

Higgins faces students in under attack session



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The leader of the Liberal party in New Brunswick was "Under Attack" at UNB this week.

Robert Higgins, speaking during a Political Science Association sponsored public service event, discussed the five policy conferences held this past year which gave ordinary citizens the "opportunity to participate in what planks went into the platform."

He then outlined the five major problem areas which came up at these conferences. These are:

1. getting along better provincially, he said that there was no reason why all persons in New Brunswick couldn't get along better no matter if they were French, English or from the north, south, east, or west.
2. He said as a party, we must be involved in sharing—making sure that there are equal opportunities for everyone.
3. We should develop economic projects.
4. We must make sure though not to rape our environment—as stated in our platform we will set up public hearings prior to projects being implemented that might damage a part of our environment. We will pay for interveners to speak on behalf of the people of New Brunswick.
5. Also mentioned was the problem the individual has in dealing with "Big Government". He suggested having more cabinet meetings which could be held in different towns around New

Brunswick so that more people could take an active part in the government. Also large interest groups could make their interests known directly to the government.

Carl Howe, Liberal candidate for Fredericton north, then introduced his ideas. He said he feels he knows about the problems on the north side because he has lived there all his life. He added his philosophy is to listen to the problems of the people and then to act; right now he is canvassing door to door so that he can get to know his constituents.

Dr. Dan Hurley, a professor at the UNB law school and candidate for Fredericton south, was certainly the most humorous of the candidates. He said that he was pleased to give his own introduction instead of writing up something for someone else to give. He said he had no intentions of scattering promises, but he did go over a few areas of the platform that were relevant to the students.

The floor was then opened for questions. The first question was directed to the two local candidates concerning the Bridge and their opinions on its location.

Howe said that he "hoped it went from shore to shore" other than that he wanted a bridge started right away but had no opinion as to where the best location for it would be.

Hurley said that the Bridge should be gotten under way immediately but he felt that it shouldn't be put at the Westmorland location unless the people

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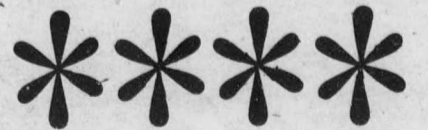
LIBERAL PARTY PLATFORM

Last Thursday, Bob Higgins released the platform of the Liberal party - a platform that is not only socially responsible, but "meets the task of fiscal responsibility". The following are the points we consider of most interest to students:

- Student aid will be reconstituted in consultation with student representatives for loans, bursaries and repayment provisions (including rent rebates).
- ★ A Liberal government will establish an advisory council on the rights and status of women in New Brunswick.
- ★ A Liberal government will implement Civil Legal Aid throughout New Brunswick.
- ★ A Liberal government will introduce legislation to provide for compulsory no-fault automobile insurance up to standard limits (\$35,000 public liability and property damage).
- ★ A Liberal government will abolish the \$1.50 provincial property tax on all residential living accommodations over a three year period with the tax abolished in 1977.
- ★ A Liberal government will assume full financial responsibility for the education to total individual human potential within the school system of developmentally handicapped children, including provision for transportation, developmental programming, vocational service, counselling and support services.
- ★ A Liberal government will commit itself to large scale land banking and encouraging more Co-op and non-profit housing programs.

★ In Fredericton South vote Dan Hurley.

★ In Fredericton North vote Carl Howe.



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