

News Notes

New Director of Admissions

(STU-PR) Dr. Daniel O'Brien, President of St. Thomas University, has announced the appointment of Mrs. Evelyn R. Swezey to the position of Director of Admissions, effective March 1, 1991.

Recently established, the admissions position responds to significant increases in the number of highly qualified applicants to the University's academic programs. It integrates related functions previously assigned to various officers at the University, and is designed to offer prospective students an admissions service which is both responsive and personal.

As Director of Admissions, Mrs. Swezey will assume responsibilities for all aspects of recruitment and admissions including: distribution to prospective students of information on the University's programs and policies, coordination of the high school relations program, assessment of applicants, maintenance of admissions records, monitoring of admissions trends and supervision of the University's admissions policies. She will also serve as the Entrance Awards Officer.

To the admissions position, Mrs. Swezey brings considerable experience in the University's affairs. As Director of University Relations at St. Thomas since 1981, she has been responsible for recruitment, high school relations, on-campus visits, and special information sessions for part-time and mature students, as well as for media relations, alumni communications and the publication and distribution of promotional materials.

A native of Chatham Head, N.B., Mrs. Swezey is a graduate of St. Thomas. She was valedictorian of the Class of '72 and holds both the Bachelor of Arts, First Class Honors in English Language and Literature, and the Bachelor of Education degrees from the University.

New Director of University Relations

(STU-PR) Dr. Daniel O'Brien, President of St. Thomas University, has announced the appointment of Mr. Mark Giberson to the position of Director of University Relations, effective March 4, 1991.

Recently redefined, the university relations position includes responsibilities for all aspects of communication between St. Thomas and the community as well as for the supervision and management of alumni affairs.

To the position, Mr. Giberson brings extensive public relations experience, particularly in the field of university communications where he is widely recognized as a leader. A professional communicator for some 14 years, his career was launched at St. Thomas in 1976 when he became the University's first Director of University Relations. He served St. Thomas in that capacity until 1981 and has since held positions as Press Secretary for a Member of Parliament, 1982; as Information Officer with the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada 1983-1988; and since 1988, as Manager of Media and Community Relations at Carleton University.

An alumnus of St. Thomas, Mr. Giberson graduated from the University in 1976 with the Bachelor of Arts degree, Honors in History. He has remained a vital member of the St. Thomas Alumni Association and is the founder and chapter president of its Ottawa branch. Since leaving the University in 1981, he has also earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree with high honors from Carleton. A native of Maine, Mr. Giberson is a naturalized Canadian citizen.

First Hispanic - Canadian member

(STU-PR) Nela Rio, Head of the Spanish section, Department of Romance Languages at St. Thomas University, and an internationally recognized Spanish poet, has become the first Hispanic-Canadian member of the Ibero-American Academy of Poetry to be sponsored by the Academy's prestigious Texas Chapter.

An international organization, the Academy has chapters in Spanish American countries as well as in Brazil, the United States, Europe and Asia. It has as its exclusive objective the support, recognition, and study of Spanish poets and the universal distribution of their work.

Following the principles of the Academy, a video recording as well as audio and video cassettes of poetry readings by Rio will be produced. These materials together with Rio's written work will be distributed world wide. On the occasion of the poetry recital by a visiting Spanish poet at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, February 27, 1991; Rio's work together with that of other members of the Academy's Texas Chapter will be presented.

A specialist in Spanish language and Spanish American Literature, Prof. Rio has been a member of the St. Thomas faculty since 1970. She is a native of Argentina and has won international honors as a poet and author.

CAMPUS to host conference

Press Release

Canadian Association of Mature and Part-time University Students has been asked by Canadian Organization of Part-time University Students to host its 1991 Atlantic Regional Conference.

The time chosen for this event is March 15-17 and CAMPUS is looking forward to extending the hand of hospitality to our colleagues and part-time students from throughout the Atlantic region.

The theme for this year's conference is **PARTICIPATION**. Schools from all four

Atlantic provinces are encouraged to send delegates. Students who may have encountered barriers to their participation in campus activities are invited to bring along their problems or concerns.

It is also hoped that administrators who have found special ways to help part-time students deal with some of the obstacles to their education will come to Fredericton and share their insights with participants.

Complete registration packages will be available shortly, but the agenda, to date, in-

cludes a welcome reception on Friday evening, workshops during the day on Saturday, a banquet with special speaker, Associate Dean of Arts Diana Austin on the Saturday evening, and a wind-up breakfast and plenary session Sunday morning before departure.

The registration fee for CAMPUS members will be \$60.00, which will cover the cost of all meals, nutrition breaks, and receptions. The fee for non-members is \$100.00. For further information call CAMPUS at 453-3596.

UNB Amateur Radio Club

Press Release

For several years, the Canadian International Development Agency has sponsored "International Development Day" activities. Since the first Development Day, the UNB Amateur Radio Club has participated actively in this event, by encouraging direct radio contact with students and radio operators in developing lands.

On March 6, 1991, the UNB Amateur Radio Club is once again participating in this Canada-wide activity. Together with a select number of amateur radio stations across the country, a special effort will be made to contact developing nations, and to talk with people around the world.

As in past years, a special events radio station will be set up in Head Hall on the UNB

Campus, where interested on-lookers will be able to talk with people throughout the world. The Canadian Department of Communications is supporting the event by making a special radio call sign available for the day, and radio operators in other countries who contact the UNB station will receive a confirmation report bearing the call sign CZ1UNB.

Nursing competition to be held

(UNB-PRI) - Healthy Public Policy will be the theme this year as the Nursing Alumni Association of the University of New Brunswick holds the second annual Monique Begin Nursing Advancement Award competition.

Intended to challenge student nurses and increase awareness and understanding of the nursing profession in all segments of society, the event will bring nine competitors from university nursing schools across Canada to UNB's Fredericton campus for this year's contest on Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16. Starting at 1 p.m. on Friday,

March 15, each participant will make a 15 minute presentation on the chosen theme before a panel of judges in Room 102 of MacLaggan Hall.

On Friday evening at 8:15, a special lecture will be held in Room 105 of MacLaggan Hall in conjunction with the competition. Carol Kushner, a health care policy consultant, will talk about Producing Health on Purpose: An Explicit Approach to Healthy Public Policy. Ms. Kushner, whose current research interest concerns quality assurance in health care, is the author of the controversial book *Second Opinion: What's Wrong with*

Canada's Health Care System and How to Fix It. Her lecture is open to the public and free of charge.

The competition events will conclude on Saturday, March 16, with a luncheon and awards presentation ceremony at the Fredericton Golf Club. Luncheon tickets are \$15 each and are available from the UNB Nursing Alumni at 453-4642.

The winner of the competition will receive a prize of \$500 provided by the UNB Associated Alumnae. The second prize is \$300, and the third place winner will receive a book.

CFS: Wilson's budget unacceptable

Press Release

Ottawa - In Tuesday's budget, the federal government continued its attack on post-secondary education by extending the present two year freeze on federal transfer payments for universities and colleges to five years.

This will amount to a \$775 million loss for post-secondary education in 1992-93. With this extended freeze, the Conservative government will have cut a total of \$3.8 billion over five years, from 1990-91 to 1994-95.

The Canadian Federation of Student promptly rejected Michael Wilson's budget and said it was unacceptable.

"Students represent Canada's

single most important investment in the future - our ability to compete and prosper", said Jane Arnold, Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students.

"Cutbacks in education during a recession are just one indication of how shortsighted this government really is", continued Arnold.

The post-secondary education system plays a vital role in the nation's economy, a fact recognized in the January 1991 Angus Reid poll, which showed that 93% of Canadians agree that the federal government should continue to fund higher education, and nearly two-thirds of those believe that federal funding should be increased.

In an effort to focus the public's attention on the disastrous consequences this budget will have on the quality and accessibility of post-secondary education, members of the National Executive went on Parliament Hill to respond to the budget announcement.

The Federation has always maintained that federal leadership is essential if Canada is to have a high quality and fully accessible system of post-secondary education.

"What we are witnessing is nothing less than the slow dismantling of Canada's post secondary education system. Canadians will suffer from this government's refusal to carry out its responsibilities", concluded Arnold.