

# Conference for students on March 11

(UNB-PRI) Subjects of interest to all student will be discussed at the 20th annual Student Leadership Conference on Sunday, March 11, at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. Sponsored by the UNB Associated Alumni, the conference is open to all student council representatives, club leaders and anyone else interested in student issues.

The conference will begin at 10 am and run to 4 pm in the President's Room of the Alumni Memorial Building on campus.

There is no cost for the event. Pre-registration is not required, and everyone is invited to attend. A free lunch will be served. More information can be obtained by contacting Arthur Doyle director of alumni affairs, at 453-4847 or Wayne Carson at

453-4955.

In keeping with tradition, the event will be chaired by the president of UNB's Student Union. This year Wayne Carson, a third-year law stu-

dent, holds that honor.

Students will be encouraged to speak their minds about student issues and learn more about the Student Union and other campus organizations.

In the past, topics have included increased tuition costs, social events on campus, athletics programs, the role of the dean of students, and student aid.

Conference participants have occasionally passed resolutions, put them before UNB's Associated Alumni or the dean of students, and gained positive results.

## Engineering students benefit from Apple Canada equipment grant

(UNB-PRI) Engineering students at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton are being tutored by computers thanks to a special equipment grant from the Apple Canada Education Foundation.

UNB is one of the first five universities in the country to receive the special equipment grant. The \$75,000 grant was used to purchase 10 Macintosh computers, two printers, hard

disk storage and Apple software for the Apple Support Centre for Engineering Education.

The centre's first project was the development of computer-aided instruction modules for two first-year courses and one second-year course in engineering.

Three engineering students spent last summer writing the three tutorial or self-study programs for the Macintosh

computers. The programs use a variety of approaches including an electronic textbook, interactive exercises, and animations of typical engineering problems in statics, dynamics, and fluid mechanics.

Second-year mechanical engineering students Robert Weaver and Gordon Thomas, and Jeff Slip, who has since graduated, were hired with assistance from UNB's Futures Fund. An endowment made up of undesignated donations from alumni, faculty, staff, corporations and friends of UNB, the Futures Fund is intended to fund new initiatives and respond to short-term, non-recurring needs.

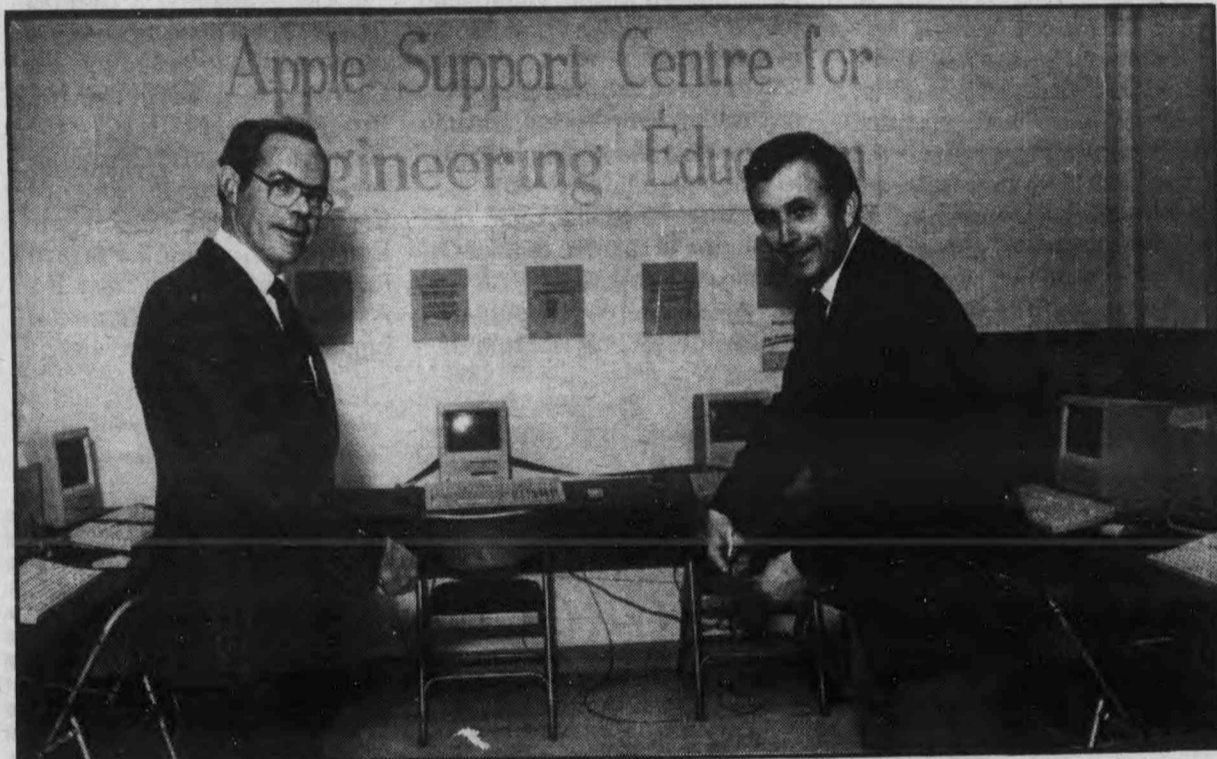
"We're hoping the three modules will enable the students to cover the course material in a shorter period of time, and enhance their understanding of the course material through interactive exercises instead of just reading," said Deniz Karman, chairperson of the

chemical engineering department.

Approximately 75 students in mechanical, civil and chemical engineering are testing the modules by working through them at their own pace. A group of surveying engineering students are also using the computers with software that had earlier been developed for a senior/graduate course in geodesy.

In addition to the programs tailored specifically for the needs of these courses, students are using a collection of other programs aimed at computations, graphic design, and text processing.

The development of the modules was initiated by Dr. Karman, chemical engineering professor Al Schriver, and mechanical engineering professor Ed Biden. They are part of a steering committee which is currently preparing proposals for expanding the capabilities of the Apple Support Centre for Engineering Education.



Dean of engineering Wolfgang Faig participating in the opening of the new Apple Support Center for Engineering Education at UNB in Fredericton. Photo by Joy Cummings-Dickinson

## UNB Biology Society organizes campaign concerning environmental issues

### Press Release

The UNB Biology Society has organized a campaign to increase student awareness of environmental issues and to raise money to help save (from destruction some of the world's) rain forest.

The project involves the selling of coffee mugs, the proceeds from which will be used to "buy up" a piece of the world's rain forest.

The mugs go on sale March 12th and if student support is high enough, it may be possible to make this a continuing annual campaign.

The Biology Society has three goals it wishes to meet in sponsoring this project:

1. To cut down the use of disposable styrofoam coffee cups on campus, by replacing them with these new mugs;
2. To increase awareness of global

environmental issues, which we as individuals can do something about; and

3. To raise money to buy and protect from "development" a piece of the world's rain forest to be kept as natural untouched wildlife habitat.

The mugs are white ceramic, emblazoned with "Keep Our World Green" which surrounds a drawing of the earth and a quotation from the IUCN which states "We don't inherit the earth from our parents... we borrow it from our children".

The word "GREEN" and all the continents on the mug are coloured green, while all other lettering is blue.

The unit price is \$4.54, and will be sold for \$5.50, yielding a profit of 96 cents each for each mug sold.

All profits made from the sale of these mugs (plus any donations) will be matched by the Biology Society and used

to purchase some of the world's rain forest. The Biology Society challenges any other society, club or organization on campus to also match the profit generated.

The money produced after the sale of the mugs will be sent to a fund entitled "Guardian of the Rain Forest," a project established by the World Wildlife Fund.

The monies that end up in this Fund go to purchase areas of rain forest to prevent their destruction, which would result in the loss of irreplaceable wildlife habitat.

Rain forests produce a significant amount of the world's oxygen, without which life on this planet would end.

They also provide unique habitat for a large proportion of the world's species of plants and animals.

Please show your support for saving the rain forest of the world by buying a mug.

For more information, contact David Maguire (455-3464) or Angela Acott (455-0793)

## NB women's groups unite to deplore cuts to women's programs

### News Release

Women's organizations in New Brunswick have been hit by slashes to funding for women's programs, says Joan McFarland, of Fredericton, national president of the Canadian Congress of Learning Opportunities for Women. Women's organizations have been the hidden victims of Wilson's February 20th budget cuts, she says.

In all, \$1.6 million was cut from the Women's Program, Secretary of State. Eighty women's centres across Canada have had their funding taken away.

In New Brunswick, women's centres in Sussex and Restigouche are affected. Three women's publications - Healthsharing, Resources for Feminist Research and Canadian Women's Students were also totally cut off.

Five national organizations has their funding cut 20%. The 20% is on top of a 15% cut to all women's organizations last year.

The only exception was NAC (the National Action Committee on the Status of

Women.) NAC had its funding cut last year 50% over a three year period.

Two of the national organizations cut 20% this year have branches in New Brunswick. These are: CLOW, whose mandate is to promote learning opportunities for women and the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women, whose mandate is to promote research on women.

Jennie Horosty, CRIAW's New Brunswick representative, says: "We are seriously concerned about our ability to meet our commitments in promoting women's research in light of the recent budget cuts."

Wynne Farr, CLOW's New Brunswick Director comments: "This does not seem to be a government that cares very much about women's attempts to achieve equality."

"We don't believe that the deficit is the only or even the main reason that these cuts occurred," says Kay Nandlall, NAC's New Brunswick representative. "We can only view the cuts to the Women's Program as a political act."