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UNB creates new college

*Emphasis to be placed
on e-learning
opportunities*

by Samantha Robichaud

UNB introduced its new College of Extended Learning with a launching ceremony at the Wu Centre on February 28th.

The new college is a reflection of the intent to expand the goals of the former Department of Extension and Summer Session. It is self-sufficient but works under the programs and policies of UNB.

Dr. Judith Potter, director of the college, said the creation was "a statement of commitment on the part of the university." She explained that the creation was basically "a scope and scale issue - we're broadening out into a number of new areas."

The emphasis of the college will be on providing continuing education, especially for professionals, as well as e-learning opportunities.

Dr. Elizabeth Parr-Johnston said at the launching ceremony that the creation of the College of Extended Learning "marks UNB's entrance into a more comprehensive program of life-long learning opportunities."

The launching ceremony featured speeches by Potter, Parr-Johnston, and the incoming president Dr. John McLaughlin. Congratulatory remarks were also offered by Premier Bernard Lord and Dr. Claire Morris, Deputy Minister of Human Resources Development Canada.

Lord indicated he is very interested in the new college, as he sees it to be an example of what he is attempting to achieve in the new government prosperity plan. "Extraordinary things are happening here at UNB...as a government we just want to support that," said Lord.

McLaughlin is also enthusiastic about the development. "This college as a vehicle of the university can make just a critical contribution to the social, economic and cultural development of



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Dr. Judith Potter is the director of the new College of Extended Learning.

this province," said McLaughlin.

According to Potter, partnerships between the college, other institutions, and private industry are central to the college's future. She also said that many of the new programs in development are essentially a coordination of private and university resources centralized at the school. "We provide the support and the university certificate... what we're doing

is marrying our strengths" said Potter.

The college is financially self-sufficient and Potter hopes it will generate additional revenue for the university in the future.

"Our goal is to contribute more to the finances of the university... we have a fairly ambitious business plan and we're targeting to double our revenue over the next five years," said Potter.

UNB team takes on model NATO

by Chris Wilson-Smith

Six UNB history students had a "rewarding" experience at last week's First Annual Model NATO Conference at Carleton University in Ottawa.

The conference included teams from across Canada and the United States representing all 19 NATO member nations and eight of its 27 partner countries.

The organizers of the event aimed to expose student participants to the role, structure, and major issues facing NATO today.

After just over three days of mock deliberations, students formulated security policy and reacted to simulated crises. To help prepare the students for their respective roles, each team was briefed extensively by the embassy staff of their chosen country.

UNB's "Russian" team, composed of Annette Cunningham and Matt Holland, won First place in the Partner Country category, for their handling of a terrorist attack on an Armenian nuclear plant.

The "Armenian" team of Bryant Harte and Marc McLaughlin came in third for their handling of the same crisis.

UNB also took second place for Steven Bagnell's conduct as the "Ukraine" representative during an international coup attempt by chemical weapon-armed generals.

UNB's sixth representative, Jonathan Hyra, was also acknowledged by conference organizers for volunteering to help reconstitute the Spanish delegation after a Guelph University team had to cancel.

Without Spain, a full NATO member, the simulation could not be entirely accurate.

"Our team learned the process on the run and combined it with their thorough research into their countries' background and policies," said History Department faculty advisor Lee Windsor.

The awards were granted based on the participants' knowledge of foreign and defence policies in their chosen nations, their ability to remain in that national character, and their diplomatic conduct during the four-day-long mock NATO Summit.

"I think the awards our team received speak for themselves," said Windsor.

Throughout the simulated crises, the UNB team repeatedly found themselves at the centre of events as they worked through solutions which would assure both NATO security and that of the countries still in the Russian sphere of influence.

During the climax of deliberations, the UNB Russian-Ukrainian-Armenian Bloc stormed out of the sessions to demonstrate their concerns over NATO intervention in Russia's backyard. Observing in the background was Canada's Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO Headquarters who noted that the UNB teams acted "totally in character."

"Working with the actual Russian embassy staff in Ottawa was the highlight for me. The Russian Military Attache even joined us at the student reception to pass on advice about breaking events," said Russian "Defence Minister" Annette Cunningham.

Armenian "Foreign Affairs Minister" Bryant Harte said afterwards, "We showed that UNB can compete on an equal footing with the best schools in the country."

UNB gets cash from feds

by Stephanie Brunet

Allan Rock, Federal Minister of Industry, was in Fredericton last week to announce that UNB will receive \$2.5 million toward the indirect costs related to federally funded research.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

CRIMINAL: A PERSON WITH PREDATORY INSTINCTS WHO HAS NOT THE SUFFICIENT CAPITAL TO START A CORPORATION.

HOWARD SCOTT

This onetime investment is part of a 200 million dollar federal initiative, aimed at defraying the costs that arise from research projects.

"This investment in our universities is designed to ensure that [they] can continue to generate the greatest benefits from the federal government's investment in research," said Rock in a press release.

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, and the Canadian Institutes of Health and Research are the three Granting Agencies that supply federal awards on the UNB campuses. The distribution of the government's \$200 million is based on past federal research awards awarded to universities by these agencies and is proportional to university size, allowing more funding for smaller universities. The exact amount of \$2,537,726 represents about half of the approximately \$5 million of federally funded research conducted on both UNB campuses.

Currently UNB is absorbing the indirect costs of research that are not covered by federal funding. These costs include ethics review boards, and health and safety related to research projects, as well as heating, electricity, and space maintenance required by

researchers. According to Dr. Jack Passmore of the UNB chemistry department, professors have fewer resources available to aid their research, as well as fewer funds with which to pay for these necessities. Passmore admits that there is a greater burden on himself and other researchers at the university; "We do not have the support staff that we once had" said Dr. Passmore.

Dr. Passmore voiced his opinion concerning the allocation of the funds received from the federal government on Global news last week. His fear is that the funds will not be fairly allocated to the over 400 research projects that are in part supported by the federal granting agencies. He is afraid that a lack of strict allocation will spread the funds too thin, or worse not allow them to go to research at all. "There is tremendous pressure on this money, and there is a great chance of it not [serving the purpose for] which it was meant." His hope is that there is a fair and democratic approach that can be taken towards the distributed of these funds to ensure that it goes to the people and places that need it most. However Dr. Passmore is confident that the incoming administration at UNB will allow for a fair method of

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UNB's Model NATO team was successful at the recent competition in Ottawa. The team was formed by, from left to right (front row): Jonathan Hyra (Spain, formerly Ukraine); Matthew Holland (Russia); Annette Cunningham (Russia); and Stephen Bagnall (Ukraine). (Back row): Bryant Harte (Armenia); Lee Windsor (Faculty Advisor); and Mark McLaughlin (Armenia).

The Brunswickan "Word of the Week":
Quixotic: Idealistic to an impractical degree.



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