

Duke of Edinburgh recruiting at UNB

by Denyelle Theriault

The Duke of Edinburgh award program has a new goal: to recruit at least 100 students from UNB.

The program, which will be introduced at a gathering on campus soon, pushes students towards being young leaders by showing that they are motivated and are self-starters.

"There are 1000 people in NB who are in the program at the various stages. But we would like to double that number in N.B.," said Mike Gange, Chairman for the York-Sunbury-Queens County region.

"When I graduated from UNB in 1978, I had never heard about the Duke of Edinburgh Award. When I heard about it, I was 28 and it was too late for me. But I decided to do everything I could to make sure other youths knew about it," he said.

The program is open for students aged 14-25, of any ability and motivation.

"The program encourages young achievers to be the kinds of students who are at the top of the pile for acceptance to university and this kind of achievement looks good on a resume," Gange explained.

The award was designed in 1956 by Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh, to recognize youths who have

contributed greatly to their community and who are enrolled in the program.

The program first came to Canada in 1963 when two New Brunswick youths received the award. The program officially began in Canada in 1964 and has been growing ever since.

The bronze, silver and gold awards each require four levels of service.

Level one involves duty to the community such as working on a student newspaper, student council or another volunteer related job.

Level two deals with expedition and exploration and requires some basic training before going out into the woods.

A skills program to learn to play a musical instrument, computer programming or a starting a new lifestyle is part of level three.

Physical fitness is part of level four and includes taking part in an aerobics class to keep fit and being active.

The gold award includes an addi-

tional level of a residential project to be completed by the person.

It takes at least six months to earn the bronze award with a minimum age requirement of 14 years. This award is presented by the mayor of the community where the young achiever lives and their name is

added to a book of young achievers in the community.

The silver award is presented by the Lieutenant-Governor in June and the young achiever has his name added to a book of young achievers in NB.

The young achiever is invited to

receive a gold award from a member of the Royal family. Their name is also added to a book of young achievers in Canada.

For more information on the "Duke of Edinburgh Award" program, contact Michael Gange at 453-9987.

Changes in election voting procedures affect students

by Cheryl McLean

registrar's office to Ottawa.

You will then receive a voting kit which contains three envelopes.

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Insert this into the second envelope with your signature and place all this in the third.

When Ottawa receives this, they

toss the first envelope, scan the bar code on the second and check your signature to assure that you will only vote once. Finally, your secret ballot goes untampered into the ballot box.

This is more convenient than in the past, where one used to have to vote by proxy which involved getting another person to vote for you. As well, you needed to run around getting the official seal.

For more information, contact your Elections Canada office or phone 1-800-267-VOTE.

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danger that if they change their minds about going through a trial or if the police simply choose not to believe their side of the story, they are being charged with a criminal offense."

In another case, Shepherd said a woman was brutally beaten and raped. She twice spotted the rapist in downtown Saint John and called the police. They did not respond. She eventually moved out of the province.

Shepherd said these types of incidents are not isolated cases but part of a backlash against women speaking out about violence. She said that rape has a lower false reporting rate than any other crime.

"If the police are to be believed, we have an absurdly high average of women crying rape," said Shepherd. "Frankly, we just don't believe that the women are lying."

Valerie Kilfoil of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women claims Fredericton police made their position very clear earlier this summer.

"During a radio interview on August 12, Inspector Haines said the Fredericton police discussed the increase in the number of sexual assaults being reported. He said they decided at this departmental meeting to start charging women with false reporting," she said.

"I just don't see the logic in that line of thinking. I see the sexism and stereotyping...but not the logic," Kilfoil said.

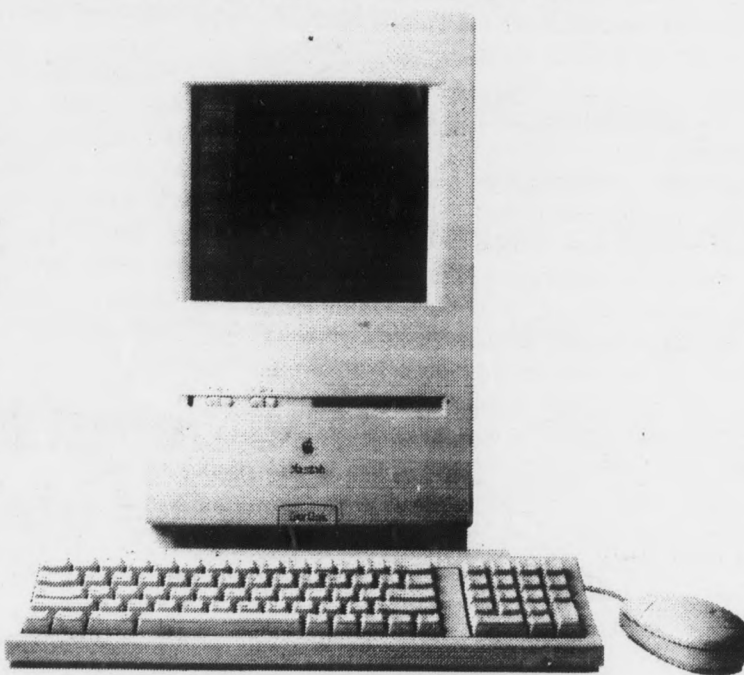
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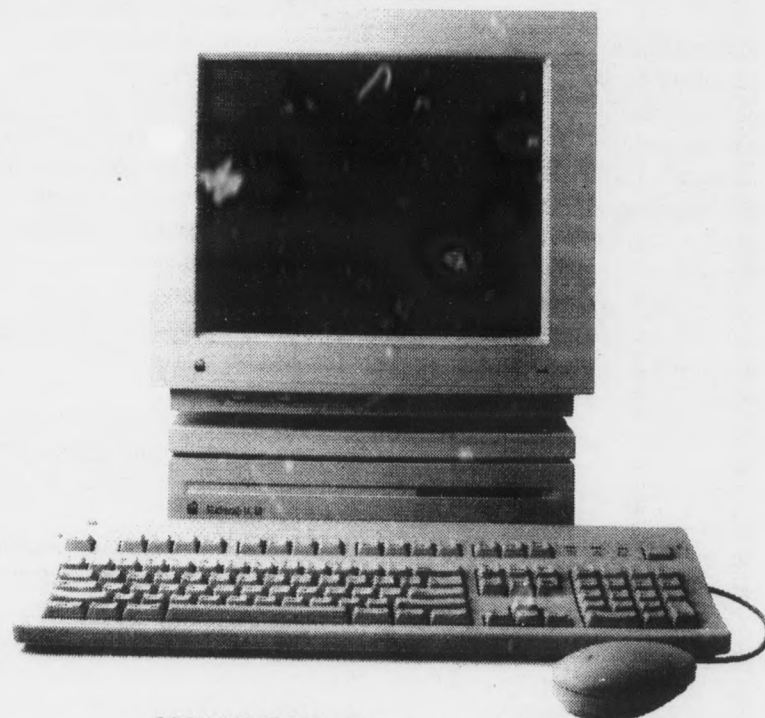
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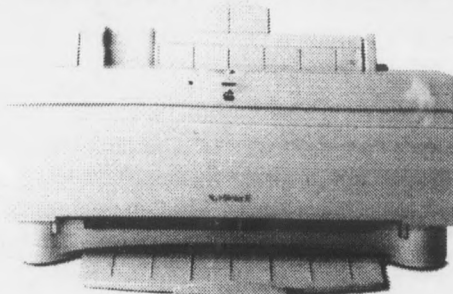
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