

York University congratulated on new chair

At a well-attended ceremony held at York University on February 5, Environment Minister Tom McMillan sent a good will message on the occasion of the announcement of the new NSERC/AES Research Chair in Atmospheric Chemistry.

The message was read as part of a speech by ADMA Howard Ferguson chief AES representative at the gathering.

Relaying the minister's words, Mr. Ferguson said that ways in which top scientists could assess the threats to our fragile environment included holding major meetings like the Conference on the Changing Atmosphere, due to be held in Toronto June 27-30 and establishing research facilities at Canadian universities where scientists can study environmental issues away from the glare of publicity. "The more world-class research we are able to perform in atmospheric chemistry, the



Left to right: ADMA, Howard Ferguson, Dr. Hironi Nicki chairholder and Dr. A. W. May, president of NSERC.

better equipped we will be to protect our life-sustaining atmosphere", concluded the ministerial message.

Adding to the Minister's thoughts, Mr. Ferguson said that AES was particularly pleased that a scientist of the calibre of Dr. Hironi Niki had accepted the Research Chair. "The creation of the Chair at York is an excellent beginning", continued Mr. Ferguson. "AES has been pleased to cooperate with the National Science and Engineering Research Council and to recognize York's existing expertise and potential. I would emphasize that AES's financial commitment of half a million dollars over five years is provided from reallocation of existing budget resources. In these days of federal belt-tightening, we believe the AES financial commitment to York and other Canadian Universities is significant."

The Minister's message was addressed to Mr. R. Bruce Bryden, Chairman of the Board of Governors of York University, who acted as master of ceremonies during the Chair announcement.