

# 2M more for UNB research

*MP views a need for a greater emphasis on social science research*

by Kora Stapelfeldt

MP Andy Scott announced some serious federal funding for UNB on Wednesday.

The federal government is giving the university an additional two million dollars to support two new Canada Research Chairs.

Of the two million, 1.9 million comes from the Canada Research Chairs program and \$150 000 in infrastructure funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation.

"The importance of science and innovation in underpinning our economic development goes without saying," said Scott. "We are fostering a culture of innovation."

David Gantz and Yonghao Ni were congratulated by Scott as recipients of the Canadian Research Chairs of Humanities Computing and Pulp and Paper Science and Engineering, respectively.

"I wish Ni and Gantz all the best in

their research," said Scott.

Scott affirmed the Canadian Government's role in empowering Canadian researchers as he believes this will allow them to "continue to further Canada's contribution to world knowledge."

The MP also announced more federal funding coming from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

CIDA is funding an initiative that allows UNB to help Cuba develop a biomedical engineering education program.

They will contribute \$750 000 over a period of six years to create a national biomedical engineering graduate studies program.

"This project will support Cuba's efforts to improve its health system by developing expertise in technology," said Scott.

This federal program allows universities across Canada to share their expertise with the rest of the world.

Scott was extremely pleased with this funding as he stated its necessity across the globe.

"We live in an interdependent world, problems and poverty, and environmental degradation know no

borders," viewed Scott.

"We are in this together, and we all have to work together if we are going to survive, and thrive."

Moreover, \$247 800 has been awarded to support five students at UNB through Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Fellowships.

Scott congratulated the successful applicants and said the training of these Canadians will help ensure the universities will be able to fill over 16,000 faculty positions that are left from the retiring professors.

"I also think more emphasis needs to be placed on social science research," said Scott. "The needs are real."

"Much of what we claim as quality of life speaks to the Humanities and Fine Arts."

## Direct Action at UNB

by Brendan Doyle

Last Tuesday, UNB was the site for 'Direct Action' with militant activist and Former Lifer Ann Hansen.

"We didn't see ourselves as a vanguard, but we thought we had something to contribute," Hansen told listeners.

Formed by Hansen and four others as a response to political apathy and lack of public consultation, the group was responsible for a number of bombings in the Vancouver area and the bombing of a Litton Systems plant in Toronto.

Direct Action wanted to "change things ourselves and create alternative communities that will eventually replace society," said Hansen.

Fed up after grassroots methods failed to change plans for B.C. Hydro's Cheekye-Dunsmuir transmission line project, the group blew up four substations near Squamish, BC in May 1981.

In October 1982, Direct Action drove a van full of explosives to a Litton Systems plant producing guidance systems for American cruise missiles. Police were called after guards noticed

*Scarce heard amid the guns below...*



Peter Cook/The Brunswickan

Rememberance Day celebrations were held at the Cenitaph where a moment of silence took place at 11am.

the van and a suspicious package. Shortly afterwards, the electronically timed explosives went off, injuring seven people. Hansen suspects the high frequency radio traffic set off the explosives early.

Hansen was also part of the Wimmis Fire Brigade. This group was responsible for firebombing three Red Hot Video stores in and around Vancouver. The stores were selling violent pornography depicting women being raped and humiliated. Within a year of the bombings, all but one of the stores had shut down or changed their name.

Of the five members of Direct Action, only Hansen was given a life-sentence for her role in the bombings and an

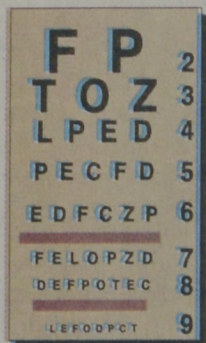
armed robbery that never materialized. She is out on parole after seven years, publicizing her new book, *Direct Action: Memoirs of an Urban Guerilla*.

Hansen said the actions were "certainly effective in a limited sense," citing increased participation in rallies and protests as demonstrative of public support.

After a 30-minute video detailing the group's exploits, Hansen spoke about direct action and its role in changing society, specifically in terms of globalization. She feels that "militant direct action catalyzed the event [WTO Protest in Seattle in 1999] and forced

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