

UNB Student Running in Federal Election

By STEPHAN COMEAU

UNB student Chris Fullerton plans to be on the ballot of next month's Federal election as the Rhino party's candidate in the Fredericton riding.

When asked why he is running for office, Fullerton's response is likely quite different from what most other candidates would say: "...definitely not to get

elected. I just want 15% of the vote so I can get my \$200 back." The \$200 refers to a refund candidates get if they reach the marginal 15% mark.

Although he hasn't received full documentation of the party's platform from Rhino "headquarters" in Montreal, Fullerton was able to outline some of the party's campaign promises. Of particular interest to students is the party's plan to give \$100,000 to

students in their final year in an attempt to study the affects of higher incomes on their lifestyles. Also, on the local level, Fullerton would like to "Annex Waterloo Row in order to provide free student housing."

The Rhino party itself is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. It is intended to provide an alternative vote to

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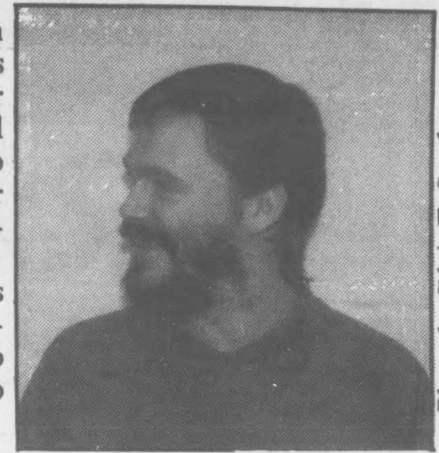
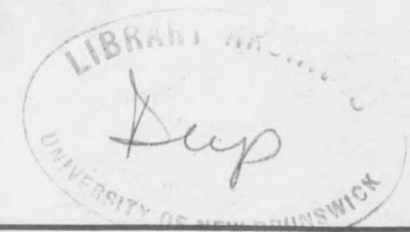


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Students To Occupy Legislature

By JANE ARNOLD

On Wednesday, October 19, 1988, student unions across the country will celebrate National Student Day. Today, the interests of hundreds of thousands of Canadian students are represented by the national student organization, the Canadian Federation of Students.

Students began working together over 60 years ago. In 1926, a formation of the National Federation of Canadian University Students (NFCUS) started a movement of intense debate and organization on student issues. As it is today, student aid was an especially important issue in those days, as it was more or less non-existent. The Depression and the Second World War created enrolment drops which dampened interest in student issues and the NFCUS.

After the war, excitement rose again as returning veterans were given free education. Lobbying began at both provincial and nation levels because of excessive tuition fees for other students.

Rapid economic expansion in the 1950's led to an increased number of universities being opened. In 1959, NFCUS changed its name to the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) in recognition of the increasing number of community colleges that were being founded.

In the 1960's, many victories were had including a national student loan program, which was established in 1964. The Anti-Vietnam movement of the late 1960's touched the student movement deeply. The intense political debate of these years led to disbanding of the CUS in 1969.

In 1972, the National Union of Students (NUS) was founded to fill the void. Through the 1970's, there was much debate about the need to intergrate the provincial and national elements of the student movement. Because of this, in 1981, the Canadian Federation of Students was founded.

CFS today experiences excellent consultation with the Federal government on matters ranging from student aid to summer employment programs to free trade and, in 1986 was named by Maclean's Magazine as one of the top 40 lobby groups in Ottawa.

An array of services for students - health insurance, discount programs, student travel, speakers bureau, overseas work exchanges are run by CFS.

To mark over sixty years of students working together, a number of events will be held across the country. The New Brunswick Students Alliance, the provincial lobby organization for post secondary students, has organized a sitting of the house at the Legislature in Fredericton. Student representatives from the provincial universities will "take over" the legislative debate issues facing students.

This event will take place the afternoon of October 19th from 2-4 pm. Issues such as tuition fees, special need students, student aid, and university funding will be discussed.

Irma Ferlotte, Chair of the NBSA, invites all students to attend the event as she feels this will be the highlight of National Student Day. "The trip to the Legislative will not only add to the celebration of National Student Day but it will let the NB government and the public know what students need in order for a fully accessible education."



Photo by STEPHANIE LONDON

*Jammin' it up at the Social Club
last Wednesday Night.
A good time had by all...*

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