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Electrical Engineers receive grant

by Leigh Acheson

The UNB Electrical Engineering department has been awarded a \$7.25 million software grant from Valid Logic Systems of San Jose, Ca.

The software which is used to design electronic integrated circuits, was awarded to UNB through Valid System's university grant program, making UNB one of only three Canadian universities to receive such a windfall.

According to Electrical Engineering professor Dr. John Burgess, the software is extremely valuable in the instruction of undergraduates and graduate students, and the research of post graduates.

Burgess, who played a major role in the acquisition of the grant for the university, explains that now "our students can use exactly the same programs that engineers are using in industry, get familiar with these programs, and use them to learn about electronic circuits in their courses."

"These industries, such as Sony and Siemens, are the same companies that will be

employing our engineers when they graduate."

The Electrical Engineering department has a professional experience program in which third year students get supervised industrial experience with companies such as IBM Limited of Toronto, which just recently adopted the Valid Logic Systems' program.

The software grant awarded to UNB allows for up to 20 students to utilize the system at once. The software allows engineers to design and analyse electronic circuits without necessarily having to produce a prototype, which can often cost many thousands of dollars.

As part of the University's agreement, a reduced maintenance fee will be paid to Valid to ensure the continuing modification and revision of the software so it will not become obsolete. However, because the University met the companies grant requirements, the maintenance fee is to be provided at a cost substantially lower than that of the regular retail value requirements.

In addition to the software



Michael David Smith photo

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Professor Burgess demonstrates the new software awarded to the University.

grant and the reduction of maintenance fees paid by the University, Valid has also donated five sets of the software's accompanying 30 volume manual, and free training for designated

university staff.

"It would be impossible for us to afford this quality and quantity of electronic design automation software without the benefits of this grant," said Burgess, "Now, it is our

immediate objective to integrate this software into our curriculum, and to use it in the best way for our students to learn it and use it to their full advantage."

Hostage Iraqi flag returns to McConnell Hall

by Mimi Cormier

The Iraqi flag will be going back up in the McConnell Hall Cafeteria - when appears to be uncertain.

Last week UNB student Renee Jones went to the university administration requesting that the Iraqi flag be put back up at McConnell Hall. The flag had been hanging in McConnell Hall as part of a larger flag display until a group of students from Aitken House removed it in January.

Professor Eric Garland, UNB's associate vice-president, agreed with Jones' request but said that the Iraqi flag would not be immediately put back up at McConnell Hall for practical reasons.

In January, Garland held a meeting with the students responsible for taking down the Iraqi flag. According to Garland, he "guaranteed at that time that it wouldn't go up right away," although Garland did not guarantee to the students that the flag would never be put back up.

Garland now says that the Iraqi flag will go back up, but preferably when there are more flags to be added to the McConnell Hall display. Garland explained that one delay to putting the flag back up is

that flags must be hung during academic breaks, so that rearranging the display "doesn't interfere with the operation of McConnell Hall."

Besides the Iraqi flag, Garland says that the university administration also has another international flag that has yet to be added to the McConnell Hall display. If the university does not receive more flags over the course of the year, "we'll look at putting the other two up" during the summer, says Garland.

The flag display in McConnell Hall is "not political," Garland says, and in principle it "represents the international make-up of the student body" at UNB. Garland says the university administration would "like to have more flags" to add to the display.

Jones feels that it is important to return the Iraqi flag to the display as soon as possible. Jones states that the students who removed the flag were acting out of ignorance and "were looking for attention." Jones also says that "these flags represent the students here, not the countries."

Jones hopes to have the Iraqi flag up soon by gathering more flags herself. The university receives the flags for the display by requesting them from

embassies, and Garland says some embassies have been contacted two or three times. Jones intends to receive some flags when she returns home to Vienna for Christmas break.

Once these flags are in the university's possession, Jones says, "we'll be able to put the flag of Iraq back where it belongs and should never have been taken down from."

AIESEC holds conference

by Andrew Hunt

AIESEC held its fall Mini-Motivational conference last weekend at Camp Pascobac on Belleisle Bay.

Thirty people attended the mini-mo and all considered the event a success. Participants spent the weekend learning about AIESEC through presentations, group discussions and participation in sports events.

AIESEC would like to thank the sponsors that helped make the event the success it was. Our thanks go to Peter's Meat Market, Victory Meat Market, Village Foods (Smythe St.), the Co-op as well as Barb Doyle, Dan Savoie and all who participated.

Dean of Students claims complaint resolved

by Karen Burgess

The office of the Dean of Students claims that a charge of discrimination by a UNB employee at MacGee house has been resolved.

The charge, which was laid by a student in June of this year, involved several comments made by the landlady of the building.

Apparently, the dean's office received a letter on September 10 from the student involved, which lead to the

office's disclosure that the matter had been resolved.

Since the printing of the Brunswickan's first article on discrimination at MacGee House on September 3, complaints of similar nature have been voiced to Bruns staff members. Tom Austin, Dean of Student, stressed that any complaints about university staff must be made to an official University administrator before any resolution can be reached.

Special News Feature: Discrimination at UNB

- What recourse is there for students who feel they are the victims of discrimination based on race?
- What is the University's official policy regarding discrimination?
- Is there, as in the case of sexual harassment, a team of staff members designated to deal with students who have been victimised?
- All those who wish to contribute to this feature with accounts of personal experiences or ideas and insights on the matter are asked to contact one of the news editors in room 35 of the Student Union Building.