

Four alumni to receive awards

Press Release

The Associated Alumni of UNB has selected four exceptional members to receive its most prestigious award.

Eric Teed will receive the Alumni Award of Honour at a reception in his honour on Friday, April 8, in the Whitebone Lounge at the Thomas J. Condon Student Centre at UNBSJ.

Vernon Clarkson, Mary Ellen Tait, and Reginald Tweeddale will receive their awards during a ceremony at UNB's annual reunion dinner on Saturday, June 25, in the cafeteria of the SUB on the Fredericton campus.

The UNB Alumni Council established the Alumni Award of Honour in 1971 to recognize the important role played by alumni in promoting the university and helping it achieve and maintain its position of prominence among Canadian universities.

In announcing the names of the award recipients, Bob Skillen, UNB's director of alumni affairs, said a strong and committed alumni association is vital to the continued growth of the university.

"We are pleased to recognize the significant contributions made by these exemplary alumni. They have demonstrated how alumni help UNB achieve its academic and financial goals."

Vernon Clarkson is currently retired as a senior personnel executive officer from the Federal Treasury Board following a 33-year career in the public service. Although he has been living in Ottawa since graduating from UNB's engineering program in 1949, he has maintained close ties with his alma mater.

Born in Stanley and raised in McAdam, Clarkson and his wife Joyce have been enthusiastic supporters of the university and its alumni endeavours. He has served as an active member on the executive planning committee of UNB's Ottawa Alumni Chapter, helping to organize its annual reunion and various other activities.

Additionally, as treasurer for a number of years, Clarkson maintained his chapter's financial records and has been a strong supporter of the chapter's successful UNB Scholarship Fund since its inception. He has participated in UNB fund drives and worked to encourage strong relationships and communications between UNB, the alumni chapters and alumni.

"UNB has played a very important part in my life for almost 50 years," said Clarkson. "I have always held UNB in high esteem and feel deeply honoured and proud to be a 1994 Alumni Award recipient."

Mary Ellen Tait has been an active alumna for the past 25 years. From 1988 to 1992, she was vice-chairperson of UNB's Board of Governors and served two terms on the board. Since earning her teaching degree from UNB in 1969, Tait has been teaching in Fredericton. She now works as a supply teacher at Fredericton High School.

In her capacity as an alumna, Tait has served UNB in many roles including past president of the Associated Alumnae, past vice-president of the Associated Alumni and chair of the Student Liaison Committee. She was also a member of the search committee for UNB's presi-

dent, Robin Armstrong. She is chairperson of the Associated Alumnae's Honorary Degree Committee and secretary of the finance committee of the Associated Alumni.

Tait said she was surprised, flattered and honoured to receive such an award.

"I've always taken a great interest in UNB and enjoyed being involved with both the alumnae and alumni associations for the past 25 years."

UNB Saint John has enjoyed the advocacy of lawyer Eric L. Teed for many years. After earning a bachelor of science degree in 1947 and law degree in 1949, he became chairperson of the Saint John UNB club and later founded the Saint John Alumni Chapter.

While serving as a member of legislative assembly, Teed completed work for his BA at UNBSJ in 1972. He was an active supporter of a number of projects initiated by his chapter, including establishing UNBSJ's own senate and degree programs and developing the concept of a student residence.

Teed has also served as a member of UNB's Associated Alumni Council, Board of Governors, and Saint John and Fredericton senates. As a former mayor of Saint John, he has a special interest in the development of the campus, particularly the residence.

One of the highlights of Teed's years as an active alumnus took place during the 1970's on a visit to Hong Kong. There he had the pleasure of meeting Hong Kong's alumni club president, Michael Wu, and his father, Wu Yee Sun, a world renowned Penjing artist and founder of the Wing Lung Bank of Hong Kong.

"I am very honoured to receive this award," said Teed, "I accept it on behalf of all those who have as-

sisted me in alumni work."

After joining the ranks of UNB's alumni back in 1935, Reg Tweeddale went on to accomplish great things for New Brunswick and his alma mater.

As the first general manager of NB Power from 1958 to 1967, he supervised the construction of the Mactaquac Dam and set up a power pool between New Brunswick and Nova Scotia—the first in Canada, and an arrangement which saved the two provinces many millions of dollars.

In 1961 he was named Electrical Man of the Year. He served four years as deputy minister for the department of economic growth and was named to the Order of Canada in 1987.

Reginald Tweeddale's ambitions in the community carried through to his university. As president and councillor of the Alumni Association, he was instrumental in organising the Class of '35 Scholarship, which started a class competition for scholarships.

He has been a member of the Board of Governors since 1961, serving as its chairman from 1979 to 1984. He co-chaired the 1965 fund-raising campaign, which facilitated much of the construction on both the Fredericton and Saint John campuses. He helped the Alumni Council organise the Alumni Power Conference in 1976, which helped increase the role of UNB's Associated Alumni significantly. In 1984, he founded UNB's development office, which he directed until 1987.

In acknowledging his award, Tweeddale said, "I believe anyone who has attended UNB, whose life has been enriched by the education they received and the times they spent there, should reflect upon that and try to give something back to the institution that helped them achieve their success."



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