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## Citizen protest causes taxi by-law to be tabled

**By NANCY CARR** 

wick Senate has given its approval

grading system for UNB, effective

At Tuesday night's meeting Prof.

Harold Sharp (Business) moved that the report be adopted and that

the suggestions of students

concerning amendments be refer-

red to the Student Standings and

The report, which basically advocates a change from a

percentage to a letter grade

system, was instigated by Prof.

Peter Kepros over two years ago.

Brian Forbes voicing their

opposition to it. Miss Wawer said

that she felt many students were

Promotions Committee.

in the 1974-75 academic year.

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## **By MILTON THOMAS**

A flurry of citizen protest has sent the proposed taxi by-law back to the Administration Committee, of city council even before it received second reading.

The action came at Tuesday evening's city council meeting after objections against the increase in taxi fares were raised by a wide spectrum of Fredericton residents.

Shortly after the session was called to order, law student John Marler pointed out to council certain improprieties in the by-law in its present form.

Marler said he took "strong exception" to the fact that the by-law was drawn up for council by an attorney who also represents one of the major cab companies in town. Matler called it "an irreconcilable position that council asked Petrie to draw-up the by-law. It represents a conflict of interests.

Marler pointed out as well three

said he personally had "no ation. He pointed out as well the out to take an hour." objection to a raise, if council overcrowding and poor service deems it necessary. But no characteristic of local taxis. evidence of the necessity of a raise Attached to his letter was last has been presented to council." For these reasons Marler asked and several letters to the editor

council to either refer the by-law exemplifying "the disapproval of back to committee before the 5,000 students." second reading or to defeat it on second reading and start over again

Following Marler's disertation, a Mrs. Young spoke to council on behalf of the senior citizens of the area. She said "a 25 cent increase in fares is acceptable but to double them is unfair. Senior citizens just can't afford it.'

City Clerk John Robinson then presented to council a petition and several letters condemning the to adopt the Kepros Report's fare increases. The petition was signed by 154 secretaries and clerks from the area.

At this week's meeting City Council tabled the newly proposed taxi by-law.



contradictions between sections of George Morrison emphasized his destination by taxi, one letter the by-law and provincial statutes. own and many other student's writer said she "won't pay \$1.50 for With respect to fares, Marler dependance on taxis for transport- a five minute drive that often turns and city council haven't consider-

> At this juncture, Councillor Gillies moved that the by-law be tabled and sent back to the week's BRUNSWICKAN editorial Administration Committee for reassessment.

A spokesman for the Fredericton Taxi Association concurred with In referring to the length of time this suggestion. Mr. Brabander

A letter from UNB student it often takes to reach one's stated that "It seems to be clear that a lot of things have come up suddenly that the Taxi Association ed.

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"We would be very interested" he continued, "in meeting with people opposing the by-law in whole or part to attempt to reconcile the differences through the council committee.'

Following this the tabling motion was passed.

**Kepros system accepted** implications and said adoption of the report would be "change for

the sake of change" Prof. Barbara Pepperdene also criticized the report as being too imprecise. In the Kepros system, letter grades A,B,C,D, and F are assigned weight factors of 4,3,2,1, and o and a grade point average is calculated from this

Miss Pepperdene said she felt the grading system would be particularly difficult to use in large introductory courses, and questioned the implications of the 'credit hour' system, an essential facet of the report.

The report also drew criticism from Engineering and Forestry Senate members, who were not eager to change from a weighted course system to the credit hour and letter grade one.

Following discussion by Senate, Prof. Kepros defended the report. He said that the letter grade system was becoming increasingly common at Canadian universities, and that a significant merit of the system lay in its elimination of marking discrepancies between faculties.

Prof. Kepros was questioned as to student involvement in the report, and replied that 4 out of 12 members on the report's committee had been students.

He attributed misunderstandings of the report to a failure on the part of some individuals to take the time to read it.

don't see the problem," he the time to understand the report, and have not asked me for clarification."

and 12 against, with four of the five course.

student senators present refusing to accept the Kepros system.

In other Senate business, approval was given to have Canada Manpower move on campus and take over the function of the placement office.

Dean of Students Dr. Frank Wilson pointed out to the Senate that an advisory committee on placement would be maintained to provide a liason with Manpower and to monitor the service provided.

In terms of finance, he said that the only cost to UNB would be for heat, light, and space, and that a saving of \$36,000 to \$40,000 for the university would result.

With respect to UNBSJ Manpower would operate a part time placement office until such time as a full time service was required by students.

It was decided that following approval of the Board of Governors, Manpower would move on campus Sept, 1, 1973.

Senate also gave the go-ahead to course evaluation Tuesday, as Board of Governors student representative Mike Richard went before the body to ask for approval of the project.

Richard explained that a pilot project on course evaluation involving some 40 to 60 courses had been successfully undertaken last March

In the course evaluation program, students will fill out questionnaires on the courses of said. "People have just not taken consenting professors. The questionnaires include questions regarding the effectiveness of course presentation, course organization, The motion to accept the report evaluation of work load, and overall was eventually passed with 15 for satisfaction of students with the

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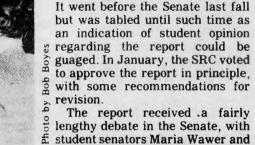
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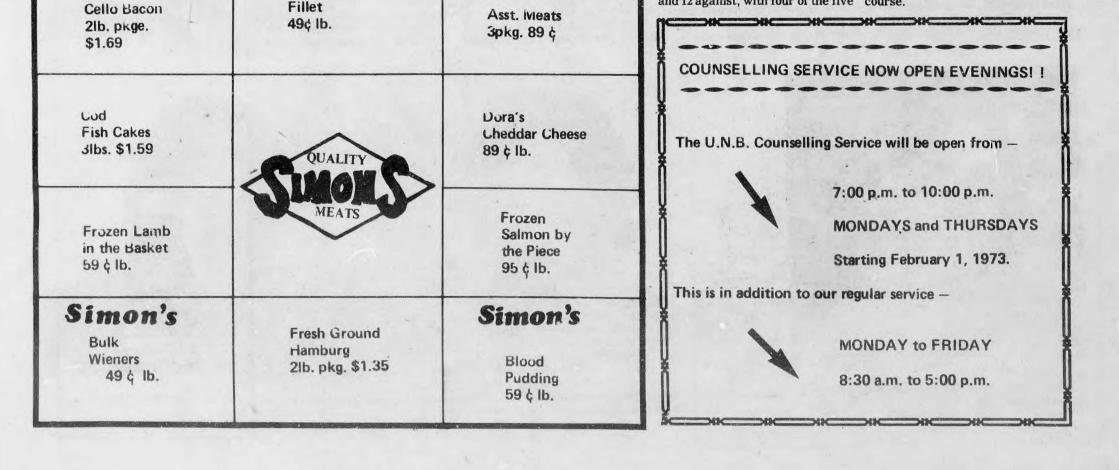
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