

National Science and Technology week is Oct. 12-21

(UNB-PRI) Telephones, microwaves and computers are just a few of the many products we take for granted in our daily lives. The kind of scientific and technological achievement that led to the creation of these products and a wealth of others, touching on all aspects of our lives from health care to transportation, will be observed in National Science and Technology Week, Oct. 12 - 21.

"These 10 days are designed to help Canadians understand scientific and technological developments, make us aware of our achievements, and encourage young people to consider careers in science, technology and engineering," said Israel Unger, dean of science at the University of New Brunswick. To observe the week, UNB's faculty of science has organized a number of activities.

A scientist from Bell Labs of AT&T, seven of whose scientists have won Nobel Prizes in Physics since Bell Labs was founded in 1925, will give three public talks as part of the Bryan Priestman Lecture Series, which has been designated a Science and Technology Week event. Speaker Ronald Graham, adjunct director of the research and information services division of AT&T Labs in New Jersey, has for the past 20 years taken up the challenge of developing mathematical techniques and theorems to route hundreds of millions of telephone calls through cables, microwaves and satellites.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, Dr. Graham will address the

limitations of computers in coping with real-world problems in the lecture, Computers and Mathematics: Coping with Finiteness. On Thursday, Oct. 18, he will tackle the Shortest Network Problem -- the kind of problem not only telephone companies but also travelling salespeople face when trying to determine the shortest possible route among a number of locations. Both talks begin at 8 p.m. in the MacLaggan Hall Auditorium, and the public is invited to meet Dr. Graham at the two receptions which follow. On Friday, Oct. 19, Dr. Graham will lecture on Quasi-random Graphs in the Tilley Hall Auditorium at 3 p.m.

Budding young scientists, engineers, computer scientists and foresters who will be helping place Canada in the first rank of nations in the 21st

century will be spotlighted on Friday, Oct. 19. The 152 Canada Scholars on the Fredericton and Saint John campuses of UNB will be saluted at a reception beginning at 7 p.m. in the Alumni Memorial Building on campus.

University and government representatives will be on hand to recognize the outstanding young women and men who have received the scholarships over the past three years. In the 1990-91 academic year, 67 UNB students hailing from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Ontario received the \$2,000 scholarship from among the 2,500 awarded nationally. The Canada awards may be renewed up to three years for support totalling up to \$8,000 towards undergraduate studies in natural sciences, engineering and related disciplines.

Business Society events underway

Press Release

The new semester is well underway and so are the Business Society events.

The first Grog was held on September 20, with around 70 people in attendance. The Annual Business Society Golf Tournament took place on September 26 at Mactaquac Provincial Park. The mens division was won by Peter Weldon and the ladies division

was won by Angela Sargeant. Scores were not available.

The Business Society would like to thank Sean Miller of Labatts for helping sponsor both the Grog and the Golf Tournament. Another Grog will be held tonight. All are welcome to Room 126 in the SUB between 3 pm and 6 pm.

All Business students are welcome to drop by the Business Society Office, Tilley 305, with questions, suggestions or even just to say "Hello".

Watch for notices of more upcoming events outside the Business Society Office.

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News Notes

Gorham to be Foreign Service visitor at UNBSJ

Saint John, UNB (UNB-CR) Mr. Richard Gorham, Canada's Special Advisor and Roving Ambassador for Latin America, has assumed a new role for the 1990-91 academic year. He will be a Foreign Service Visitor on the Saint John Campus of the University of New Brunswick.

A native New Brunswicker, Richard Gorham was born in Fredericton in 1927. He received his first degree, a Bachelor of Arts, from the University of New Brunswick in 1950. He continued his education at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he earned an MA in 1951. In 1988 the University of New Brunswick recognized his long and distinguished service to Canada with an honorary Doctor of Laws.

Gorham's new role as Foreign Service Visitor at UNBSJ began in early September. While on campus (until April, 1991) he will be available for classroom lectures, special seminars and guest appearances, as well as to help the University in the organization of its research and colloquia in the area of foreign politics. He will also be available in the Saint John community and throughout the Atlantic provinces to speak, attend meetings and assist with the recruitment of new foreign service officers.

Muslim Students Association to hold Annual Public Seminar

Press Release

Fredericton, NB - The Muslim Students Association of the University of New Brunswick will hold its Annual Public Seminar on October 13.

The event will be held in Tilley Hall, Room 102 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

This year's topic is Family Structure in Islam. Mr. Abdallah Idris (Muslim Scholar) who is from Toronto, will be the guest speaker.

The seminar is open to the public, all are welcomed.

Canadian Committee on Women to hold forums

Press Release

The Canadian Committee on Women in Engineering will be holding public forums in Vancouver, Regina, Toronto, Montreal, an Halifax to give employers, educators, students and engineers and opportunity to present their views surrounding the low representation of women in engineering.

The decision to hold day-long forums in major centres in Canada was made following the committee's first public forum in Ottawa on Sept. 12. Thirteen briefs were presented by educators, researchers, industry representatives and students; almost 200 people attended.

The public forums will be held on Nov. 16 in Vancouver; January 29 in Montreal; Feb. 19 in Regina; March 6 in Toronto; and in early April in Halifax.

At its meeting on Sept. 13, the committee also decided to contract out research that will demonstrate the "best practices universities and industries are implementing to attract, retain and advance the careers of women engineers," said Monique Frize, chair of the 19-member committee.

The committee also wants to find out what, if anything, employers of engineers are doing to ensure that female engineers have the same opportunities for career advancement as their male colleagues.

"One recent study of professional engineers in the 25-to-39 age group shows that 36 per cent of the males held supervisory positions compared to only 18 per cent of females. We would like to discover why this is occurring."

The results of the research will be presented at a national conference, Women in Engineering: More Than Just Numbers. To be held May 21 to 23 in Fredericton, NB, the conference will focus on measures educational institutions and employers can take to attract and retain female engineers.

Individuals and groups wishing to participate in the committee's work may do so by contacting the Canadian Committee on Women in Engineering, c/o Faculty of Engineering, University of New Brunswick, Box 4400, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5A3. Tel: (506) 453-4515 Fax: (506) 453-4516.

For further information on the public forums, please contact Jeanne Inch at (506) 453-4515.