School Associations, the MPHEC, University Presidents and CAUT. We had a total of 10 articles published during 2003.

4. The committee has also prepared its next Public Awareness Pamphlet, which is now ready for distribution to all MLA's, New Brunswick MP's, and Home and School Associations.
5. It appears that the Web site [www.fnbfa.ca – Ed.] service provider will be continuing to give us free monthly reports concerning hits on the web site. Although scaled down to some extent, the report will still be more than adequate for our needs.

I would very much like to thank Claude Dionne, Jack Vanderlinde, Dan Bélanger and Desmond Morley for their unfailing support during my tenure as Communications Chair.

Sincerely,  
Ian H. Fraser, Chair.

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## **NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR OFFICERS OF THE FEDERATION FOR 2004-2005**

**The Nominating Committee has proposed the names of the following  
members for the positions listed below:**

**President:**

**Rick Hudson (MAFA)**

**Vice-President:**

**Don Fields (AUNBT)**

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

**Daniel Bélanger (ABPPUMCE)**

### **ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS**

**(The following is excerpted from Article 10.7 of the By-laws of the Federation):**

“... additional nominations may be given to the President or the Secretary/Treasurer up to the close of nominations at the Annual Plenary Session as long as these nominations are signed by at least five (5) members from the constituent faculty

associations/unions in good standing and by the person nominated to indicate a willingness to stand for election”.

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## **ANNUAL PLENARY SESSION**

Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

Auberge Les Jardins Inn, Salle Alexandre  
60, rue Principale  
Saint Jacques, New Brunswick

## **PROPOSED AGENDA**

1. Reading and Approval of the Agenda.
2. Introduction of Guests.
3. Report of the Nominating Committee.
4. First Call for Nominations of Officers for 2004-2005 FNBFA Executive.
5. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of Annual Plenary Session of May 13, 2003.
6. Second Call for Nominations of Officers for 2004-2005 FNBFA Executive.
7. Business Arising from the Minutes.
8. Last Call for Nominations of Officers for 2004-2005 FNBFA Executive.
9. Election of Officers.
10. Report from CAUT.
11. Report from the President.
12. Report from the Treasurer.
13. Report from the Executive Director.

14. Reports from the Standing Committees.

Communications Committee  
Legal Defense Fund Committee  
Prix Nicole Raymond Award Committee  
Scholarship Awards Committee  
Status of Women Committee

15. Policy Recommendations of Plenary Session.

16. Other Business.

17. Coffee Break

18. Annual General Meeting (See AGM Agenda)

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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, April 27, 2004

L'Auberge les Jardins Inn, Salle Alexandre  
Saint Jacques, New Brunswick

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

1. Reading and Approval of the Agenda.
2. Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 21, 2004.
3. Business Arising.
4. Reports from Local Associations.
5. Consideration of Recommendations of Plenary Session.
6. Appointments to Committees.

7. Other Business.
8. Order of the Day: 3:00 p.m. Guest Speaker  
(To be announced.)

Order of the Day: 4:00 p.m. Presentation of  
the Prix Nicole Raymond Award to Prof. Gary  
Long (Wine and cheese reception to follow.)

9. Adjournment
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## FEDERATION TO HONOUR GARY LONG

The Executive is pleased to announce that the Board has voted unanimously to award the Federation's prestigious **Prix Nicole Raymond Award** for 2004 to one of its members, Prof. Gary Long of ABPPUMCE.

The presentation of the award to Prof. Long will be made at the Federation's Annual Plenary Session on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Prof. Long's faculty colleagues are warmly encouraged to attend.

### Executive Members 2003-2004

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**Status of Women Committee**  
Vacant

**Legal Defence Fund**  
Jon Thompson (AUNBT)

**Prix Nicole Raymond Award**  
Vacant

**Communications Committee**  
Ian Fraser (FAUST)

**Scholarship Awards**  
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**Executive Director**  
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**Editorial Board**  
Ian Fraser, Editor

### Your Opinions are Welcomed

A special invitation is extended to those members of local associations who are interested in commenting upon university life in general. Readers are invited to send their opinions and/or comments, in writing, to the address above.

*Opinions expressed in the Bulletin are not necessarily those of the Executive and/or Board of FNBFA/FAPPUNB*