

# NEWS

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## UNB becomes member of prestigious Apple University Consortium

by Jonathan Stone

UNB and STU have become members of the Apple University Consortium, which should provide the campus community with better prices, service and maintenance.

The Consortium consists of a significant number of large universities across North America.

The university has been working for an agreement with Apple for several years, as deals exist with IBM, Zenith and Sung.

"Apple's a come-lately to this. We've been trying to get them for quite a few years, and we've just managed to do it," said David MacNeil, Director of Computing Services.

"One of Apple's problems was that we were a little small for them," he added.

MacNeil feels Apple will benefit from an increased market and therefore increased sales.

And Apple Canada's VP Education Division, Michel St-Georges, said the roots of the company are in education.

Under the agreement, Computing Services employees will be trained and authorized to perform Apple maintenance on products under warranty.

A minimal parts inventory will be kept on campus, and Computing Services expects that most other parts can usually be obtained in 48 hours.

Students and university employees wishing to purchase discounted Apple products are directed to the Bookstore, which now has the computers in stock.

"The university students and faculty were always entitled to an educational allowance, no matter where you bought it. What's changed here is that the university is now the dealer, and the discount is slightly larger," said MacNeil, "The prices are set so that it should be more beneficial to buy it here."

Students will be able to save an estimated five-per cent on products, although some discounts on software could be substantially more, depending on the item.

For example, *The Brunswickan* currently uses five MacIntoshes for typing and layout, and the professional software used, *Aldus PageMaker*, is currently priced at \$210 for educational use, as opposed to the regular cost of \$800.

MacNeil estimates that there are about 2700 microcomputers on campus, of which approximately 400 are MacIntoshes.



Winners of Varsity-Mania's Residence Challenge for 1992-1993 were: Harrison House for co-ed attendance; Lady Dunn Hall for female attendance; and Aitken House for overall attendance. Each House is receiving prizes from Moosehead Breweries.

Shown here are (from left to right): Kyla Woods, Jeff Richard, Andrew MacPherson, Larry Whitman and Dan (the Nackawic Man) Leger.

Kevin G. Porter photo.

Information won't be released until April 29

## Residence fees decision reached

by Gordon Loane

UNB's Residence Budget Committee has reached a decision on fees for next year, but Housing and Food Services Director Roy Brostowski says he can't release any information.

"We've forwarded a recommendation to the Board of Governors for consideration," he said.

The BoG is expected to set residence fees at a meeting April

29th.

"I can say that the Budget Committee was very sensitive to concerns raised about the difficulty students are experiencing obtaining summer employment," he added.

In addition, other costs have risen as well.

In a related matter, Brostowski said occupancy rates in residence are down slightly this year, but UNB's Total of 1455 beds are 97% occupied on average.

"We're certainly not experiencing the problems of other universities in this regard," he said.

Brostowski stated that UNB's residence system is still expected to operate at a slight loss this year.

"We're doing a little bit better than our original budget estimates."

### B.J. Grant

The University community marks the passing of B.J. Grant on Sunday, March 28, 1993. Mr Grant was an employee of the Harriet Irving Library.

Mr. Grant wrote his own obituary, which ran in *The Daily Gleaner* on Wednesday, March 31, 1993.



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