

UNB designated centre for creative technology

Provincial government to sponsor
10 student participants

In a joint university-government announcement, UNB was designated a Centre for Creative Technology, one of three in Canada that provide outstanding high school students with an opportunity to study technology during the summer. In support of the program, the N.B. Department of Education is committed to offering sponsorships of \$3000 each to 10 of the province's high school students who qualify for the training.

Program director Derek Lane-Smith, who founded the other Centres for Creative Technology at the Universities of Waterloo in 1980 and

Calgary in 1984, said, "I am pleased that our newest centre is located in Fredericton, which is geographically central

to the Atlantic region. In choosing UNB, I was impressed with its strong technical programs and the willingness of

the provincial government to become involved in funding the program."

Dr. Lane-Smith, who received a grant from the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion to establish

a centre on the East coast, has also receive financial support for the program from some 65 private sources including

Noranda, Process Technology, the Rocca Group, Maritime Beverages, NBTel, Fraser Inc. and Northern Telecom. He

hopes to interest other Atlantic area businesses in providing sponsorships for participants.

Expansion of the program to UNB means that top students from the region, for the first time, will be able to compete for the 146 places available among the three national centres.

Running from June 23 to July 20, the program at UNB will

be co-ordinated by civil engineering professor Barry Bisson. UNB computer science

lecturer Jane Fritz will be on the faculty, as will Carleton University math professor Ken Hardy and University of

Waterloo engineering professor George Soulis, both of whom have taught in previous programs.

The program consists of four weeks of intensive study of mathematics, computer science, engineering and entrepreneurship. Students at-

tend classes and visiting experts. The students live in residence with the centre's faculty, which enables them to share ideas informally and

build friendships. At the end of the training session, many of the students who are sponsored by industry or government go to a paid work-term in a high-tech environment.

The program is designed to develop skills and foster an interest in technological entrepreneurship. Dr. Lane-Smith believes the future economic survival of Canada depends upon having young

men and women ready to establish new technological enterprises.

Participants chosen for the program are in grade 11 or 12, have very high academic achievement, indications of a creative mind, demonstrated initiative and drive, and good

interpersonal skills. Though they are encouraged to travel and experience a new area, students may enrol at any one of the three centres.

Information and application forms will be available from high school principals throughout the region.

Let's do the seventh war right

By RICK GREEN
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There is a saying that those who forget history are destined to repeat it. It is particularly poignant to those of us who flunked Grade 9 history and went to summer school. Now, it may be jumping the gun to start hoarding gold or moving the jacuzzi into your bomb shelter, but many people seem to think there's another world war coming.

After all, Ronald Reagan has his finger on the button. Konstantin Chernenko, too. One of them is bound to wake up confused one morning and think it's the button to summon his nurse. So if we're going to have another war, then hey gang, let's sit down and

decide how to do it right.

We've had two world wars already: the First World War and the Second World War. (Historians are now known for boffo names.) If another world war is coming, let's at least give it an exciting title. How about World War Seven? That way future historians will go buggy trying to figure out where the missing four wars went.

Boy, in the old days they really knew how to call a war: The War of the Roses! The Hundred Years War! Our top ad agencies can come up with a catchy name for the next one, like The Mushroom War, The Twenty-Minute Wipeout, The Yankees Versus the Bears, There Goes The Neighbourhood or Wham Bam Goodbye Ma'am. Madison Avenue should work on this now. After all, when it starts, they'll only have about nine seconds.

We need fresh new reasons to go to war. Today's kids aren't going to get themselves blasted for dear old mom and apple pie. Especially not those frozen pies you bake yourself. If we look at the things people believe in and cherish above all else, then the next war will be fought to protect Michael Jackson, Trivial Pursuit, home computers and Cabbage Patch Dolls.

The first step toward a successful war is to install right-wing politicians with simplistic views in the highest offices of both superpowers. Okay, that's done.

Next, we should have new medals, since everyone will have a purple heart when the radiation comes. Bravery medals? In the old movies the heroes saved their buddies by jumping on a grenade. You'd have to be bigger than Orson Welles to jump on an H-bomb. No, bravery medals will be replaced by stupidity medals, for anyone who shows no fear in the face of nuclear weapons.

While we're at it, let's get some new war songs. Composers had months to come up with In The Fuhrer's Face and Over There. When war comes, there won't be time. Who can write a song in nine seconds? Other than Barry Manilow? you couldn't even blurt out one verse of When Johnny Comes Marching Home. Besides in the next war no one comes marching home. We need songs to capture this spirit, like Me Is My Shadow, I Left My Head In San Francisco and so on.

In a modern war many fine military traditions will go up in smoke. Along with all creation. No more propaganda to keep up the morale of the troops. They won't have time to get depressed. It will be impossible to take prisoners, except with a vacuum cleaner. And politicians won't have to promise to bring the boys home by Christmas. They'll be home on the next good stiff v. g.

As we all know, when a war ends, friends become enemies, and enemies, friends. It's like watching kids shuffle the teams around at the end of a road hockey game.

Remember how we recently fought side by side with those nasty Soviets with our friends the Germans and Japanese. So you can be sure that after World War Three, or rather World War Seven, we'll be pals with the Soviets again, fighting against Britain, Norway and the United States in World War Twelve (Four). But why wait? Let's fight them now, in World War Twenty-nine (Two and a half). As General Paton warned, "we're going to have to fight all them SOBs sooner or later," so let's get it over with.

We know this sounds like an idiotic babbling, but it's clear thinking next to Mr. Reagan's idea that more bombs will make us safer. Stuff like that makes you realize you're not the *only* one who failed Grade 9 history.

Arts Cabaret

Thursday, March 14
Friday, March 15

Memorial Hall

tickets \$3.00 on sale March 4-8

SUB BALLROOM RENOVATIONS

A Committee has been set up to consider possible improvements to the SUB Ballroom. The views of Student Groups and other individuals are being sought. Further information is available from the SUB Office. The deadline for submission is March 4th and should be addressed to:

*The Chairman
SUB Ballroom Renovation Committee
c/o Sub Office*