

## ASEE conference coming

You don't have to be an engineer or even a member of the society to attend this engineering conference at the

University of New Brunswick. The 62nd annual fall conference of the New England section of the American Socie-

ty for Engineering Education (ASEE) will meet at Head Hall, UNB, September 28-29. Even members of the general public will find some sessions of particular interest.

About 100 engineers from the eastern seaboard of the United States, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces are expected to attend. This conference marks the first time in this history of the society that it has been held outside of the United States. UNB/ASEE host committee co-chairmen are Dwight Scott and Harvey Semple of UNB's mechanical engineering department. A nominal fee of

\$20 entitled interested members of the public or engineers to attend the sessions and also participate in the program organized for accompanying family members.

The opening plenary session, "Space-Age Opportunities for Engineering," promises to be informative. John Evans of COMSAT Laboratories, Clarksburg, Maryland, and Peter Bolden of DSMA Atcon Ltd., Toronto, will speak on satellite communications and material processing in space respectively. One of the first following technical sessions will focus on engineers as more than just

technical beings. John Senders of the University of Toronto will address "Human Factors is Dead" in this session. More technical aspects of the subject will be presented by Michael Burstein and Joseph Marcus.

The entertainment and special family program for conference participants and accompanying family members includes a day at King's Landing and an evening with troubadours Paul and Lutia Lauzon.

For more information, contact Dwight Scott or Harvey Semple at (506) 453-4513.

## Update on the Federation of Youth

By TRACY FOLSTER

The Federation of Youth was formed towards the end of 1983. Since that time it has become what its president, John Bosnitch, describes as "the single most advanced youth federation in the country." Designed to get young people INVOLVED in issues that concern them, the organization initially met with little success as it was viewed as being too partisan. In January, 1984, John Bosnitch and other student leaders from the province became involved. In fact, the UNB Student Union representatives provided most of the support at meetings.

By March it was clear that the original organizers were unable to continue its leadership capacities in the Federation of Youth so John Bosnitch and others took over the helm and began planning for the immediate future of the organization.

The Federation was incorporated and a general meeting was held in May. John Bosnitch was elected president of the Federation and he proceeded to apply for government funding for a province-wide survey of youth problems and opinions. According to Bosnitch, the federation was considered by the Secretary of State to be so well-organized an issue-oriented, that it received one of the largest government grants in the country for a Canada Summer Works Project of its type.

Fourteen students were hired to work in various areas of New Brunswick assessing community services for youth in terms of recreation, job opportunities, counselling, etc, and making recommendations for improvements. In addition, they put together a list of young people interested in

becoming members of the Federation of Youth and getting involved with International Youth Year 1985.

The product of this summer's project is a synthesis of what the situation is for youth in various communities around the province. It will provide a stepping stone for the Federation of Youth as they plan for International Youth Year 1985.

In addition, planning is underway for the First Annual Youth Congress which will be held here this fall. Up to 500 delegates representing youth from all across the Atlantic Region will attend with an eye to working together to formalize plans for working against age discrimination and to actually upgrade the status of youth in society. At the same time, a meeting will be held to form an Atlantic Federation of Youth.

The Federation of Youth is now starting to become active as youth advocates. For example, the Federation sent spokesman Mike Bennett to a meeting of District No. 26 Board of School Trustees to defend the interests of high school students during the discussion of policy regarding the existence of political clubs at Fredericton High School, where a branch of the Federation has just been formed.

The Federation, which is supported by the Secretary of State (Youth), is intended to be a permanent organization and to continue representing the interests of youth beyond the end of International Youth Year. And indeed, by the end of 1985, Bosnitch has it as his personal objective to establish a nation-wide Federation of Youth based on the same principles as the New Brunswick federation and to pursue their goal of broadening participation in the decision-making process by youth.

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