

Twenty-fourth fall convocation takes place

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Less than half of 365 graduates were there to receive their diplomas at UNB's twenty-fourth fall convocation last Wednesday.

Honorary degrees were presented to the following people: Wilfred MacKenzie Carter - Doctor of Science, Kenneth Merwin Curtis - Doctor of Laws, Merrill Jensen - Doctor of Letters and Ambrose Frederick Richard - Doctor of Laws.

The recipients of the honorary degrees were all instrumental in bringing about better relations between Canada and the United States.

Carter achieved reknown for his work with the Atlantic Salmon, in management, research, and the preservation and conservation of that species in Atlantic Canada and the New England States.

The N.A. Salmon Research Centre, St. Andrews, associated with the Huntsman Marine Laboratory, is almost entirely Mr. Carter's creation.

Through its genetics program and Fish Culture Training School, significant breakthrough in aquaculture are expected.

Curtis was eloquent in his praise of the affinity and similarities which New Brunswick and Maine possess. He voiced the hope that they would continue to support and learn from one another in their efforts to produce better opportunities for their citizens.

An eminent scholar, Jensen has supplied the world with several noteworthy documents on American history. Among them are indispensable works such as *American Colonial Documents to 1776*, and the *Documentary History of the First Federal Elections*. Many universities, including UNB are also in his debt for the host of outstanding professors in American History whom Curtis has trained.

A native of New Brunswick, Richard was a brilliant success in the prestigious American law firm of Hale and Dorr. Yet even with his



many duties, Richard found time to aid his native province. He was instrumental in the formation of the "Friends of UNB", an organization which receives contributions from US donors for the University of New Brunswick.

In his convocation address, Curtis, former governor of Maine, stressed the friendship between New Brunswick and Maine. Curtis said that N.B. and Maine have been friends throughout their respective histories and he felt that his presence "... is a symbol of the interchange and friendship between your province and my state..." He also wished that the United States and Canada could improve their relationship, as that of N.B. and Maine.

Dr. John Anderson, university president, received a few laughs when he said that "for the first time in UNB's long 191 year history, a graduating class is literally sitting on thin ice..." Anderson told the graduates that our future depends on their leadership and guidance, provided both by individuals above and

below the age of 30, and by institutions, young and old, such as the one they are leaving. In closing he held the graduates that they should help promote the value and importance of the higher educational system in the province, region and nation, and wished them success in their respective careers.

The first SRC medal, the Michael J. Cochrane Memorial Medal, was presented to former SRC president, Warren McKenzie. It is presented to a student in his/her final year, who has contributed to improved student and human relations on campus.

Other awards presented were the Alumni Prize to Carl Douglas McGee, the Vice-President is (Academic) Awards to Peter Anderson, Sharon Cupples and Alan Hildebrand.

The first Ph.D in History awarded at the university, was presented to John Graham Reid. He was assisted in his thesis, *Acadia, Maine and New Scotland; Marginal Colonies in the Seventeenth Century*, by Thomas

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At both campuses about 10 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls. At the U of A 70 per cent of 1932 votes cast gave FAS the go-ahead to collect a 50 per cent student levy. At the U of C 60 per cent of the 871 voters did the same.

"I think FAS has now received a mandate from the university students in Alberta to continue its policies of encouraging governments to treat education with a much higher priority than it has in the past."

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