

## Canadian Institute of International Affairs invites students to join

**Press Release**

Fredericton is one of 21 cities across Canada to have an active Branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

Over the past 60 years this non-profit, non-governmental organization has been encouraging an interest in and an understanding of Canada's role in the world. Like it or not, nations have international relations -- international affairs with other nations, and Canada is no exception.

Six or seven evenings a year, between October and June, the CIIA's Fredericton Branch holds meetings, or forums, with an informed guest speaker or speakers addressing timely topics.

The first meeting of the 1990-91 season is on Tuesday, October 2, at 8 p.m. The location is the Engineering Faculty Lounge, in Head Hall. The topic that evening is: A New Role for Canada in Peacekeeping? The speaker is Alex Morrison, executive director of the Toronto-based Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies. A question and answer period will follow Mr. Morrison's talk.

Membership in the CIIA is open to everyone interested in Canada and international affairs. There are special reduced rates for student members. Membership benefits include receipt (by mail) of some CIIA publications such as "Behind the Headlines" studies.

While not an official campus organization, the CIIA's Fredericton Branch maintains close connections with the University community. For example, a UNB/STU student traditionally serves as a member of the Branch executive.

Prof. Angus Hamilton, chairperson of the Fredericton Branch, invites prospective student members to come to the October 2 meeting. "Guests are always welcome and we would like to enlarge our membership," he says.

For additional information about the CIIA and its activities please call Stephen Branch, in Fredericton, at 459-1408.

## UNB 16th Annual Coaster Derby is this Saturday

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The 16th Annual Coaster Derby will be taking place on Saturday, September 29, 1990 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. It will be held on the Fredericton Campus of the University of New Brunswick and will be the main event of a week of celebration planned by all engineering faculties.

The Mechanical Engineering Student Society welcomes everyone to come out and watch the race on Saturday.



## News Notes

### New computer model may help forest managers

Fredericton, UNB (UNB-PRI)- A new computer model developed by a forest engineering professor at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton may help countries around the world plan and manage their forests in a more efficient, effective and environmentally sound manner.

OP-PLAN, developed by Ted Robak, is designed to help forest managers plan in a more integrated way. On recent trips to Ireland, Sweden, New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Japan and Thailand, Prof. Robak had a chance to test the suitability of his proposed model. "I was happy to find that the model could serve as a basis for solving operational planning problems in the widely different environments I visited."

Prof. Robak decided to make his international junket to find out first-hand the experience of researchers and organizations interested in a more holistic approach to planning. "The operational planning of industrial forestry activities for larger organizations in most countries is time-consuming and complicated," he said. "A manager's job is difficult because of the diversity of sites, processes, operating conditions, and processing resources available."

Often a district level manager may have to choose from among hundreds of work sites, each of which could be operated by several systems in several ways. Complicating the matter even further are uncertainties concerning operating and market conditions. Those often require that a plan incorporate elements of risk reduction so that operations are able to meet new challenges as they arise.

The techniques and procedures proposed by Prof. Robak aim to facilitate the integration of operational and strategic planning and control processes. "One of the great advantages of OP-PLAN is its flexibility. As a decision support system, it can be used to simulate operations and see the overall effects--not just the costs, but how sound and implementable the plan is."

### Third year for community linking

Fredericton, UNB (UNB-PRI)- This academic year marks the third year that communities in the province are linked to the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. The community liaison representative program, created by the department of extension and summer session at UNB, provides part-time, adult students in communities across the province with a direct link to the university.

Woodstock area residents who are studying part-time at UNB have a new representative this year. Sheelagh Russell-Brown is now registering adult learners for credit courses, answering enquiries, providing information, and assisting with local arrangements for various course offerings and support services.

She will also channel community needs and requests to the university. Dr. Russell-Brown can be contacted at P.O. Box 1597, Woodstock, N.B., E0J 2B0 or by telephone at 328-2422.

### Occupational Therapy conference

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Fredericton- In conjunction with the Atlantic Occupational Therapy Conference to be held in Fredericton, September 26-29, students interested in Occupational Therapy as a career option are invited to attend an informal presentation on Occupational Therapy.

There will also be an opportunity to view the latest in rehabilitation technology and equipment.

The presentation will be held at the Fredericton Inn at 11:00 am on September 28. If you have any questions please contact Patti Byrne at 452-5253.

### Presentation postponed

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CBC-TV News Anchor Peter Mansbridge's presentation at the St. Thomas University has been postponed.

Due to a flight cancellation Mansbridge's presentation entitled "Television News: The Good, Bad, The Medium" has been rescheduled for October 11.

The presentation was supposed to have taken place yesterday at 11:30 a.m. in the Edmund Casey Auditorium.