

Mature Student Orientation session introduces students to university mid-year

(UNBPRI) It's never too late to learn - or to get started. Mature students who are considering a return to the classroom at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton don't have to wait until next fall for an orientation session or to register. They can start the new year with one or more degree-credit courses and take advantage of a special orientation session being offered Jan. 13, 1992.

The Mature Student Orientation session, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm in the lounge of the Alumni Memorial Building, will introduce new students 24 years of age and over to others like themselves as well as mature students already at university.

"The newcomers will have opportunities to ask questions, get the real story on how to settle in, and share an enjoyable evening with new friends," says Judith Potter, program director for adult learner services in the department of extension and summer session at UNB.

"Members of CAMPUS, the organization for part-time and mature UNB students, will be available to greet newcomers;

and university representatives will also be on hand to talk about available services and to encourage their use," Ms Potter added. No preregistration is required, and partners are also welcome to attend the event.

UNB has sponsored Mature Student Orientation for many years, but the session in January will mark the first time it has been offered outside of September. "People learn life-long and year-long," explained Potter. "The January orientation session recognizes that learning doesn't only take place at a certain time of life, during a certain time of year, or in a certain place."

Programs, course offerings and services are continually reviewed and revised to accommodate the needs of adult learners. Students starting in January may choose introductory courses on such subjects as languages, financial accounting, writing, business ethics and others.

Individuals with geographical locations, physical disabilities, family demands or occupational circumstances that make it difficult to attend courses on campus may wish to

take advantage of guided independent study through the open access learning program.

Courses in the program usually consist of a manual, audiotaped material, readings, assignments and tests. Students in the program can consult with a university tutor as necessary and work at their own pace within a time limit prescribed by the credit value of the course.

To assist those whose skills may have gotten a little rusty, the department of extension and summer session provides a writing and study skills program. People considering university study can consult a tutor about any learning concern or choose from several Saturday workshops related to strategies for learning. Last year, about 140 people sought individual help and approximately 550 participated in workshops.

For further information on the orientation session or the writing and study skills program contact Judith Potter at UNB's department of extension and summer session in the Wu Conference and Continuing Education Centre on the Fredericton campus, 453-4646.

Course on Canadian Constitution being offered

(UNBPRI) The supreme law of the land is how the Constitution of Canada is described - yet many Canadians understand very little about it. A course, entitled Canada's Constitutional Crisis: What Does It Mean for Atlantic Canada?, is being offered by the department of extension and summer session at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton to help expand that understanding.

The Constitution's pivotal documents and conventions, which are at the root of the current constitutional crisis, define not only the powers and structure of the government of this country but also the rights and freedoms of its people.

The course will help anyone wanting to learn more about the historical roots of Canada's constitutional crisis and the present process of constitutional reform. It will be of special interest to business people and professionals whose work could be affected by the political, legal, and economic implications of the current situation for Atlantic Canada.

Conde Grondin, a professor in UNB's department of political science, will provide instruction for the six sessions on Tuesday evenings, commencing Jan. 21, 1992. In addition to an historical background, the course will cover the amending formula, the Victoria charter, the Constitutional Act of 1982, the Meech Lake Accord, post-Meech Lake developments, and Maritime or Atlantic Union.

A companion course, entitled Canada's Economic Future: An Atlantic Perspective, will be taught by William J. Milne, the first holder of the Vaughan Chair in Regional Economics at UNB, commencing March 10, 1992.

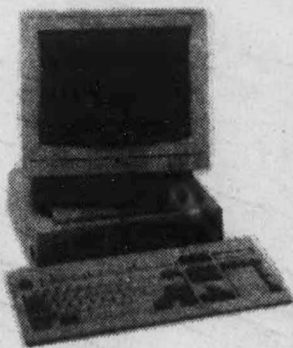
Registration for these courses or any of the over 70 non-degree courses offered by UNB's department of extension and summer session may be done by dropping into the office on Duffie Drive just inside the Montgomery Street entrance to the campus by telephoning 453-4646 or by faxing 453-3572. Additional information may be obtained by calling 453-4646.

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