

# RESP

by Karen B.

With the cost of university degrees many parents are concerned about how their child's education will be funded. RESP, or Registered Education Savings Plan is one way of dealing with tuition and books. The average student costs about \$10,243 in 1989.

Though RESP has been in existence since 1989, only in the past few years have parents started to realize the benefits. Subsequently, the number of children enrolled in RESP has risen dramatically from 10,243 in 1989 to over 100,000 by 1991.

The RESP is a government sponsored savings plan that provides tax relief for money invested in education.

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If you're uncertain about "no" when your partner asks for favours, tell them what you need with professionals who can help.

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# Minister of labour to visit UNB on Jan. 14

## Press Release

The Minister of Labour Mike McKee will be visiting the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton Campus on January 15. Vice President External of the Student Union, Mark Lockwood, finalized details of the visit on Tuesday, January 8.

Lockwood has booked Tilley Hall, Room #102 for 3:30 p.m. for the Labour Minister's visit. At this time students are encouraged to come out and find out the facts about summer job programs offered by the government of New Brunswick.

Lockwood feels that, "this would be an excellent opportunity for the students at UNB to find out more about the provinces J.E.T. Stream Program, and the Student Venture Capital Program."

As well, it is also a great opportunity for students to ask the Minister of Labour, any

questions they may have about the Province of New Brunswick's summer employment programs.

In a final note, Mr. Lockwood said, "Students should pick up their

applications as soon as possible and get them filled out and sent back quickly. As McKee stated in December, "We start referrals at the beginning of March and our

goal is to complete the process by the end of May."

Government application forms are available at the Student Union Office, as well as the Canada Employment

Centre on Campus. Applications will also be available after the Minister of Labour speaks on Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. in Tilley, Room #102.

# AIESEC attends 1991 National Congress

## Press Release

The travels of ten UNB-AIESECers began in Montreal where they celebrated New Year's Eve with fellow AIESEC members from several universities. In the early hours of the morning on New Year's Day, a plane load full of the members departed from Montreal on its way to Regina, where the 1991 AIESEC National Congress was being held.

This is the only conference where many members from all across Canada can attend; and in actuality, 350 participants were at this year's event. It was a highly educational and motivational congress especially for the new members that went. It was very successful and the UNB AIESEC members felt that there is definitely more public recognition of the organization nationwide.

There was a different theme

party held each night of the congress. The highlight of these events included the International Congress in which each AIESEC Group from across Canada represented a country from another part of the world.

Each group brought products from their representative countries to be shared amongst the different AIESEC Groups.

The National Congress will take place in Vancouver, B.C. in 1992 and AIESEC Freddy

Beach has submitted a very promising bid to host the congress in 1993. They are however, in competition with McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

AIESEC Freddy Beach is all psyched up and ready to start the term in full force. The Atlantic Regional Conference will be held in Fredericton in March and members from other universities outside the Atlantic Region will also be attending.

# Grad Class to build stairwell

The following article was submitted from the Graduation Class executive.

The first general meeting of the Grad Class was held November 13, 1990. At that time, a vote was taken on the Grad Class Project and it was decided that a sidewalk would be built somewhere on campus incorporating the names of the graduates.

However, after meeting with university representatives, it was determined that it would not be financially feasible to build a sidewalk that could withstand New Brunswick's harsh weather conditions.

Instead, it was suggested that a stairwell be built in a heavily trafficked area to accommodate the students.

The chosen location for the steps is the sloped area connecting the parking lot of the Harriet Irving Library to Pacey Drive, the street which runs by the front of the SUB.

Separating two flights of stairs will be a landing around which a brick structure will be constructed. Those students who contribute to the project will have an inscription of their choice engraved in the bricks.

This project will fulfill the original intent of providing the University with a meaningful and functional gift from the class of 1991.

All graduates are encouraged to participate with the 1991 Grad Class project. All graduates will be receiving a mail out with complete details in early February.

(UNB-PRI) The University of New Brunswick is launching Computer Science Days, a series of public lectures that marks the founding of Canada's first faculty of computer science. The celebration will cover a four-month period and feature four special speakers.

The inaugural lectures on Wednesday, Jan. 16, will focus on what happens when the decades-old Oxford English Dictionary encounters the modern computer, says Uday Gujar, the faculty's assistant dean and chair-person of the planning committee. It features both an afternoon university lecture and a public evening talk by database expert Frank Tompa of the University of Waterloo's department of computer science, in Waterloo, Ont.

Dr. Tompa will speak on the topic, Putting The Oxford English Dictionary into a Computer, at 8 p.m. in Room C13, Dineen Auditorium, Head Hall. Ordinary commercial computer methods did not work well with text, particularly with a book as intricate as the Oxford English Dictionary, its 1,000-plus pages and 570 million characters. These present a challenge for computer programmers, to say the least.

The evening talk, especially geared for the general public, will deal with current research and the search and display software it has produced. A reception will follow. For the more technically minded, Dr. Tompa will give the address, Getting A Handle On Text, at 2:30 p.m. the same day and place. The public is also invited to the afternoon talk, which deals with the investigation of similarities and differences in managing conventional business data and reference text data.

Although the faculty just

came into being last May, computer science lab been a part of campus life for three decades. When UNB acquired its first computer in 1959, it was one of the first Canadian universities to do so. By 1964, a Computing Centre had developed. This in turn, says Prof. Gujar, spun into a department of computer science

four years later and, by 1972, into a school.

The second Computer Science Days lecture, Animation of Synthetic Actors, will be given Feb. 14 and 15 by N. Magnenat Thalmann from the University of Geneva in Switzerland. D.R. McCamus, president of Xerox Canada Ltd.,

Toronto, will give the March 21 lecture, entitled Research and Partnership. Capping the celebrations will be the Dineen Memorial Lectures on April 10 and 11. Guest speaker for that event will be Peter Cashin, head of Bell Northern Computer Research Laboratory, Ottawa.

# Learn communication skills through workshop

## Press Release

If you and your partner seem to be taking each other for granted and the relationship has become routine, or if you're arguing more now, but not reaching any resolutions, then you may be interested in the Couples Communication Group offered by Counselling Services. The workshop is designed for couples of all ages who are married, living together, or who have been going together for a few years and who would like to improve their relationship and learn communication skills.

The workshop may be especially useful for mature students. Returning to school can sometimes create added friction at home when one partner doesn't feel supported or when one's partner feels left behind. The pressure of the academic year can also place additional stress on a relationship.

Good communication is the ability to become aware of your own needs and feelings and then to express them to your partner. It also means understanding the needs and feelings your partner shares with you. When you disagree over a major decision, good communication means sitting down together so each of you

has an equal voice.

When your partner repeatedly interrupts, it means telling your partner that you feel irritated. When you need your partner to help more with the housework, or with the children so you can study, good communication means being able to say that. And when your partner needs time to unwind without having to converse, it means understanding your partner's needs. The goal of communication is not only to allow partners to share their likes, dislikes and aspirations with each other, but to be able to work out differences so both people can have their needs met.

The workshop involves training, practice, and feedback to help participants develop skills that will encourage mutual understanding. Initially, participants receive information on communication skills, listen to audiotape recordings demonstrating the skills, and "learn-by-doing" in short conversations with their partners.

Participants also receive constructive feedback so they can gradually improve their skills. The importance of being specific is also emphasized in the workshop.

Accusing your partner of "always spending his/her time with other friends" doesn't give a lot of information and makes it difficult for your partner to hear. Instead, saying "how alone and hurt you felt last night at the party when your partner was talking with other people" is easier to hear and gives more information.

The workshop also provides participants with an opportunity to work on and resolve relationship issues. Both in the group and for homework, participants talk to each other about aspects of the relationship they would like to improve, and gradually work up to tackling more difficult relationship issues as their skills increase.

The group is limited to four couples and meets Thursday evenings for ten weekly sessions starting January 24. Each session runs from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. It is free and open to any interested couple where at least one member is a full-time or part-time student of UNB/STU. Interested couples will need to have a preliminary interview prior to attending the group. For more information or to register, contact Larry Finkelman at 453-4820.