

UNB students study abroad

By Cheryl McLean
Brunswickan News

Do you ever dream of travelling, but feel it is best to wait until you graduate? Well, now the opportunity to travel abroad and study is being offered.

What began in 1990 as a study abroad to Greece and Rome was so successful that it has carried on since then. Each year a different destination is offered to give students a chance to experience their interests pertaining to their field of study within the Arts program.

"The study abroad programs enable UNB students and others to take credit courses from UNB professors in distant parts of the world" says Peter Kent, dean of arts and instructor for Italy in the 20th Century.

"This type of location learning really expands and enhances what we do in the classroom."

This year the trips that are being offered are Merida, Mexico and Rome. Merida, Mexico is a three

week excursion through the Yucatan, focusing on its political, economic and cultural characteristics. Students can choose two of the three courses: Introductory Spanish, Civilization of Latin America, and an On-Site Seminar course. The program runs from May 4-25.

The study in Rome is being offered from June 4-24. Courses offered are: Classics; The Monuments of Imperial Rome, which will include visits to archaeological sites. History of Baroque and Rococo Art, and Italy in the Twentieth Century. Two weekend trips will be offered to Assisi and Florence, as well as Pompeii and Sorrento in connection to the courses.

All of the courses offered are credit courses. Interested students should contact Dr. Christiana Paponnet-Cantat at the Department of Anthropology for Merida, Mexico, or Professor Peter Kent, Dean of Arts.

Although these programs do not start until the spring, the deposit deadline for registering is Tuesday, January 21, 1995.

UNB offers non-credit courses

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While universities are often associated with rigorous degree programs, for many the university is a community service that offers individuals an opportunity to grow and be challenged through non-credit programs.

Last year, over 7,000 individuals took non-credit courses from the department of extension and summer session at UNB Fredericton.

Lois Levine is program director for career, professional and management development.

"Leading edge and diverse topics, flexible times and locations make learning interesting and accessible for many potential registrants," says Levine.

"We always try to consider the needs and interests of today's adult learner."

Workshops offered this term include "Reading, Thinking and Communicating in a Busy World", "Personal Financial Planning:

Grasping the Fundamentals", and "Marketing Your Home-Based Business".

As well, community, culture and science education programming is offering a varied selection of courses.

An eight-week course, "Stories the Dead Can Tell", will be taught by UNB anthropologist and forensic consultant Moira McLaughlin.

"Introduction to MicMac and Maliseet Culture" will explore historical and contemporary issues affecting Maliseet and Micmac societies through the traditional talking circle format. A variety of people will be invited to share their knowledge and experience during the course's eight sessions.

A creative writing course will also be offered beginning January 19. The course will be taught by Elisabeth Harvor, UNB's writer-in-residence for 1994.

Courses are offered at various times throughout the term, and at varying costs.

UNB nursing prof to study HIV levels in province

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A New Brunswick research team, headed by UNB AIDS researcher Grace Getty, has received funding from Health Canada to carry out a study on incidents of HIV infection in the province.

The antenatal study will estimate the prevalence of HIV in the population of women of child-bearing age in New Brunswick. Testing this element of the population will allow researchers to extrapolate incidents of infection among heterosexuals.

Getty, an associate professor with UNB's faculty of nursing, is known internationally for her work in AIDS research. She has carried out studies on the health behaviours of gay men and their responses to the AIDS epidemic, New Brunswick nurses' knowledge and attitudes about HIV/AIDS and their willingness to care for infected patients as well as the effectiveness of AIDS education programs in the workplace.

In 1993, Getty was named to Canada's National Advisory Committee on AIDS by then Minister of Health and Welfare, Benoit Bouchard.

Other members of the research team include microbiologists, physicians, statisticians, nurses, epidemiologists, and AIDS educators.

Leftover blood samples from pregnant women in the province will be tested for the period of one year for HIV antibodies. The anonymous, unlinked samples will be couriered from regional

laboratories in Fredericton where testing will take place.

"A 1-800 number will be available to any woman in the province who wishes to have her sample excluded from the study," said Getty.

"The number, which is a service of AIDS New Brunswick, is also available to anyone who wants further information about the study or about HIV/AIDS in New Brunswick."

The results of the study will be used for a number of purposes including increasing awareness of the risk of HIV infection to the heterosexual population and educating health-care professionals to look for high-risk behaviour in all sectors of the population.

"We have very little data on the rate of HIV infections among the heterosexual population in New Brunswick," said Getty.

"What we do know is that more individual adolescent girls are presenting with HIV illnesses and that the population of women in childbearing age is one of the fastest rising groups for HIV infection in Canada."

Getty explains that the study will help assess the effectiveness of health promotion programs available to the population of sexually active persons in the province to determine whether people are behaving in safer ways.

"Data on the prevalence of HIV will also allow us to plan for future demands on the health-care system," said Getty.

Happy New Year! Time for a workout?

By Pam Easton
Brunswickan News

Turkey dinners, Christmas cookies and New Year's resolutions all lead the way to the Lady Beaverbrook Gymnasium.

Gym staff members say the use of the gym facilities has increased since before Christmas. Early fall and January are the busiest times of the year at the gym.

This term, admittance to the fitness classes has increased to three hundred people. Joanna Timmerman, fitness instructor, said "classes usually fill up faster in the first part of the term."

Later in the term attendance is not as high.

As well as fitness classes, the gym offers a conditioning room, pool, exercise bikes and racketball courts.

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