

Newsbits

By Gordon Loane

Prof leaves for Dean at U. Sask

Dr. Mark Tremblay, a Kinesiology Professor at UNB Fredericton since 1994, has been recruited to become Dean of the newly-created College of Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan.

Tremblay becomes the second UNB professor to recently join the University of Saskatchewan in a senior academic post.

Dr. Kenneth Coates, recently left his post as Dean of Arts at UNB Saint John to become the new Dean of Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan.

City vacancy rate low

Despite the construction of a number of new apartment buildings in Fredericton, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) is reporting a drop in the vacancy rate in the city to 1.3 per cent in 2000.

The CMHC considers a three to five per cent vacancy rate to be healthy but anything under two per cent to be a shortage.

Fredericton has the lowest vacancy rate east of Ottawa and the tenth lowest vacancy rate in Canada, according to the CMHC.

Fredericton rents highest in NB

When it comes to price, apartments in the City of Fredericton are the most expensive in New Brunswick and second only to Halifax in the Atlantic region.

According to statistics compiled by CMHC and the City of Fredericton's Planning Department, the average monthly rent for a three bedroom apartment in the city is \$725.

The average price for a two-bedroom apartment is just under \$600.

But the average cost of an apartment varies depending on its location within the City of Fredericton.

The average cost of an apartment on Fredericton's Southside, near the downtown area and the UNB and St. Thomas campuses, is \$600.

But in the northwest of the City the price averages \$514 monthly and drops to an average of \$470 monthly in the northeast of the City.

Summer Employment Applications

UNB and STU students interested in summer employment with the City of Fredericton's Community Services Department (Recreation, Parks and Trees) should submit applications before Friday, March 16th.

Jobs are available in field and park maintenance, day camps, playgrounds, and for life guards/instructors.

Application forms are available at the City Recreation Office, Saunders Street; the Human Resources Department, City Hall; or at the Fredericton Indoor Pool, Carrington Lane.

Willms picked as senior scholar

Dr. J. Douglas Willms, Director of the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy at UNB Fredericton will serve as senior scholar for the university on a new five year, two million, four-university research network being set up to analyze data about today's children.

"This research network will provide a unique exchange of information to help ensure we continue to improve the development of our policies to support children and families," Federal Human Resources Minister Jane Stewart said in making the announcement.

At UNB, Dr. Willms will focus on the "risk factors" that can predict undesirable life outcomes and the protective factors that buffer children from the consequences of inadequate environments.

The research network includes UNB, the University of Montreal, McMaster University and the University of British Columbia.

Data will also come from a number of sources including the federal governments' National Longitudinal Survey of Children and youth.

Deveraux to receive award

UNB Alumnus Andy Devereaux will receive the Distinguished Friend of Education Award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) next Monday, January 29th at their annual conference in Quebec City.

The award is presented to the volunteer who has made outstanding contributions to, or on behalf of, education in CASE District 1.

The Award honours an individual whose extraordinary leadership has influenced an institutional cause or the cause of education in general.

Last year, Devereaux donated \$1 million to UNB's Associated Alumni with the express purpose of encouraging and involving the alumni in promoting the interests of UNB and its well-being.

Thomists' founder to be honoured

A long-time St. Thomas University professor, Dean of Men, artist and founder of the "Thomists," Harry Rigby, will be honoured tomorrow night at the annual St. Thomas University Gala Dinner.

Natural Gas Conference

UNB Engineering students have organized a conference on the natural gas industry, which is taking place today at the Wu Conference Centre.

"On Friday, January 26th (today) we will bring together engineers who are working on all aspects of the natural gas project," said Conference Chairwoman Julie Beaulieu, a fourth year UNB Mechanical Engineering student.

"They will discuss technical issues surrounding natural gas, including how it works, how you get to it, and what engineers do on the job," she explained.

Engineering Competition Tomorrow

The 17th Annual Atlantic Engineering Competition will be held at UNB Fredericton, Saturday, January 27th (tomorrow).

The top two winners in each category are eligible to compete at the Canadian Engineering Competition in March.

Prospective engineering students, employers and the general public are invited to view the student presentations tomorrow in Head Hall from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Further information about the competition can be obtained by calling co-Chairs Julie Beaulieu at 459-5349 or Tom Gilmore at 461-9807.

Yearbook Deadline Looms

UNB graduates and clubs and societies on campus are reminded that the deadline to submit photos for inclusion in the 2001 UNB yearbook is fast approaching.

The deadline for clubs and societies photos is next Wednesday, January 31st.

UNB 2001 graduates have until Monday, February 5th to submit grad photos.

Students wishing more information can visit the UNB yearbook office, Room 32 of the SUB, call 452-6005 or e-mail tanya03@hotmail.com.

Vacancies in UNB SU

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Eight applications were received by the deadline earlier this week to fill two vacant Vice-Presidential positions on the UNB Student Council.

According to UNB Student Union President Charles Goguen five students have applied to be Vice-President External, including three current SU Councilors - Stephen Banks (Business), Peter Fotheringham (BA/BCS) and Maria Barrett-Morris (Arts).

Other applications for VP External were received from Clinton Fitzpatrick, a third year Business student and Kate Whitfield, a fourth year Geological Engineering student.

Meanwhile, three applications were received by the deadline for Vice-President University Affairs, including two from current SU Councilors - Nalini Iype (Arts) and Scott Deschenes (Engineering).

Jason Atkins Beyea, a fourth year Biology-Psychology major also wants to be Vice-President University Affairs.

Council is expected to review the applications and make final decisions on filling both VP positions this week.

Both VPs will serve until their current term of office expires on May 1, 2001.

The vacancies occurred because of the resignation of VP University Affairs Joe Allen and the impeachment of VP External Michael Rudderham.

UNB Fredericton appointment a first

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Susan Mesheau, was appointed the first Director of Student Recruitment and Integrated Marketing for the Fredericton campus of UNB, effective January 2nd.

In announcing the appointment, UNB President Elizabeth Parr-Johnston said, "Both of our campuses have a great deal to offer in terms of the quality and the range of academic programs, research initiatives and service to the community... That's why we are reorganizing ourselves in both Fredericton and Saint John to strengthen our recruitment, marketing and communications programs."

The new unit, staffed by people from the Office of Development and Public Relations and the Office of the Registrar (Fredericton), will provide leadership, planning and co-ordination of marketing, student recruitment, advertising and communications, as well as community and public relations at UNB Fredericton.

Mesheau, a Sackville, New Brunswick native and longtime employee of the NB Department of Investment and Exports, Tourism Division, was most recently the manager of the tourism advertising and communications unit within the Department. She joined the government in 1977 and has directed numerous integrated marketing campaigns which resulted in significant growth in the province's tourism revenues.

Her breadth of knowledge covers strategic marketing program development and implementation, market research, public-private sector partnerships, public relations and product development.

"I believe that this university... deserves to have a more distinguished image and respected reputation than is currently the case. A comprehensive marketing program grounded in UNB's very real strengths will reap dividends in student recruitment and retention, financial support and positive

awareness," Mesheau indicated.

Mesheau holds a BA from Mount Allison University, an accredited print manager's diploma from the International Business Education Centre in Toronto, and has completed marketing programs at York and Queen's universities.

NSERC to spend \$32,000,000

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The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) is introducing significant changes to its Strategic Projects Grants Competition and plans to spend \$32 million to stimulate research in five areas.

The areas include Biosciences, Environment and sustainable development, information and communications technologies, value added products and processes and so-called "new directions."

"We've made a special effort to upgrade the eligible areas to accommodate some of the most exciting new developments in science and engineering," said Janet Walden, NSERC's Director General of Research Partnerships in a prepared released earlier this week.

"NSERC is especially interested in encouraging participation by those involved in interdisciplinary research where ideas are converging from what were once seen as unconnected areas of

research," she said.

The changes are effective for the new round of applications due April 15th, 2001.

The Council approved the new strategic areas following a three month review that included a literature study as well as consultation with leaders in the academic, industrial and government sectors.

Each new project submitted to NSERC must have at least one non-academic partner.

Money is not a necessary condition of this involvement but the primary requirement is that a partner exchange information and expertise with the research term.

Under the "New Directions" category, funding for projects in emerging areas will be considered by NSERC even if there is no obvious partner for the research.

The new descriptions of the eligible categories of research can be found on the NSERC website which can be found at www.nserc.ca/programs/resguide/a7_e.htm.

Rosy finances for UNB Associated Alumni

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UNB's Associated Alumni completed the 1999-2000 fiscal year that ended April 30, 2000 on a sound financial footing.

In his report to the UNB Associated Alumni's 137th Annual General Meeting, held last Saturday, Treasurer Richard Scott reported an excess of revenue over expenditures for the 1999-2000 fiscal year of \$156,801.26.

Combined with a cumulative balance of \$27,959.87 in the Consolidated Budget for Alumni Activities, which is funded jointly with the University, the Association already has sufficient funds in advance to meet its \$167,000 commitment to the Consolidated Budget for 2000-2001.

During the 1999-2000 fiscal year, the Associated Alumni derived revenues from donations, grants, insurance arrangements with Monnex and Manulife, diploma frames, affinity cards, advertising and other miscellaneous income.

In addition to \$184,761.13 in surplus funds from operations, the Alumni has other

assets including an Alumni General Fund of some \$142,000, a special fund of \$55,000 and marketable securities of \$50,000.

In his annual report, UNB Associated Alumni Executive Director Bob Skillen outlined a number of new developments in addition to the new strategic plan and a \$1 million donation to the Association from alumnus Andy Devereaux.

"Largely as a result of the work that was begun during 1999-2000 an Ontario Student Recruitment campaign was launched and the office of Student Recruitment and Integrated Marketing was conceived," Skillen said.

In addition, a Meloche Monnex fellowship was awarded to the Association through the person of Athena Kreiner.

Kreiner worked with the Association to help organize various activities at last summer's Homecoming 2000 Alumni Celebration.

"I was invited on to the executive group of the University," Skillen reported. "This development moved the alumni agenda closer to the heart of the university's decision making centre," he continued.



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Home of the highest tides in the world, the Bay of Fundy is also a beautiful place to visit. Just don't go there in the winter - it's cold!

The Brunswickan will hold its Annual General Meeting on February 2, 2001 at 12:30pm in Room 35 of the Student Union Building. If you are interested in how this company works - feel free to stop by. All current staff members are asked to attend, as well as Board members.

