

# New Administrator Sought For Dept. of Public Safety

By Scott Williams

"There are some weaknesses in the program. This is why we are trying to do something about it."

That's how U.N.I. President Ronald Williams describes the Public Safety Department's recent announcement that a Coordinator is being added to the payroll.

Until now, one of the duties of Lt. Francis Flood, Chief of Public Safety, was to report to Brendan O'Leary, Director of Physical Facilities. O'Leary in turn reports to William Lienemann, Vice President in charge of Administrative Affairs, who then consults the other Vice Presidents, and President Ronald Williams.

Through this chain of command, Lieutenant Flood was asked to define his goals, and request needed funds for his department. According to Bonnie Hartman, Physical Facilities business manager and assistant to O'Leary, "Each director of each area comes to Brendan with requests of short-term and long-range goals, objectives they'd like to meet, and the funding they require to meet those goals. Brendan then decides, in priority order, which is more important."

The reason for the hiring of a Coordinator for the Public Safety Department is that Flood has not been exercising his depart-

ment's equal representation to it's fullest extent. The Department of Physical Facilities also includes Grounds, Janitorial, Utilities, and Maintenance Departments. Director O'Leary meets weekly with the supervisors of all of these departments to discuss any problems, suggestions, or requests that they have. O'Leary also meets weekly with Vice President William Lienemann to discuss his department areas and the opinions of the supervisors. Flood apparently has shown a weakness in this aspect of his job.

"We would not be seeking a new administrative physician if we felt that the (Public Safety) department was being adequately represented," says Bonnie Hartman.

Thus, the Physical Facilities Department is in search of a new administrator for Public Safety. "We have a Search and Screen committee to pick a new coordinator who's going to run that department," says Director Brendan O'Leary. "That person will have the responsibility of bringing us up to date."

The Coordinator of Public Safety is indeed going to have a difficult job to tackle. The responsibility of neutralizing Northeastern's rising crime rate lies on his or her shoulders. In addition to the department's crime-prevention program, the

Coordinator will have to begin some concrete effort to control campus crime. As Director O'Leary stated, "We need someone with the expertise to pinpoint those deficiencies in the department. I'm not happy with the way the department is running. I want to upgrade it. I want to bring it up so that we take care of problems that are rising."

Flood has been with the Public Safety Department since it's origin in 1967. Although he will now have a superior officer, Flood will not lose his title, nor will he receive a salary cut, according to Bonnie Hartman.

"Flood will remain Chief of Security as long as he would like to remain. His duties will be modified to some extent, in that he will no longer have any administrative responsibilities. He will report to the new coordinator."

President Ronald Williams says he hopes that the new coordinator will "bring about a closer articulation of some of the security operations with some of the academic and inner functions of the university, and some of the concerns that have been raised by various groups."

O'Leary hopes to have the new position of Public Safety Coordinator filled by November 1.



Lt. Flood