



STU Irish Festival

In honor of the late Alden Nowlan, St. Thomas University is holding Fredericton's first Irish Festival from Nov. 14-16 with a featured lecture series.

The Fredericton chapter of the Irish Canadian Cultural Association is sponsoring the festival.

"It is our first attempt at this sort of thing and we hope it will be a great success," said association president, Guy Riordon.

Mr. Riordon said Fredericton and surrounding area can claim an Irish heritage, while Saint John and the Miramichi are the dominant Irish areas of the province.

The highlight of the Fall Fest will be the four lectures, two each on Saturday and

Sunday afternoons. The first, beginning at 2:25 p.m. on Saturday is entitled *Alden Nowlan: An Irish Maritimer* and will be given by Prof. Fred Cogswell of the U.N.B. Dept. of English. "We are very hap-

py to be able to honor Alden Nowlan in this way, as he was one of the founding members of the now province-wide association," Mr. Riordon said.

Friday evening, the

weekend festival begins with a performance of the Irish play, *Here Are Ladies*, a series of vignettes about women as seen by famous Irish playwrights.

"We want our festival to be what a good festival should be

- a successful coming together of both art and entertainment," said Mr. Riordon.

Admission is free for all events except the play and ceilidh.

Cutbacks blamed on delays

Reductions in external funding for research will lead next month to the termination of 2.5 staff positions in the Bio-Engineering Institute at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

"The cutbacks will reduce our level of activity but will not mean the cancellation of any service to our clients," said Robert Scott, director of the institute. "What they will mean is a heavier workload for our remaining employees. But we have to avoid an operating deficit by working within the available research funds."

Reduction of research funding is affecting not only UNB but all research institutions across the country, he said. "Research funding from both government and the private sector is getting much tighter. The number of applications for grants is going up, the cost of research is going up and the dollars for doing it are going down."

The Bio-Engineering Institute, established in 1965, has an international reputation for the development of electric control systems which make artificial limbs operate. Much

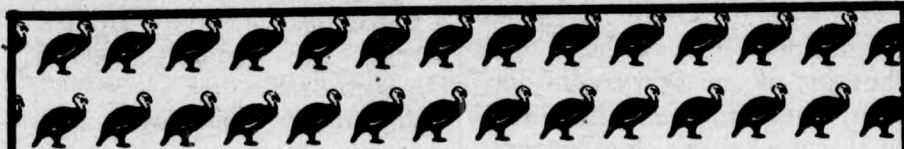
of its work has concentrated on the fitting of prosthetic hands for young children and infants.

Eighty-five percent of the Institute's operating funds come from external sources. Research grants pay the salaries of professional staff and technicians and the cost of equipment. UNB provides faculty and secretarial salaries, office expenses and facilities.

A drop in the sales volume of artificial limb components was also a factor in the layoffs, Dr. Scott said. This drop was caused by delays in the delivery of parts for these components.

"We have been waiting 18 months for delivery of custom-made electronic components from England. We can't retain the staff who were going to put these components together."

The 2.5 staff positions include an electronics technician at the Prosthetics Research Centre in the Forest Hill Rehabilitation Centre and one electronics technician on campus. A research occupational therapist will be cut to a part-time position. The changes are effective December 31.



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Gobble, Gobble*



TURKEY OF THE WEEK

This week's Turkey of the Week award is presented to Malcolm Ross, an anti-semitic and author of hate literature, from Moncton, N.B. In his latest pamphlet, he claims that the Holocaust was not real. Instead: "There were outbreaks of typhoid and other diseases and so the picture one sees of corpses in piles are not pictures of gassed victims, but victims of hunger, disease, and allied air attacks."

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

This week's Tribute goes to U.S. Surgeon General, C. Everett Koop, who, in a grim report two weeks ago, advised North Americans that Aids cannot be contacted by shaking hands, hugging, social kissing, crying, coughing, sneezing, from swimming in pools or hot tubs, eating in restaurants, from sharing bed linens, towels, cups, straws, dishes, toilets, doorknobs, telephones, office machinery, or household furniture, from body massages, masturbation or non-sexual body contact. Miss anything Dr. Koop?

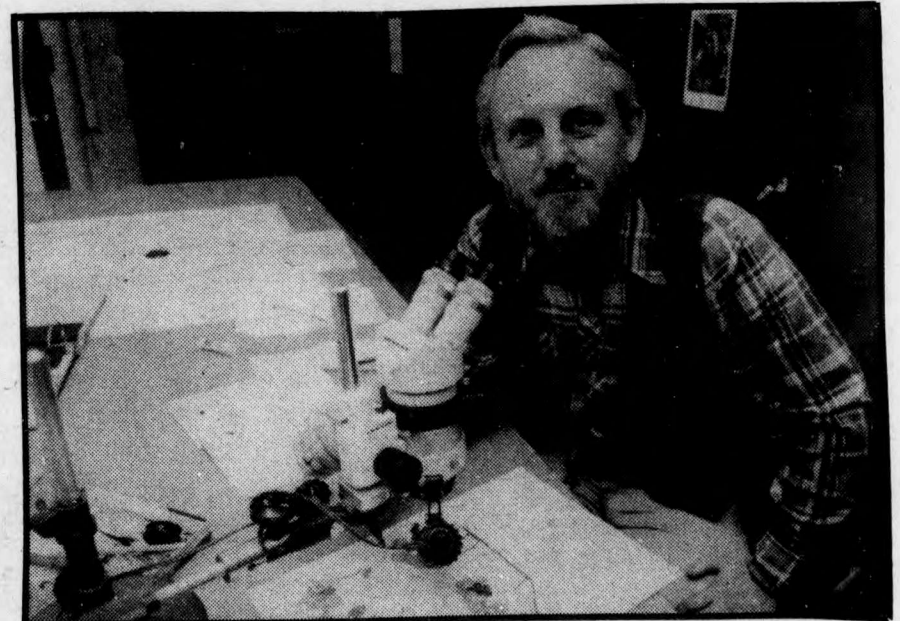
In The Forest or The Field

All of us come across plants on walks or hikes and wonder what they are. Now there is a book on New Brunswick wildflowers, grasses, trees, shrubs, sedges, ferns, horsetails and clubmosses that will tell us.

Hal Hinds, a member of the Biology Department at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, devoted 10 years to producing *Flora of New Brunswick*. "I was doing what I love most doing," said the curator of UNB's Connell Memorial Herbarium. "This book is the culmination of that labor of love."

Every summer he searched niches and crannies all over the province for specimens. The plants, after pressing and drying, were mounted and put into the herbarium as voucher specimens. The show and tell of science, a voucher specimen substantiates the distribution of a plant in a particular place and time.

When not in forest or field, Mr. Hinds has travelled to other institutions throughout North America and garnered information from their collections of New Brunswick plants.



Hal Hinds, a member of the Department of Biology at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton and curator of the Connell Memorial Herbarium, has published *Flora of New Brunswick*, a comprehensive guide to vascular plants in the province. Here he examines a pressed flower collected by James Robb, who came to UNB as its first science teacher in 1837. (Alain Sallard photo)

To Toks' Friends
Here's Toks' new address.

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