

## Last call for student aid-December 31

By DERWIN GOWAN

December 31 is the deadline for application for Canada Student Loans and appeals must be made by January 14, 1977. All applications and appeals should be made to the department of youth in Fredericton.

Department of Youth documents outline three major areas under which reviews will be considered. These are education costs, student contribution, and parental income.

Under education costs, appeals would only be considered if the figure used in the original assessment was incorrect.

In some cases a student may receive extra money for books and expenses not covered by the regular allowance.

Students classed as not independent (Group "A") whose parents live in Fredericton may receive

loans to live away from home only if they can prove that it is "impossible" for them to live home, the document says.

Such students must have a letter indicating that it would be detrimental to their mental or physical well-being to live at home, a letter from parents or a responsible authority saying overcrowded living conditions exist in the home, or proof that the parental home is 25 miles from the campus or one hour travelling time by public transportation. Cases involving the physical or mental well-being of the student must go before the review board.

The student must provide the Student Aid Office with his/her new address before an appeal can be made for extra living expenses, indicating that the student has left the parental home. If the student leaves the parental home after the beginning of the academic year,

the board and lodging costs must be prorated. A complete review would also be made of his/her local transportation costs.

An appeal for more assistance will be considered because of lack of financial resources by the student due to lack of employment, insufficient earnings, health reasons, or attendance at summer school or intersession.

The student must have sought gainful employment prior to and during summer vacation in order to be eligible to appeal. A letter or card showing registration with Canada Manpower or refusal letters from three employers will be accepted as proof.

If the student was unable to find employment during the summer, the documentation must cover the entire summer period before an appeal will be heard. If the student was able to find employment for part of the

summer then they must provide documentation for the period he/she was not working and a statement of his/her gross earnings for the period of employment.

Students must show that they sought financially remunerative employment before they will be allowed an appeal because of summer earnings. "Personal inclination or the relationship of the summer job to the student's academic field of study are of secondary consideration," the document says. A statement of gross earnings for the periods of employment such as separation certificates or a letter from the employer must be accompanied with the appeal.

A letter from a doctor stating the actual period a student was unable to work and the reason must accompany an appeal due to lack of money because of health

reasons.

A review will be considered if the student attended summer school providing official receipts from the university accompany the appeal.

If the student claims he/she was unable to save the amount expected under the Canada Student Loans Plan, the Student Aid Branch will determine how much the student should have been able to save from whatever amount he/she did earn. The student must provide a detailed breakdown of summer income by separation certificates, statements from employers, and similar documents. A breakdown of expenses during the summer period must also be provided on a weekly basis.

The following formula is used to determine the amount a student should have been able to save:

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## Mass student meeting not so massive

By GERRY LASKEY

Inadequate student housing academics, Campus Services Limited and the problem of student participation were the main concerns discussed at the first general meeting of the student body this year.

The general meeting of the UNB Student Union, held Tuesday afternoon in room 102 of Tilley Hall, was attended by just over 40 students.

SRC president, Jim Smith, opened the meeting. "The reason I called this meeting is because it's getting to the point where not too many people are involved in what's going on at campus. It's my intention to hold these meetings periodically."

Smith started the discussion on the joint Senate/SRC Course Evaluation Survey. He summarized the union position saying, "The Senate wants to continue the joint arrangement but if it's not mandatory that all professors take the evaluation it's a waste of \$4,000."

Commenting on student aid Smith said that the youth minister's Student Advisory Committee met Monday. He said the committee is working on specific concerns, not broad demands as last year. He stressed the importance of the appeal procedures for student loans saying more students who are in need should appeal. He said the next meeting is December 7. Smith said the three Maritime youth ministers are going to discuss regional student aid parity on December 6, but said he couldn't find out anything on the proposals Monday.

On student housing Smith said "I screamed housing crisis at the first of the summer. Because of the crisis a lot of students may have turned back."

Smith complained about the conditions many students are living under. He said students are overcrowded, citing an example of eleven girls paying \$1000 per month for a house with one

bathroom. He said many landlords refused to make repairs.

Smith said students were afraid to speak out on housing because tenants can be evicted without recourse. He added, "The rentals-man legislation is filed away somewhere in the provincial legislature archives so not too much is going to be done."

Smith said, "There are some slum landlords that take advantage of the students."

"There are twelve vacancies in Victoria House and the Administration is screaming that there is no housing crisis."

Smith said that the Board of Governors is looking into setting up apartments on campus to be rented to students primarily, but also to others. He said a questionnaire will be circulated soon to ask students what they want in housing.

Smith then discussed his "pet peeve" as he said — academics. He said a professor recently told his class he taught not because he enjoyed it — but only as he had to. He complained that many courses that are six credit hours in the calendar are giving only three. He said there is an appeal to Senate that would be sympathetic but he said that was too awkward a procedure.

Smith gave a case that two students submitted an essay and the professor said "It's too good to be your own", and gave them zero. The professor threatened to fail them if they proceeded to appeal. He said, "There's no bloody way a professor can get away with that."

Smith said "We can get things changed but we need support. If we don't have the support of the students we will just be laughed at."

"Petitions are the easiest way to get things done around here." He gave the example of Education students getting the cafeteria opened earlier last year by petition.

When Smith asked "What type of services do students want on



Photo by Jack Trifts

Student union president Jim Smith addressed just over 40 students who showed up for the general meeting held last Wednesday in lieu of the regular Monday Students' Representative Council meeting.

this campus?" the questions surrounding CSL came up.

Smith, when asked about debt said "CSL is about \$40,000 in the hole." He said CSL is designed to provide services at break even and using any profits for other services.

Smith said "students are getting fed up with pubs." He said the travel office is providing services, but not profit-making ones. He said films are a service that is breaking even. Smith said "It's a damn good organization we're just running out of ideas to make money. If you can tell me what type of entertainment students want then we'll make money."

## Snake bites can ruin your whole day

By TWEED

Would you share your home with a cold-blooded reptile? A UNB professor and his family have four snakes in their household.

Professor Louis Torfason, of the Mechanical Engineering Department, keeps four boa constrictors as pets in his Fredericton home. The Torfason children share their father's affinity for the reptiles, but his wife is not really fond of them. The pets are kept in a small terrarium. "I let them out when I

want to be alone," says Torfason.

A native of Saskatchewan, Torfason became interested in herpetology "at birth". He acquired his first pet, a ribbon snake, at age six! "Everyone is interested in snakes," he says.

He has been bitten once, by a rattle snake. "There are no poisonous snakes, just venomous ones. If bitten, don't panic. You won't die for at least two hours. But it can ruin your whole day."

Three of the snakes, Ghengis See Philmont, page 5

## Changes coming to program

The Department of Education will announce "within a week" changes in one of the most popular bursary-aid programs offered in Canada according to a provincial government spokesperson.

The inter-provincial program of monitors; aiding professors and students in the teaching of a second language offers at present 450 positions scattered through Canada. 10,000 students annually compete for the job.

Students selected as monitors receive bursaries of \$333.00 per month for the teaching year. Seventy-five percent of students accepted in any one province must not be permanent residents of that province. Twenty-five percent may have provincial resident status in the province they monitor in.

New Brunswick at present has three monitor positions, one at Mount Allison, U de Moncton, and UNBSJ.

At press time it is not known what changes will be implemented under the new program.