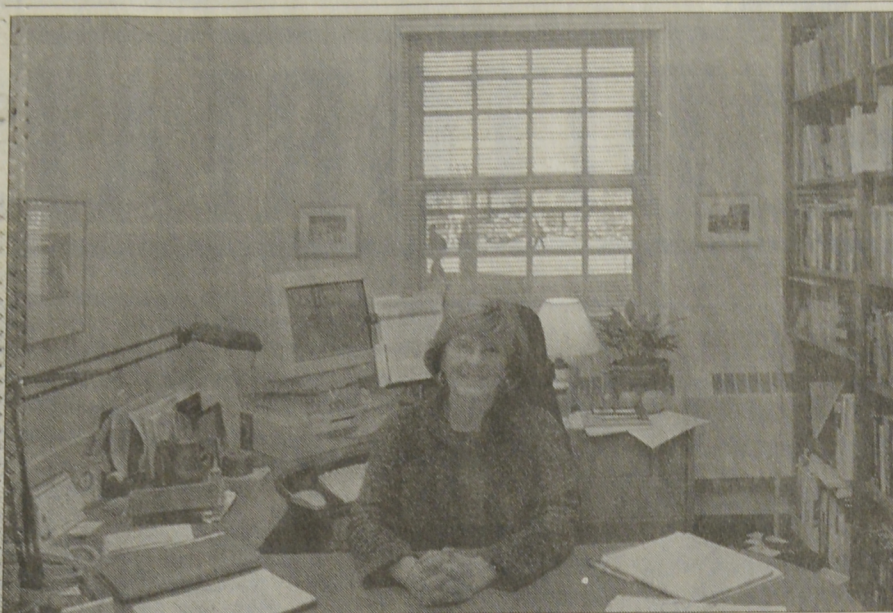




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Aside from teaching, this UNB prof flew off to the Netherlands last month to deliver her paper to researchers from all over the globe.

The Netherlands

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This conference, which involved approximately four hundred delegates from all over the world, was Rideout's first international conference.

The theme of the conference was 'The Net, Work, and Theory' and Rideout said it was a great way to make contacts from around the world.

"We share research with each other and it always helps to see who is out there

researching similar topics," said Rideout.

The paper Rideout presented was 'Community Access and the Digital Divide: With Maritime Subtitles' which is a paper that she has been working on for the last two years and the second she has written for publication in a journal.

"I went because this is part of my work as an academic," said Rideout. "Part of my requirement as a professor is to contribute to the academic and research community and I wanted to see who was

doing research in my area of interest, also, I love research."

To be chosen for this conference, those interested had to submit abstracts for their ideas six months in advance and were then chosen through by committee.

Conference organizers were looking for papers they could publish in books as well as view new research.

Part of the conference involved what the theme for next years' conference would be which will be hosted by the University of Toronto next fall. Rideout has been asked to help organize the next conference.

With government officials being represented from various European countries, Rideout feels that when made aware of some of the issues, there is the opportunity for policies and regulations to be developed; she also noted that usually these conferences do influence policy even though it may not be seen right away.

Rideout's paper focused largely on the digital gap that divides "those who have access to communications and information technology, and those who do not." She explained how this applies to communities, individuals, and small business.

"If the gap widens more in areas and regions then we will have to expect more uneven development. The East Coast has always been the part of the country that has lagged as it has relied on natural resources such as fishing, agriculture, and mining," said Rideout.

She believes this is reflected in decreased household income and higher levels of unemployment.

"These are problems that are found all over the world and are not being addressed by federal or provincial governments," remarked Rideout.

A professor here since 1998, Rideout received her PhD and Masters in Sociology, as well as a B.A Honours in Sociology and Film Studies.

Rideout says that her teaching is influenced by her research and she feels "it helps make it real."

She hopes that for her students, teaching and research is interesting and fun as well.

"I try hard to bring in what is going on and to bring that to the students at UNB, it's useful to discuss things about the other parts of the world," said Rideout.

Where education itself is concerned, Rideout feels it's good to be foolish too, you can't always be serious."

Beyond the relaxed breathing techniques and yoga exercises she uses to bring down the anxiety for her students, Rideout reminds them of her mantra as a student was when it came to exams: "I know this shit... I know this shit... I know this shit."

Installment

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firmly believes that UNB must subscribe and maintain high standards in order to attract and retain talented people. He believes that it is critical to UNB's and New Brunswick's success.

"Bright, ambitious, high-achieving people are attracted by others like themselves. Organizations such as UNB that subscribe to high standards and work to meet them are magnets for those who share the same goals," said McLaughlin.

After the new president's address the crowd was treated to what can only be described as a breathtaking display by New Brunswick's own Freeman Patterson. Patterson's six minute slideshow of images taken at his home in the Kingston Peninsula combined with music provided by Robert Gass, captivated the entire gathering. As a thousand people looked watched the show and listened to Gass's *The Journey Home* the only other sound was the clicking of the slide projectors.

Shauna Cole was one of the Bachelor of Arts graduates who received their degrees during the fall convocation.

Cole was very pleased with Dr. McLaughlin.

"I was very impressed with the new president. Two thumbs up," said Cole. Students' Representative Council (SRC) Vice-President Finance, Angela Sherman, was also very impressed with Dr. McLaughlin.

"His speech was very inspiring. We [SRC] look forward to working with Dr. McLaughlin. I firmly believe that Dr. McLaughlin will make a significant difference not only for this campus and for the university as a whole, but also for the province," said Sherman.

Dr. Richard Sigurdson, Chair of the Political Science Department at UNB wished the new president luck in pursuing his plans for UNB.

"He's got a very ambitious plan for UNB and I wish him the best of luck. If anyone can do it, he can," said Sigurdson.

Freeman Patterson doesn't believe he will recall what Dr. McLaughlin said during the ceremony, but what will stay with him is the new president's enthusiasm. "I won't remember what he said but I will remember that his passion was very real," said Patterson.

Grads

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well as many different foundations and groups.

The convocation address delivered by Dr. Frazee, focused on the situation faced by disabled people in Canada and internationally.

Speaking of well-known stories described in the media, her personal experiences, and the stories of those whom she has talked to, she addressed the problems and solutions of many issues dealt with every day by those disabled.

The Conferring of Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctor's of Philosophy presented by the University Orator Stephen E. Patterson and the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Edmund Biden finished the presentation ceremony. Following this was the Welcome to New Alumni, and the concluding remarks by UNB President John McLaughlin who was officially installed the following evening in Saint John.

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"Some people said they weren't against the Women in Engineering Society, they were voting no because the societies constitutions were too similar. Others were voting no because they felt it was promoting [sex] segregation... it was a decision of the council, I have to support it," said Whitfield.

The executives of WES were disappointed in hearing about the SU's lack of support and understanding. Whitfield also mentioned that perhaps the SU should have provided more guidance to WES after last year's denial in the hopes of getting them recognized in the future.

LeBlanc also remarked on the decision as felt by the executive.

"We are all very disappointed and feel that a lack of knowledge of what we're all about was a major factor in this decision."

Women in Engineering Society, along with its many male members, will still be operational this year, despite Student Union support.



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