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UNB STUDENT UNION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Press Release

The University of New Brunswick has created two scholarships of five hundred dollars apiece to be awarded each fall to two undergraduate students who have made outstanding contributions to student life, the university, and the community at large. The Student Union is very pleased to announce the names of the first two recipients of these scholarships: Carl Burgess of Amherst, Nova Scotia and Riel Givan of Nackawic, New Brunswick.

Carl Burgess is a fourth year student in the Faculty of Administration and is a resident of Bridges House. He has been involved in many aspects of campus life during his years at UNB. He was a member of the Student Union Council for two years, first as a faculty representative in 1987-88 and then as Vice-President (External) in the following year. He is best known for creating the very successful *Varsity-Mania* program which has served to create a renewed and vibrant sense of campus spirit.

Riel Givan is a third year student in the Faculty of Administration and is a resident of Lady Dunn Hall, where she is a member of the House Committee. She began her involvement in campus activity early in her first year at UNB when she participated in the Red 'n' Black Revue. She has continued to participate in both the following years. She has also been involved with Winter Carnival, and the Arts Cabaret. She has been involved during the last two years with UNB's Orientation program and she is a member of the Executive of next year's Orientation. In addition, she is an accomplished dancer, and recently choreographed a production of *Elijah* at St. Dunstan's Church in Fredericton.



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Carl Burgess, Riel Givan and Wayne Carson, Student Union President

COMPUTER SCIENCE TO BECOME UNIVERSITY'S NEWEST FACULTY

by Russell Prime

Computer Science at the University of New Brunswick has been part of the Faculty of Engineering for the past 21 years. However, as the result of a University Senate (Fredericton) meeting held last night, all that is about to change. The Senate accepted the recommendation to UNB President, James Downey, that "The School of Computer Science be accorded Faculty status effective May, 1990."

The School of Computer Science grew to its present state, gradually, beginning as a part of the Department of Electrical En-

gineering, in 1959. The Department of Computer Science was created in 1968, and at the time, it administered only a Master degree.

With the introduction of the Bachelor degree in 1972, the department was re-established as the School of Computer Science. The new degree program responded to the growing need for computer professionals in business and government across the region, and, today, U.N.B. has the largest computer science program in the Atlantic Provinces.

In 1982, the School began developing a Co-Operative Education Program and appointed Professor T.A. Austin to be its

first director. This program allows students to alternate study terms and paid work terms throughout their years at the university, gaining valuable job experience. Beverley Plume, co-ordinator for the program since 1988, said that there are "presently 156 Co-op students". This figure represents close to one-third of the total number of undergraduate students in the school. When Austin was appointed Dean of Students earlier this year, Professor Steven Rauch took over as director for the Co-op program, which continues to expand. Also, the first Computer Science Ph. D. program in the region was introduced at UNB in 1986.

The discussion during the Senate meeting centered on three main issues: Whether Computer Science was distinct enough to become a separate faculty, whether the university could afford the move, and whether a new faculty would be an asset to the university.

When contacted before the meeting, Dana Wasson, Director of the School since its creation, expressed confidence that the Senate would approve the status change. Dr. Wasson believes that the change will enable computer science at U.N.B. to become fully mature.

On Thursday the UNB Board of Governors approved the status change.

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