

Colorful India night well attended

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The UNB India Association presented its 23rd annual India

Nite Saturday March 13 in the French Cultural Centre. The well attended program featured a diverse and very colorful array of Indo-Canadian talent.

For one evening, those in attendance were invited to share in a truly unique cultural experience by exploring the rich heritage of India.

After being introduced by

Association President Vijay Aggarwal, guest of honour UNB vice-president academic Robert Burrige made a few remarks in honour of the occasion. Following this, the show was turned over to the capable hands of master of ceremonies, Mary Abraham.

As the show progressed the audience was entertained by performers from as far away as Moncton. This Moncton troupe presented many interesting dramatizations of the Indian culture and lifestyle. Of special interest was a presentation entitled "Shadow Play."

As the evening wore on, talented local performers sang, danced and played their way through a great variety of Indian music. This music encompassed everything from the classical Indian 'ragas' to romantic themes from Indian screenplays.

Authentic Indian instruments like the sitar, veena, tabla and harmonium were used by skilled musicians

to produce the rich melodies. The final effect of this evening of dance and music was to make the culture and sounds

of India come alive. This effect intensified throughout the program and culminated in the

singing of the India's national anthem just prior to the curtain's final close.

India Nite was followed by an informal reception in d'Avray Hall during which authentic Indian cuisine was served.

The organizers wish to thank all those who participated in the show - and also whose generous support made India Nite '82 a success.

Prepare for the future

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There must be more emphasis on preparing an individual for a specialty when they are in the education system. Students must be given the best information possible on job needs and opportunities. The ability to work in both languages will be a necessity in the eighties.

These were the words of Premier Richard Hatfield as he spoke last Thursday evening at the final session of the N.B. Research and Resource Centre conference on, N.B.: Options for the Eighties, held at Saint Thomas University.

Vice-president of STU, Winfield Poole, chaired the session. Members of the panel along with the premier were Liberal energy critic Ray Frenette and provincial leader of the NDP, George Little.

Hatfield spoke first and stated the eighties will be more exciting, more sophisticated decade than the past two. He said the province would see stable energy prices during the eighties. He said the major challenge of the eighties will be the getting together of people, government and big business to bring forth a stable economy and give more control to the people over their own lives.

He said people will have to learn they cannot have social progress without a healthy economy. New Brunswick was the only province, he said, where a meeting between labour, management and government brought forth an agreement that workers have the right to strike and management has a right to profit; but he said if these rights were abused, the people would take them away to maintain stability. Hatfield also stressed the need for planning and conservation of our resources.

Frenette then spoke, saying we have to share some of the blame for our economic woes. We as New Brunswickers must not wait for things to happen, he said, we must make things happen instead of blaming things like U.S. and world economies.

Regarding education, Frenette stated we must spend our vocations where the need is. He wondered why our com-

munity colleges only accept one out of three applicants, and proposed that more money be given to these colleges.

He pointed out that the province does not have nearly enough engineers and questioned why the government has not trained people from New Brunswick to take the higher paying permanent jobs at Point Lepreau. He said the planning went on for five to ten years at Lepreau, and still the government is bringing in people from Europe, Ontario and the U.S. to fill the positions. This lack of foresight must be rectified he said. We must overhaul our educational system to prepare for the jobs for tomorrow, he added.

Frenette went on to say we have tremendous energy potential in the province. This energy should be used to attract industries and permanent jobs, rather than be sold to create permanent jobs elsewhere. He said that Point Lepreau II should not be started before examining other areas of development where 2.5 billion could be better used, such as expanding the dock at Saint John or developing hydro-electric power and coal.

Government secrecy in areas like Lepreau have angered and promoted cynicism toward the government, he said.

Little criticized the government for not making education

a number one priority. He said in the past we have trained people with New Brunswick money. These people cannot find jobs, so they go elsewhere to develop another area of the country, he said. We must develop our own industry and resources to stop this outflow of people said Little. He added that both the federal and provincial governments are going to make universities schools for the rich.

We must put the economy into the people's hands for the benefit of the province, rather than the companies, who come in to take our resources and leave, he said.

He stated we must allow our senior citizens to retire in peace and dignity, and recognize the importance of a woman's domestic role.

Little said the NDP provide an option to old-line politics. A coalition of New Brunswickers must be set up to co-operatively look after their own interests.

A question period followed the debate, in which Frenette indicated the New Brunswick government has been cutting back on its contribution to post-secondary education since 1978, while the federal government contributions have either stayed the same or have gone up.

Afterwards there was a reception in the STU faculty lounge so that people could ask questions and talk to the three politicians.

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