

Ken Ireland scholarship

by Mark Minor

In a letter to colleagues dated March 9, 1992, the Department of Mathematics and Statistics at UNB announced that a scholarship has been established in memory of Dr. Ken Ireland. Ireland, 54, died suddenly on December 16, 1991. He enjoyed twenty years at UNB after teaching at several U.S. institutions.

The annual value of the scholarship is \$750 and will be awarded each year to one student. It is open to students in any field who have successfully completed two years of a degree program at UNB with preference being given to student who have demonstrated excellence in at least 9 credit hours in math.

contributed photo



Dr Kenneth Ireland

The scholarship has been established by Dr. Ireland's wife Noel, his family, friends and colleagues.

Dr. Ireland was a fellow with very diverse interests ranging from literature and poetry to outdoor activities. He was an academic and amateur musician. Ireland succeeded at almost everything he attempted. He obtained his BA and PhD at John Hopkins University in his native Baltimore. His academic enthusiasm has been best described by his colleague and Department chair Jon Thompson: "Ken was deeply influenced by a great tradition of teaching and scholarship. He carried it forward in his life's work with ability, energy and devotion."

Thompson also had much to say about Ireland's personality: "... He was extraordinarily generous with his time, whether it involved helping beginning students with calculus problems or graduate students and colleagues with research problems or, for that matter, helping neighbors cut and haul logs out of the woods near his home. . . An open person, he had a large and varied circle of friends of all ages, carpenters, farmers, secretaries and woodsmen as well as students and academics."

Mrs. Ireland has been helpful by supplying a short account of Dr. Ireland's life and interests:

Ken dropped out of high school when he was sixteen and went to work dumping

100 lb bags of sugar into the vats at an ice-cream factory. Months later when his oldest brother learned that Ken had dropped out of school he paid him a surprise visit. Brother Bob took Ken for a drive that ended in the dean's office at Johns Hopkins University whereupon he insisted that Ken be given a scholarship.

By taking 10 courses a semester Ken completed all his graduate courses in Mathematics and undergraduate course in three years. At nineteen he was about to support himself teaching undergraduate calculus courses while doing intensive study and research for his Ph.D. It was during this time that he organized and taught a Saturday morning class for gifted 10 yr. olds. His interest in teaching children continued throughout his life and he gave stimulating math sessions in the public schools wherever he has lived.

Over the years Ken received acclaim for his teaching at Brandeis and Brown Universities and at Bowdoin College. For most of his courses Professor Ireland did not use lecture notes or follow a textbook. Each course he taught was unique as he traced a new pattern from beginning to end to keep from boring himself or his students. When forced by the curriculum to follow a text he sometimes wore his tall white chef's hat to indicate that "this is a cookbook course". His other attire was legendary with Halloween always his favorite holiday. Ken often ended his final math lecture by showing his best color slides or playing a flute sonata.

Contributions to the Ireland Scholarship are encouraged. Donations are tax deductible and should be made payable to the University of New Brunswick. They should be designated for the Ken Ireland Memorial Fund. Please send such donations to the Office of Development, University of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 5A3

Campaign continued from page 3

uated and trained for their positions.

The Committee reminds anyone that one could be a victim of sexual harassment if confronted with the following situations: unnecessary touching or patting, suggestive remarks or verbal abuse of a sexual nature, leering at a person's body, compromising invitations, demands for sexual favours, sexist remarks about one's clothing, body, sexual activities.

Members of the advisory board include: Auleen Carson, Sandra Craft, Robert Maher, Marilyn Merritt-Gray, Jeremy Rickards, Kathleen Scherf, Dwight Scott, Theresa Smith, Roger Smith, Maureen Sparks, Nancy Spencer, Karen Sullenger, and Barbara Trenholm.

The Committee reminds faculty and students alike to contact a Sexual Harassment Advisor if there is a concern or question relevant to these issues.

News Notes

Astronauts to visit UNB

Press Release

Canadian astronauts Roberta Bondar and Ken Money will give a free public talk on space flight at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Tuesday, April 7. Sponsored by UNB's faculties of science and engineering, their talk is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. in Dineen Auditorium, Head Hall.

Canada's first woman astronaut and a neurologist, Dr. Bondar recently travelled on the space shuttle Discovery. On board she served as a payload specialist--someone who is responsible for handling highly complex equipment and conducting experiments in space. Ken Money, an alternate payload specialist, was backup astronaut on the mission.

Together they will discuss the thrill of space flight and in-flight mission schedules as well as provide background information on the mission, astronaut training and careers in Canada's space program.

FAPO needs your bed

Press Release

Students having to move and left in a quandary about what to do with their extra furniture are asked to consider donating it to FAPO, the Fredericton Anti-Poverty Organization.

Donations made to FAPO are distributed to local families in the area who are in need. While all clothing, furniture and household items are needed, there is an urgent need at the present for beds.

FAPO will arrange for pick up of donated items. If you have a contribution to make, please call FAPO at 458-9102.

Crisis communications course

(UNB PRI) Good communication is never more important than in a crisis...and that's when good communication can be most difficult to achieve.

That's why the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton is offering a two-and-a-half day workshop of April 13, 14 and 15 for professional and technical people who may be involved in public communications during an emergency.

Called *Crisis Communications: Planning for News Media Coverage and Information During Emergencies*, the workshop will provide ready-to-use strategies for taking control of information and containing rumors and misinformation during all kinds of emergencies such as fires, explosions, spills, product failure or tampering, leaks of toxic substances and natural disasters.

The fee for the workshop is \$375 if registering before March 30, 1992; \$395 after March 30. People can register by writing to UNB's department of extension and summer session, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, or by visiting the Continuing Education Centre on campus, just inside the Montgomery Street gate. For more information, call 453-4646.

Participants will learn how to write an emergency public relations plan, how to choose and train a public information and rumor control team, and how to anticipate problems in media situations during an emergency. They will also examine methods for discussing risk and explaining technical subjects to the media and the public. A practical, team-based exercise will focus on analyzing a crisis and developing strategic tactical responses. Highly participative in its approach, the program will deal with the practical reality of preparing to handle information demands during a crisis.

Alan Bernstein, a crisis management consultant, will lead the workshop. Mr. Bernstein has worked as a public information specialist with the US Army and the US Customs Service and as a communications counsellor for law enforcement organizations. He holds a master's degree in international communications from George Washington University and is the author of several articles on the application of public relations to emergency management.

Each participant will receive a copy of *The Emergency Public Relations Manual*, which shows in detail how to control the flow of information during an emergency.

History Club holds election

Press Release

The History Club Executive for 1992-93 are: President - Paula Harris, Vice President - Shelly Spencer, Secretary - Robin Kirpatrick, Treasurer - Ray Plummer and Member-at-Large - Marcus Isa.

Thank-you to all who voted. Look for signs in early September for our first general meeting. Membership cards available now \$5. Also a few T-shirts left \$10.

The future



is in your hands

Have you considered a career in chiropractic?

The Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College offers a four-year programme leading to a Doctor of Chiropractic diploma.

For more information, please contact:

The Registrar
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
1900 Bayview Avenue
Toronto, Ontario
M4G 3E6
(416) 482-2340 or
toll-free (in Canada) 1-800-463-2923

