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PHOENIX Service to expand

It won't be visible to the naked eye--at least not for awhile--but the library system at UNB is beginning a massive catalogue conversion project which will see more than 450,000 of its books reclassified onto computer.

The project is supported by a \$25,000 donation from the City of Fredericton and a matching \$25,000 grant from the university's Third Century Fund. Additional funds will be made available as the project progresses and the university is hopeful the city will continue to contribute to the conversion. The UNB library system has more than 3,000 users from the off-campus community.

At a recent ceremony held to mark to start of the project, UNB President James Downey highlighted the advances the library system has made in the past two years. PHOENIX, a computer cataloguing system designed by the UNB computing centre, was installed in fall 1982. Third Century Fund donations created a much-needed reading room in the overcrowded engineering library a year later.

Government grants have made it possible for the university to expand its law library and complete the science library facilities during the past year.

"There is much to be grateful for," Dr. Downey said as he was shown how to reclassify a few books.

At present, all the library's holdings that were purchased before 1978 are listed in row upon row of card files located in the lobby of the Harriet Irving Library in Fredericton. The conversion project, when completed, will transfer the information on these cards to PHOENIX, which provides information to the user via computer terminals located throughout the university's six libraries.

Not only will the project simplify the search for books in the library but also it will change the books from the Dewey decimal cataloguing system to the more versatile Library of Congress system. This will mean all books related to the same topic will be catalogued and shelved together, making them easier to find.

A grant of \$14,900 from Employment and Immigration will provide 45 weeks



James Downey, president of the University of New Brunswick, is shown how to recatalogue library books by Sheila Laidlaw (left), university librarian, and Judith Aldus (centre), head of technical services, at the Harriet Irving Library in Fredericton. The recent demonstration marked the start of a project to put the remainder of the library's books on PHOENIX, UNB's computer cataloguing system. The project is supported by a \$50,000 grant from the university's Third Century Fund. (Photo: Andrew Grieve)

of work for three people working on the project. The university expects to create even more jobs this summer when a major portion of the collection must be reshelved.

Prof. Named to Board

With headlines abounding on acid rain, nuclear energy and the greenhouse effect, it's hard to believe that environmental groups in this country have the difficulty community with one or another or sharing information.

J. Thomas Morrisey, professor of education at UNB is one of the ten Canadians who have been invited to join the country's first national environmental information network. Dr. Morrisey will serve as the New Brunswick representative for the organization, which is being established by the Canada/Man and the Biosphere program (MAB) of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.

Dubbed MAB-NET for short, the network will promote and facilitate the

distribution of environmental information. It will assist organizations in the development of information kits and curriculum, publicize the information and products available from various groups and suggest relevant speakers for conferences. MAB-NET is expected to serve environmentalists, educators, business, industry and government.

An active science educator himself, Dr. Morrisey is chairman of the division of student teaching in UNB's faculty of education. He has taught earth science, science techniques and developed interdisciplinary courses in environmental and outdoor education. Much of his research has focused on attitudes toward science education. He is currently involved in a pro-

ject with the University of Maine at Orono which will compare the environmental awareness of Maine and New Brunswick school children.

A native of Saint John, N.B., Dr. Morrisey holds a BSc in general science from St. Francis Xavier University and a BEd from St. Mary's in Halifax. He completed an MA in education administration at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto and an EdD in science education from the University of Maine at Orono. Dr. Morrisey taught in Halifax and Goose Bay, Labrador before joining the UNB faculty in 1973.

Dr. Morrisey encourages those interested in the network to contact him at the faculty of education at UNB Fredericton.

Candidates speak

DAVID MOGILEVSKY ARTS REPRESENTATIVE

The next few months will be very important ones for the Student Union. During this time the SRC will be dealing with many important issues and it is crucial that SRC councillors understand these issues.

Since I have been the Arts representative for the past year I am fully aware of the priorities, problems and programs of the Student Union. I believe I have represented the Faculty of Arts well by participating frequently in the debates at SRC meetings.

My commitment as a representative does not end at the regular council meetings. I am one of the few councillors on the SRC to hold constituency meetings.

On election day I ask you to renew my mandate so that I can continue to speak for the Faculty of Arts.

**MATTHEW CROCKER - CS 2
SENATE**

I am Matthew Crocker, a

second year C.S. student nominated for a position on the Senate. My interest in Senate stems from my concern for the maintenance of high academic standards within our university.

I believe that student participation in matters of academic policy is essential, and must be valued. However, to be of value, the student viewpoint must be expressed in a rational and realistic manner. I can offer the student body such an approach.

No matter who you choose, please vote.

SUZANNE CURRIE

Senate - 1 year seat
One of the main things I am interested in doing, if elected, is improving the student-faculty relations and the quality of teaching at UNB. The results of professor evaluations should be made available to students, or at least to their elected society executives. Professors who receive substandard evaluations

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