

# The *Venture* Campaign

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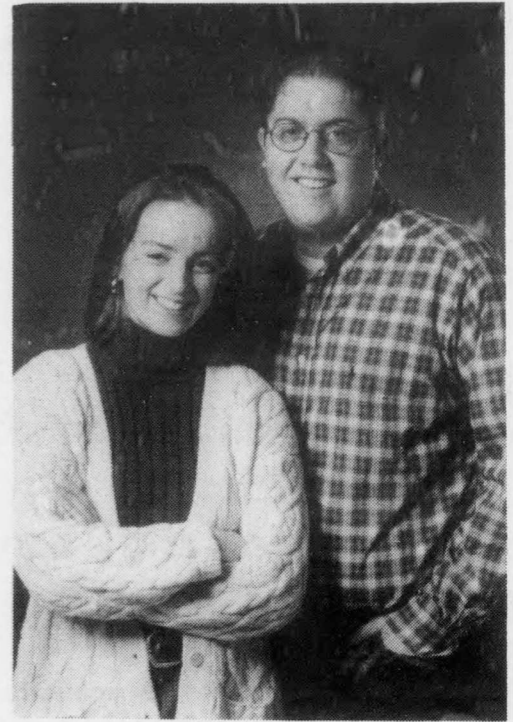
## Student Initiative News

### *A Message from the Student Chairs*

Venture is a university pride campaign. The engineers have pushed to establish an Engineering Endowment Fund as their ongoing contribution to UNB. The Technical Education Society has initiated interest within the education faculty with the donation of a color printer-copier for the use of education students. These efforts are examples of students supporting UNB and **The Venture Campaign**. Through these types of contributions academic life on campus is augmented.

These are only two examples of what has been and can be done. We would like to congratulate these groups on their initiatives and thank them for their support. We encourage you to follow their lead and make your mark.

*Daina Debby and Jeffrey Melanson,*  
Co-Chairs of the Student Initiative of The Venture Campaign



Daina Debby and Jeffrey Melanson

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At the donation ceremony are, from left, David Gray, President of the Technical Education Society; Jeffrey Melanson, Co-Chair of the Student Initiative of The Venture Campaign; and Laverne Smith, Dean of Education.

### Technical Education Society Demonstrates Initiative

Students from the Technical Education Society have recently donated a color printer-copier to the Faculty of Education in conjunction with **The Venture Campaign**.

The students conducted a unique fundraising activity which enabled them to raise the money for the purchase. They worked evenings and weekends developing designs and manufacturing products made of wood to raise the \$2500 needed to purchase the printer-copier. The products, five in all, ranged from a loonie bin to an over-the-sink cutting board. All sales took place in Marshall d'Avray Hall with the majority of purchases being made by education faculty, staff and students.

David Gray, President of the Technical Education Society, noted that Terry and Derek Whalen, the previous President and Vice-President of the technical society, are to be given full credit for this endeavour. "They really came up with the idea and then organized the design, production and sale of the products with the help of Dr. Alfred Steeves," said Mr. Gray.

There were many others involved in the project and it was through their collective effort that they were able to enhance the computer lab and consequently, their educational experience at UNB. ♦

### Engineering Endowment Fund

The Engineering Endowment Fund (EEF) is a student-initiated effort aimed at improving the quality of engineering education at UNB. The EEF will meet this goal by funding student-related activities and by making educational purchases. This initiative represents a new commitment to enhancing undergraduate engineering education at UNB.

Engineering students will be asked if they agree to have a \$50 tax deductible donation added to their student fees next fall at a student referendum to be held in the Head Hall lobby on March 30 and 31. This referendum will give all engineering students the opportunity to decide whether to support the EEF.

Half of the money collected will be placed in a flow-through fund to be spent during the academic calendar year in which it is collected, allowing students to benefit from their own donations. The other half of the money collected will be placed in the Engineering Endowment Fund. Only the interest earned on the EEF will be spent each year.

The flow-through and endowment interest funds will be used to support activities and projects such as the encouragement of innovative student and staff activities, the enhancement of instructional and research facilities and equipment, visits by guest speakers and researchers, undergraduate scholarships, staff self-improvement courses and workshops, special library acquisitions, and enhancement of facilities.

A student advisory committee will decide which projects are to be funded. This committee will review and rank all applications to the fund. The ranking will then be sent to the execu-

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tive committee whose role shall be to give final approval to the list.

This type of student project has already been successful at many other Canadian universities including Waterloo, Toronto, Manitoba, Carleton, Queen's and McGill. Student contributions range from \$50 to \$100. The endowment fund at the University of Waterloo has topped \$1 million and continues to rise. All of the endowment funds are controlled in much the same way as will be UNB's.

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Students interested in becoming involved in the new EEF should contact their department student society president or stop by the EUS office (Room H228) and speak to Andrew Van Wart. ♦

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