

# Black educators in Canada

**Press Release**

The National Council of Black Educators of Canada was launched by provincial groups in Toronto on October 27th to the theme, "Planning to Make a Difference." The Council will contribute to the public debate on how far testing can be promotive of equity of outcomes for all socio-economic and racial groups, work to advance needed curriculum changes, and assist towards a more appropriate matching of teachers to students especially in the multi-racial schools of our large cities. The underemployment and retention of Black teachers, and better preparation of youth for the workplace are also major concerns. Conflict between our youth and the police is especially burdensome.

At the founding, the Ontario Ministers of Education and Citizenship provided glimpses of imminent legislation which will impact on racial and institutional relationship; and Black post-secondary youth from the Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario challenged the group to do more to improve the structures and processes of schooling and the socio-economic circumstances for minorities. Dean Shapson of York University outlined training initiatives for the

teaching of minorities.

To lead the Council as president, is Dr. Vincent D'Oyley, Professor of Education, University of British Columbia, who had been central in the Ontario University Admission Testing program in 1967-1972 and has continued to write on Multicultural and Comparative Education.

Vice President is Montreal elementary principal, Curtis George. Secretary is Jocelyn Dorrington, the Executive Director of the black Educators Association of Nova Scotia. John Jack, a Winnipeg Junior High vice-principal, serves as Treasurer. The Council, underpinned by an influential group of Patrons, had its founding financed by the Ontario government and the Federal Multiculturalism and Citizenship Department, whose Chief of Staff, Dr. Dennison More, was in attendance.

The Council also honored three distinguished Black educators for their outstanding contribution and commitment to the education of black Learners. Gertrude Tynes, Nova Scotia, Wilson Brooks, Ontario, and Vincent D'Oyley, British Columbia. These individuals have acted and continue to act as an inspiration to all persons committed to improving the structures of education for Black Learners.

# "Volcanoes, Earthquakes, People and Other Hazards"

(UNBPRI) An outstanding teacher and researcher from Illinois will give a free public lecture on earthquakes, people and the environment at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton on Monday, March 9.

Carla Montgomery, a professor of geology and associate dean of graduate studies at Northern Illinois University (NIU) in DeKalb, Ill., will speak on the topic, Volcanoes, Earthquakes, People and Other Natural Hazards, at 8 pm in room C13,

Head Hall, on the UNB campus. She will discuss the damage done by other natural hazards. This talk will be of general interest to the community at large.

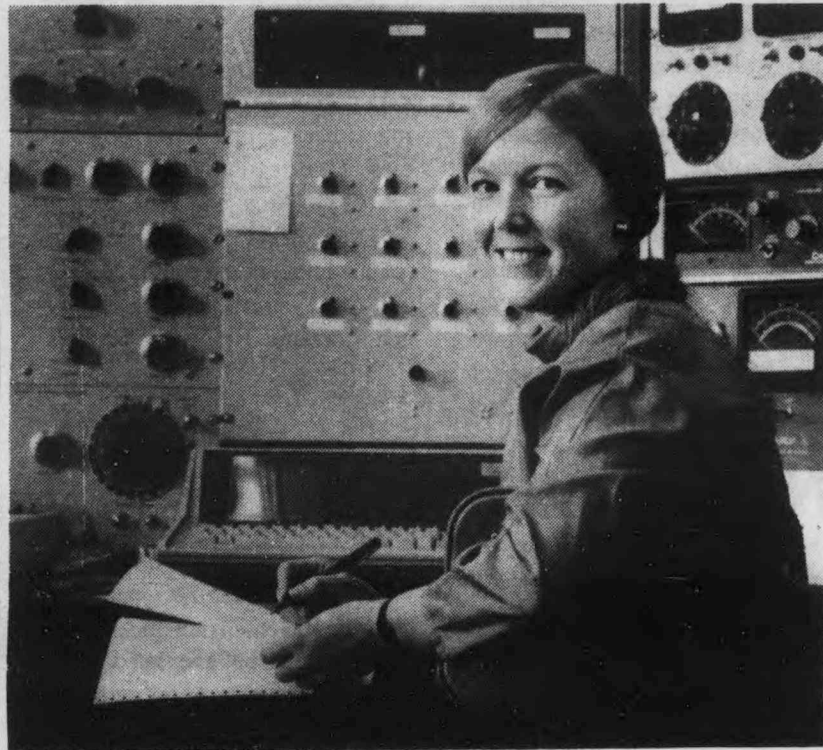
A talk on Dr. Montgomery's specific field of research will be given earlier on the same day. Entitled Stalking the Elusive Archaen: Precambrian Geochronology in the Southern Beartooth Mountains, this talk will be more technical in nature, but members of the general public are also welcome to attend. It is

scheduled for 4 pm in Room-F24 of the Forestry and Geology Building. Further information on either lecture may be obtained from Bruce Broster of Dick Grant in UNB's geology department at 453-4803.

These lectures have been arranged by the Atlantic Provinces Council on the Sciences (APICS), which annually sponsors two distinguished lecturers to tour Maritime universities. Dr. Montgomery will also lecture at Mount Allison, Acadia and Dalhousie universities on her APICS lecture tour.

Dr. Montgomery earned her doctorate in geochemistry from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977. She has written or co-authored eight books on various aspects of geology, 15 articles in refereed journals, and 25 abstracts,

reviews and other works. The many academic honors and awards she has received include election as a Fellow of the Geological Society of America in 1987 and selection for an Eloise Gerry Fellowship, one of four such fellows named in the United States for the academic year 1984-85. In 1982 the NIU geology students chose her to receive the department's first Most Valuable Professor Award, and in 1984 she received the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award from NIU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.



Teacher and researcher Carla Montgomery. contributed photo

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