

New Chair established at UNB

(UNB-PRI) Companies need more than the latest technology to succeed in today's competitive marketplace--they must also have the business know-how to manage that technology.

To help Atlantic Canadians achieve this winning combination, the J. Herbert Smith ACOA Chair in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship has been established at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

"Thanks to ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) and the enlightened generosity of a remarkable alumnus, we are able to set up this chair," said James Downey, president of UNB.

The purpose of the chair is to assist industries in Atlantic Canada with technology management. The first holder of the chair is Alan McLean, a professional engineer with a PhD from the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

As chair holder, Dr. McLean plans to develop an academic diploma program in technology management and entrepreneurship for university graduates in engineering and science, as well as individuals working in the private sector. The four-month program will

incorporate existing UNB courses from several disciplines, new courses in the analysis and evaluation of emerging new technologies, and a series of seminars by industry experts.

In addition to the diploma program, which is scheduled to begin in January 1991, Dr. McLean plans to organize a

series of short courses focusing on specific skills and initiate an outreach service to industry.

A former faculty member at the Technical University of Nova Scotia in Halifax, he began his career with the Distillers' Company and the National Engineering Laboratory in Scotland.

In 1973, he co-founded Martec Ltd.--a Nova Scotia company which specializes in contract research in structural engineering, ocean engineering, computer science and environmental studies. He took a leave of absence from his position as company president and CEO to assume

his new duties as chair holder on June 1.

The chair in technology management and entrepreneurship is funded with a five-year start-up grant of \$808,000 from ACOA and will be sustained in perpetuity by a bequest from UNB engineering alumnus J. Herbert Smith.



Chair holder announced - Alan McLean (centre) has been named holder of UNB's new J. Herbert Smith ACOA Chair in Technology Management and Entrepreneurship. With him is Wolfgang Faig, (left) dean of engineering and James Downey (right), UNB president. (Joy Cummings - Dickinson Photo)

New peer support group established

Press Release

When UNB Gay and Lesbian Alliance held its first meeting of the Fall term last year, one of the first issues it addressed was how to serve the needs of that body of students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or just uncertain about their sexuality, but who find the 'public' profile of GALA too daunting a prospect.

The idea of establishing a peer-support and counselling group that would work closely with GALA, but would be less 'public', grew from those initial discussions.

Over the last six months a group of volunteers has come together to establish just such a group. The members are precisely what the name implies, volunteers, with no specialist experience other than the day-to-day experiences of their own lives to share.

Most of the students and their parents whom this peer-support group will be trying to reach are looking for no more than someone to talk to. Others will have more specific needs, and will wish to seek advice on specific issues.

The peer-support group aims to address these diverse

needs by networking with other organizations. The Student Counselling Centre has made its facilities available, and its experienced staff will be on hand for any necessary referrals within their fields of expertise.

Other organizations at UNB and around Fredericton can likewise be called on for specific advice, such as the Rape Crisis Centre, Alcoholics Anonymous, AIDS New Brunswick and the NB Coalition for Human Rights.

The peer-support group can be contacted through the Student Counselling Centre (Alumni Memorial Building),

either by visiting the centre or via a phone-line with 24 hour answering service (Tel. # 453-4820). All enquiries will be treated in the strictest confidence - no membership list or detailed records are kept.

A number of services are offered by the group. The most important is a neutral, friendly and non-judgemental environment where students or their parents can talk about a subject they may find embarrassing or distressing. To an outsider this may seem trite or even trivial, but for someone "coming-out" or with doubts about their sexuality, the matter can be traumatic in

the extreme.

Needless to say, the peer-support group does not see homosexuality as a problem. What it seeks to address are some of the problems created by a society that is at best, indifferent to the needs of homosexuals, or at worst murderous in its intent.

The peer-support group does not set out to change the world or to convert people to its way of thinking. Its aims are to dispel some of the ignorance and offer support to people going through a needlessly lonely and traumatic experience.

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Form and Format: a best-seller

(UNB-PRI) It isn't every day that a five-page, typed set of rules reproduced on a Gestetner machine evolves into a best-seller. But at the English department of the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, that is exactly what has happened with *Form and Format*.

Now the proceeds from this unlikely best-seller will be used to establish a scholarship fund. The new *Form and Format* scholarship fund will award \$1000 to a UNB student in any faculty who has completed one full-year of course work in English and has demonstrated excellence in his

or her studies.

"*Form and Format* began 25 years ago when UNB's English department decided to make available a formal outline of essay rules for in-house use," says Reavley Gair, professor of English and editor of the presentation guide. "At that time, a committee had decided to call it *Presentation of Essays*, but the title was later changed to *Form and Format*." The original edition was designed to be inexpensive and sold for 50 cents. Despite considerable expansion and refinement, the typeset version, 25 years later, sells for only \$1.95.