

Human rights issues affecting youth to be underlined

Fredericton (CNB) - The chairperson of the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission, Constantine Passaris, says he will underline human rights issues affecting youth in 1990.

"In dedicating our efforts to the young people of New Brunswick, we will renew our strength and sharpen our resolve because it is for the benefit of our young men and women that our daily endeavors to protect and promote human rights makes the most sense," he said.

Passaris was speaking following a recent meeting with the Youth Council of New Brunswick at which human rights issues affecting youth were discussed.

He said that, among the concerns of the youth council is the level and quality of services for youth, services from the public, private and financial sectors and discrimination against students by landlords. He said the council is also troubled about the problems disabled youth have with access in schools and government buildings.

"It was particularly distressed

to hear that our young people from the native community are experiencing severe hardships," he said. "They face high suicide rates, lack of employment opportunities and barriers towards educational opportunities."

The New Brunswick Human Rights Act limits action on behalf of the Commission to individuals 19 years of age and above. Passaris said that should be given close scrutiny under the review process currently under way with regard to updating the Act.

"I am determined to see to it that our young people are treated fairly and equitably and that they grow up in an environment that encourages their fullest participation and contribution to society," Passaris said.

"Our youth are New Brunswick's most valuable resource and it is essential their concerns are addressed effectively," he said. "In the final analysis, a society is judged by the opportunities it provides its youth."

"In line with the proactive approach I have initiated, human rights education within

schools, community colleges and universities, as well as enhanced community awareness of human rights issues affecting youth, will be spotlighted throughout the year," he said.

Passaris added that he is pleased with the composition of the council which is made up of youth from all over the

province. "There is representation from the native community, from those of British and French ancestry, from the multicultural minorities and from the disabled community," he said. "Young men and women with a deep sense of commitment to making New Brunswick a better place to live."

He said it is refreshing to see all of New Brunswick's cultural and linguistic communities working together to address and resolve outstanding youth issues.

"I left the meeting with a deep sense of confidence that for New Brunswick the best is yet to come," he concluded.

UNB MBAs are a winning team at competition in Montreal

(UNB - PRI) - Take four fast-thinkers, a coach, a manager and what have you got? A winning team.

The fast thinkers are students in the master of business administration program at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Coached and managed by professors David Ross and Robert MacLeod, they recently placed third out of 18 teams at the National MBA Case Competition in Montreal - no small feat considering that UNB has the newest and second smallest MBA program in Canada.

Team members Ann Bonnell, Colin Corey, Chris Pilgrim and Andrew Steeves each received a \$1,000 scholarship from Pratt and Whitney for their third-place

finish. First and second place were captured by teams from Memorial University in St. John's Nfld., and Laval University in Quebec City, respectively.

The four-day competition was judged by business people in senior management positions from a number of major Canadian corporations.

"One of the greatest benefits of participating in the competition was meeting these industry leaders," said Mr. Pilgrim. "It was also a good opportunity to give our program national exposure."

The preliminary phase of the competition was a round robin with three divisions of six teams. The UNB team swept its division with a perfect 5-0

record, defeating teams from the University of Western Ontario, Concordia University, McGill University, Dalhousie University and the University of Saskatchewan.

Each team had three hours to prepare a case on a specific business problem and develop a 20-minute presentation for a panel of judges. The team with the best win-loss record in each division advanced to the final round where the three top teams competed against each other.

Financial support for the three-day competition was provided by the faculty of administration. This is the third year the UNB has participated in the national competition.



Members of the Master of Business Administration case team at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton recently placed third out of 18 teams at the National MBA Case Competition in Montreal. From left, standing, are Andrew Steeves, David Ross, coach, and Robert MacLeod, manager; seated are Chris Pilgrim, Ann Bonnell, and Colin Corey.

(Photo by Joy Cummings-Dickinson)

Venture Capital Program allows students to open their own summer business

News Release

Fredericton (CNB) -- Students interested in operating their own business this summer will be able to take advantage of the Student Venture Capital Program which makes available interest free loans of up to \$3,000 to offset start-up costs for eligible projects.

The program is a joint initiative of the Department of Labour, the Royal and National banks and regional industrial commissions throughout the province.

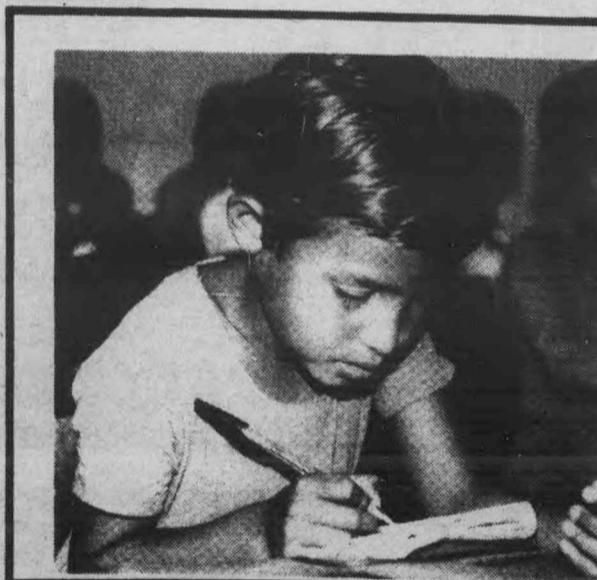
In discussing the merits of the summer employment job creating program, Labour Minister Mike McKee said: "The experience afforded by the Student Venture Capital Program will be of value in whatever career path students choose. If they decide to stay in business for themselves upon graduation, the knowledge attained will be invaluable."

"If entering the workforce is their desire, employers will recognize that a young person who has developed and operated his or her own business obviously has initiative and a determination to do a job well."

He said students should be formulating their ideas now. "It is never too early to start the leg work associated with the operation of a summer business. The more thorough the preparation, the less likely a situation will arise the student is not equipped to handle."

To be considered for a Student Venture Capital Program loan, the applicant must be returning to classes full-time in the fall and be 15 years of age or older. All interested entrepreneurs must complete an application explaining the nature as well as the viability of their proposal. The student will then be required to meet with the local industrial commission to receive counselling on the industry they are planning to enter.

The Royal and National banks become involved by advancing the loans to applicants approved by the Department of Labour.



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