

# Discussion to be held on co-op education at UNB

(UNB-PRI) When Anna MacDonald completes her bachelor's degree at age 22, she will already have two years full-time work experience. MacDonald is one of 155 computer science students at the University of New Brunswick combining work and study through a non-traditional form of education being recognized during National Co-operative Education Week, Nov. 3-9.

To let the public know about the benefits of co-op education, a panel discussion will be held

at UNB in Fredericton on Monday, Nov. 4. Sponsored by UNB's computer science co-op program, the session will begin at 7:30 pm in Gillin Hall, Room C122. It will focus on the benefits of a work/study arrangement for both students and employers. High-school students, their parents, mature students, prospective co-op employers and the general public are all invited to attend.

"Co-op education gives students a competitive edge when

they enter the job market," said Beverley Plume, co-ordinator of UNB's co-op program in computer science. "Graduates from our program leave not only with a university degree and relevant work experience but also with confidence in their abilities. Many of them go on to obtain permanent employment with the companies they were employed with during their work terms."

The panel will be comprised of students, employers and educators involved with co-op programs. "Although most of the panel members, including Ms MacDonald, are associated with the computer science co-op program at UNB, our goal is to increase awareness of co-op education in general," said Ms Plume. "At present there are 10 post-secondary institutions in Atlantic Canada that offer co-op programs in fields ranging from engineering to business administration."

For further information on the panel discussion or UNB's computer science co-op program, contact Beverley Plume in the UNB faculty of computer science, 453-5067.

National Co-operative Education week is sponsored by the Canadian Association for Co-operative Education.

# Lecture highlights history of Newfoundland

(UNB-PRI) What happens when a largely rural and maritime society is suddenly inundated by thousands of friendly foreign military personnel?

That will be the central question addressed by history professor Peter Neary when he gives the 1991-92 W. Stewart MacNutt Memorial Lecture at the University of New Brunswick.

Dr. Neary will speak on UNB's Fredericton campus on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 8 pm in room 102 of Tilley Hall. The lecture, and the reception which follows are open to the public and free of charge.

Entitled Yanks: How They Influenced the Course of Newfoundland History, 1940-1949, Dr. Neary's lecture will examine the social, economic and political impact of the huge influx of American troops into Newfoundland during the Second World War.

"In many respects, Newfoundland society was a few decades behind the rest of North America, so the US servicemen seemed like strangers from a substantially different culture," Dr. Neary explains. "The presence of the American forces would prove to be an influence in virtually every aspect of Newfoundland society, including the decision to become Canada's 10th

province in 1949. Life would never be the same again for most Newfoundlanders."

Peter Neary has taught in the history department at the University of Western Ontario since 1965. Born at Bell Island, Nfld., he received a bachelors degree in science and a master's degree in arts from Memorial University of Newfoundland, and a doctorate from the University of London, England.

His Newfoundland origin has been a major influence on his scholarly interests which have focused on the political, social and economic history of the province.

His 1988 book, Newfoundland in the North Atlantic World, 1929-1949, was a finalist for Ontario's Tillium Book award, a runner-up for the Canadian Historical Association's John A. MacDonald Prize, and a recipient of honorable mention for the Charles P. Stacey Award of the Canadian committee for the History of the Second World War.

The MacNutt Memorial Lecture was established in 1980 to honor the late W. Stewart MacNutt's many contributions to UNB. A noted historian, Dr. MacNutt was instrumental in developing the study of Atlantic Canada history.



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