

Did you know?



A long-term US study found that 80% of men eat Oreo cookies without separating the two cookies, while 44% of women twisted the cookie apart to lick out the cream filling.

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In 85 years, there have been 365 billion Oreos sold.

There are over 1,000,000 boxes of Jell-o sold every day.

Although, Prince Edward Island is only 224 km in length and varies in width from 6 to 64 km (for a total area of 5 660 square kilometers) there are 800 km of beaches.

An average smoker consumes 1.5 packs per day.

The Canadian lobster industry was worth \$487 million in 1994.

The most popular breed of chicken for egg production in Canada is the White Leghorn.

7% of all US meals are served at a McDonald's.

The name "Yukon" referring to the Yukon Territory, was coined by John Bell, a trader for the Hudson's Bay Company in 1846. It is derived, from the Loucheux Indian word "yuchoo" which means "greatest river." The Yukon River is the world's fifth longest.

A sound which can be heard by a human can be heard by a dog at four times the distance.

According to Labour Canada, having a smoker as an employee increased the maintenance and cleaning costs by \$240 per employee.

There are over 900,000 points of entry to Canada's postal system.

In 1997, Matel, the world's largest toy manufacturer, introduced 125 new Barbie dolls.

Total Canadian wheat exports were 21.4 million tonnes, including 4 million tonnes of durum wheat.

More than 98% of all farms in Canada are family owned and operated.

Almost all of Canada's soybean production is in Ontario — 90% of the Canadian total.

The Prairie provinces, where most of Canada's export grains and oilseeds (including canola) are grown, has a frost-free period of about 110 days.

In January 1997, the US toy market grossed \$20.7 billion, including 700,000 Tickle-me Elmos.

Canada's top five agricultural exports are: unprocessed grains (\$5.125 billion), oilseeds, (\$2.084 billion), meat and meat products (\$1.417 billion), live

animals (\$1.342 billion), and beverages and spirits (\$1.018 billion)

University of New Brunswick Libraries contains over 920,000 volumes, 6,700 serial subscriptions, 1.6 million microform items, and 2,600 records, tapes, and compact disks.

In 1997-98, the province of New Brunswick anticipates spending \$40.6 million on snow removal and ice control

Cheese and curd exports were \$44 million in 1994, with the United Kingdom, United States, Japan and Brazil being the major importers over the last few years.

Among the biochemicals derived from egg components are avidin and ovomucoid, two highly-purified proteins used in various tests for drugs such as cocaine and marijuana in blood and urine. Ovalbumin and conalbumin are used in geriatric feeding formulas.

Annual egg consumption in Canada has dropped from 23 dozen per person in 1960 to 15 dozen per person.

There are approximately 1.3 million milking cows in Canada and 26,259 dairy producers. By contrast, there are 52 universities in Canada and approximately 1.5 million students.

Strategic Studies program turns 25

The University of New Brunswick in Fredericton will commemorate the 25th anniversary of its highly acclaimed Military and Strategic Studies Program with a lecture by Desmond Morton.

On Monday, March 24, Dr. Morton will give the inaugural Dean of Arts Security and Defence Forum Lecture titled *What to Tell the Minister: Confessions of a Temporary Acting Advisor*. Dr. Morton is one of four academics asked to report to the Minister of National Defence in the future of the Canadian army. His talk will take place at 8 p.m. in the J. Harper Kent Auditorium of the WU Conference Centre on campus.

The Military and Strategic Studies Program was developed by D. S. Graham in 1971 and has since gained an international reputation as a centre of teaching excellence. A 1995 study named UNB the premier location for the study of military history in Canada, outside of the Royal Military College. The broadly based program approaches military history from a political, economic and social perspective.

"The strength of our program is that it requires students to look objectively at the nature of military problems," says program director Marc Milner. We look at campaigns and battles, but we also stress the need to look at these things in the context of the larger society from which the armed forces spring."

The interdisciplinary faculty of arts program offers a wide range of course at the graduate and undergraduate level. It is funded through the Security and Defence Forum of the Department of National Defence and supports scholarship, teaching and public education on national and international peace and security issues.

Dr. Milner notes that the proximity of CFB Gagetown has enhanced program offerings. "Students get a chance to talk to real soldiers and on occasion to see and participate in what they do," he says. "Last year students in a First World War course attended an artillery demonstration, then loaded and fired a barrage."

Among its many activities, the program is currently working with UNB's Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research to study spousal abuse in military families.

Military and Strategic Studies graduates have found employment with the Department of National Defence, the Royal Military College and other Canadian Universities. A variety of critically acclaimed works in the field of military history have been published by program students and faculty.

The author of more than 30 books on Canadian military, political and industrial relations history, Dr. Morton is a fitting speaker to mark the program's 25th anniversary. He is currently the director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. As well, he has served 10 years in the Canadian army, four years as secretary for the Ontario NDP, and held positions at the University of Ottawa, Erindale College and the University of Toronto. He is well-known for his contributions to *The Toronto Star*, *The Ottawa Citizen*, *The Montreal Gazette*, the CBC and Radio-Canada.

For more information about the lecture or the Military Strategic Studies Program, call Dr. Milner at (506) 453-4621.

New course in information technology

What does the recent federal budget mean for individual Canadians? How quickly should someone pay off a student loan? Do changes in divorce law affect courtship behaviour?

A new program in economic studies at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and a course on information technology and the Canadian economy will put these and many other current issues in perspective.

"We designed the program for people who are interested in how economic decisions impact on their everyday lives, but who don't want to learn all of the technical aspects of the subject," says Bev Cook, UNB economics department chair. "We are at a crucial time in the Canadian economy which makes understanding the issues very important."

Students who choose to major in economic studies will start with two new introductory courses, Economics in Everyday Life and Economics of Public Policy. The social benefits and costs of pollution and marriage, the economic rationality of crime, and the extent to which unemployment is due to government policies are among the topics student will explore.

"In economics, we have become very 'techy' and our research is mathematical and computer driven," explains Dr. Cook. "Consequently students are exposed to more technical terminology than in the past. We realize that this may not always meet the needs of the public, so we want to educate people in the language of economics, enable them to read the newspaper with a critical eye and understand government policy."

A third course designed by economics professor Constantine Passaris is available to students taking economic studies or anyone with three credit hours of introductory economics. Information Technology and the Canadian Economy will combine analysis, history and public policy to look at the revolution of information technology.

"This is the first course of this type to be offered at a Canadian university," says Dr. Passaris. "It's appropriate that it's happening in New Brunswick where the provincial government has taken the lead in promoting an information technology infrastructure."

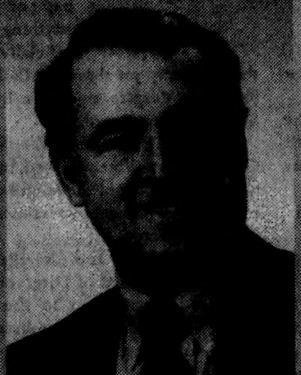
Dr. Passaris notes that universities are ideally positioned to help society

adapt to the new millennium. "Studying the history of economic change tells us that structural change is happening at a much faster pace than in the past," he says. "Universities can provide the knowledge base, the leadership and the vision to help society deal with the issues that come out of that change."

Although the new study options are designed for arts students, they are expected to appeal to students in most faculties. "Employers are looking for people who not only have narrow area of expertise, but who also think critically, and are creative," says Dr. Cook. "People in arts meet those requirements and a background in economics augments this."

In its quest to remain current and respond to market demand, the economics department is developing a number of future initiatives including an on-line course scheduled to begin this spring. "We don't want to remain static," says Dr. Cook. "At the moment we are thinking about introducing a co-op program and pursuing distance education. We are always looking for new avenues to explore."

Memorial Scholarship set up for remarkable FHS teacher



One of the great lights of our world has been extinguished much too early for many of us.

During the March Break, Mr. Jack Davies, a teacher at Fredericton High School, passed away suddenly. He has left behind many students who admired, respected and loved him. He was an inspirational teacher who demanded and received the best from his students.

Always fair and interested in his students' ideas, he inspired many to move on to careers in the courses he taught: Physical Geography, Canadian Geography, Geology, English and Canadian History. He was a man you could talk to. He was an advisor and a confidant to many.

To all his former students and friends, there is a chance for you to show how much Mr. Davies meant to you. The John P. Davies Scholarship Fund has been set up at the Bank of Nova Scotia. The fund will be used to sponsor a scholarship for deserving students interested in Geography and Geology.

If you were lucky enough to have Mr. Davies as a teacher or friend, his enthusiasm for knowledge and life will live on and be remembered through you. We say goodbye to one of the world's special people.

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