

## "Study Abroad" program in Barbados and St. Lucia

### Press Release

The University of New Brunswick is offering an intensive, three week program of study in Barbados and St. Lucia in 1992. This year marks the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the new world.

The purpose of this new "Study Abroad" program is to immerse students in the daily life of the Islands and to foster an exchange of ideas with students and faculty at the University of the West Indies. The co-ordinator is Professor Wendy Robbins, of the Department of English.

Students may take one, two or all three courses offered in Anthropology, English and Third World Studies. Estimated travel costs for all three 3-credit hour course tuition fees, round trip air travel and transfers, and accommoda-

tions based on double occupancy are approximately \$2500. The courses offered are Anthropology 3614 - The Caribbean, English 3963 - Studies in West Indian Literature, and Third World Studies 3901 - Music of the West Indies.

Anthropology 6314 - The Caribbean is a course designed to examine the cultural and social roots of selected Caribbean islands, primarily during the colonial period. Topics include slavery, indentured movements, peasant development, and migration. The reactions of Caribbean peoples to colonialism as recorded by story-tellers and singers will be emphasized.

Instructor for this course will be Professor Gail Pool of the Department of Anthropology.

English 3963 - Studies in West Indian Literature will

explore a selection of poems, plays and novels by Anglophone writers from the West Indies including Lamming, Braxton, Walcott, Allfrey, and Rhys. Recurrent Commonwealth themes such as home and homelessness, exile, identity, and race relations will be discussed. This course will be instructed by Professors Anthony Boxill and Wendy Robbins, both of the Department of English.

Third World Studies 3901 - Music of the West Indies investigates the ethno-cultural roots of West Indian music and examines the emergence, development and scope of the more dominant forms such as calypso and reggae. Special emphasis will be placed on their socio-political, literary and performance value. This course will be lead by Professor Dexter Noel of the Department of Spanish.

## Chemistry department to purchase NMR

(UNB-PRI) The chemistry department at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton has received \$325,000 from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) to buy a new nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) spectrometer.

The instrument is used by chemists to gather information about the arrangement of atoms in a sample compound and by physicists to study the physical properties of matter.

"This instrument is a larger version of the one we bought nine years ago," said Zdenek (Denny) Valenta of UNB's chemistry department. "Compared to the older

instrument, the new one will have a much better resolution, work with smaller quantities of material, and complete experiments faster. It will permit studies which we presently cannot undertake at all."

Because the grant will not cover the \$400,000 price tag for the new spectrometer, the department is looking for additional funding.

The demand for the new instrument is great. The older version is in use 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Use is not limited to the chemistry department. Other university departments, such as physics and biology, also utilize it, as well as researchers outside the university community.

NSERC is a government body created to foster scientific research in Canada through research grants and scholarships. It is the country's largest granting agency. The competition is keen for NSERC equipment grants with only about one-third of all applications funded. Applications are reviewed by many committees with the ultimate decision based first of all on the quality of the applicants and then on the basis of need.

## News Notes

### Possibility of Intercession in Rome

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Dean Peter Kent of the Faculty of Arts and Professor Stuart Smith of the Department of History are considering a possible repeat of the successful Intercession in Rome which was held in 1990.

If there is sufficient student interest, Professors Smith and Kent will instruct two courses in Art History and the History of Modern Italy in Rome between Monday, June 1, and Friday, June 19, 1992. The estimated cost is currently \$3200 which would include UNB registration fees for two 3ch courses, travel from Fredericton to Rome and room and board. If there are enough people interested, other courses could be offered.

Anyone interested should speak to Dean Kent or write to him at the Office of the Dean of Arts before January 15, 1992. If at least 15 people have demonstrated an interest by that date, more concrete plans will be made for the Intercession.

### Student volunteers needed for Kindergarten classes

#### Press Release

Education students!!! Several kindergarten classes in the city need reliable volunteers to help with regular classroom activities. Mornings or afternoons. For more information call the United Way Volunteer Bureau at 452-8595.

### Peer Education for Healthy Behaviors

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In January, 1992, N 3154, Peer Education for Healthy Behaviours I, a new 3 credit course will be offered. It will focus on the lifestyle issues surrounding HIV infection, AIDS, sexually Transmitted Diseases, contraception, safer sex behaviours, sexual coercion, and Alcohol and drug use. It is intended to help students acquire the knowledge and skills to become Peer Educators. While it is being offered by nursing, it will be open to students from all faculties. It will be followed in September, 1992 by the 3 credit hour course, N 3254 Peer Education for healthy Living II, which will focus on principles of presentation, group skills, active learning exercises, helping skills and a practicum of peer education in an area chosen by the student. Admittance to this course will depend upon the student's successful completion of N 3245. Students who wish more information are invited to call Grace Getty, Faculty of Nursing, 453-4642

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