

# Province Gives Grant to VCA



J. GERRY KER, 4th year electrical engineering student, will be chairman of the Atlantic Student Conference, to be held on the UNB campus January 20-22.

The "Values, Change and Action - '67" Conference scheduled to open next week on the three Fredericton campuses has received a grant from the Province of New Brunswick to help defray program expenses. George Mossman, conference coordinator, made the announcement during the Christmas holidays.

The conference will begin Friday evening, January 20th, and according to Gerry Ker, the conference chairman, either the Premier of New Brunswick or the Hon. Mr. Meldrum, Minister of Education, will give opening remarks at the first plenary session.

Gerry Ker, 4th year electrical engineering student at UNB said last week that about 200 students are expected to attend the "Values, Change and Action" conference at

Fredericton Jan. 20-22.

"Through this conference," he said, "we hope to arouse increased interest among students in sociological, economic and cultural questions, particularly as they apply to this part of Canada." The first keynote address will be given Friday night by Wm. F. Ryan, S.J., Assistant Director of the Social Action Department, Canadian Catholic Conference, Ottawa, on "Values in Contemporary Society."

On Saturday morning the speaker will be Saul D. Alinsky, executive director of Industrial Areas Foundation, Chicago, well-known community organizer and expert on social change. At a buffet dinner at St. Thomas University on Saturday evening, Doug Ward, national chairman of CUS and chairman of the board

of directors of the Company of Young Canadians, will speak.

On Sunday morning, Gerry Duclos, Assistant Deputy Minister and Director General of Manpower Services, Ottawa, will have as a topic "Prescriptions for Action". At the closing plenary session in the afternoon an overview will be given by Michel Despland, Assistant Professor in the Department of Religion, Sir George Williams University, Montreal.

Between these plenary sessions delegates will meet in small ferment groups or workshops to discuss such topics as education, Maritime mentality, the technological revolution, identity in mass society, institutionalized religion, Atlantic minority groups and other topics of interest.

Resource persons for these

groups include Prof. Nels Anderson, Department of Sociology, UNB; Jean Archibald, Maritime School of Social Work, Halifax; Alan Clarke, Executive Director, the Company of Young Canadians; Richard Hatfield, M.L.A. Hartland; Harold Geltman and Clyde McElman, both former CUS chairmen at UNB now studying political science at Carleton and Laval Universities respectively; Mr. Charles Paul, Chief of the Tobique Maliseet Reserve; Dr. Arthur van Seters, Port Elgin, N.B.; Alan Borovoy, Director of the Labour Committee for Human Rights, Toronto; Mrs. Gaetan Bertrand, Tracadie; Glen Hughes, Senior Liaison Officer, Western Region, Citizenship and Immigration Dept., Edmonton, Alberta and Dr. Fernand Arsenault, Moncton, among others.

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## UNB-STU AMALGAMATION RECOMMENDED

Possibilities For President

In a brief presented to the SRC of UNB on the possibility of amalgamation between the students' council of UNB and STU, M. Gary Davis has recommended amalgamation of the councils as soon as possible. Pointing out the benefits that union of some student activities has already brought, and the possibility of greater future benefits, Davis said, "In the interests, social and financial, of the students of the University of New Brunswick and of St. Thomas University, it would be beneficial to amalgamate at the student government level."

Davis admits that social benefits are quite difficult to measure, but comments: "The lack of communication among the cultural groups in Canada retards the country socially and economically. . . . These unhealthy religious and ethnic prejudices should be eliminated." Referring to the large number of French and Catholic Students at STU, he concludes, "We have before us an excellent opportunity to take a constructive step."

### SAVE \$4000

Davis estimates the advantage of a financial union to the tune of \$4000. This is about what St. Thomas now spends on fixed costs, which would be eliminated. The cost of including STU in UNB activities would be marginal costs, which are consider-

ably less than fixed costs. With this step UNB would put itself an estimated two years ahead.

UNB and STU already share many student activities and organizations, including Radio UNB, Winter Carnival, Student Building Committee, and Student Discipline Committee. STU students, however, do not contribute the fee levied on all UNB students for the financing of such organizations as Radio UNB, but they are denied the right of holding executive positions in these organizations.

Much money could be made available by eliminating the present duplication of student services. The yearbooks and newspapers could be combined, and the councils could share the cost of correspondence and conferences.

### STU IDENTITY

Many STU students are afraid of losing their identity by amalgamation, but Davis points out that some UNB men's residences, with only 100 students from a campus of 3000, have managed to maintain a strong identity of their own. "St. Thomas students can, and doubtlessly would, maintain their uniqueness, irrespective of their corporate relationship to the students of UNB. Student government is only one part of a student's life at university," he added.

Davis also recommended a

solution as to how the amalgamation might best be achieved. He cited two problems, those of representation and local issues.

### HOW TO DO IT

Assuming that the present SRC "representation by population" per faculty will be retained at least for the present, the brief suggested that STU be given three seats. The positions of President and Vice-President would be open to STU students, who would be eligible for all non-voting council positions, and chairmanships of important committees.

To deal with issues of interest only to students of St. Thomas, a local council might be set up. This could resemble a combined faculty-residence committee, and should include the St. Thomas student councillors. Matters

of concern to St. Thomas students and administration could thus be brought directly and easily to the amalgamated council.

### JOINT SPRING ELECTIONS?

The brief advised amalgamation as soon as possible, even if it will mean deferring elections until later in the spring term.

Davis suggested the following sequence of steps toward amalgamation: approval by both councils, constitutional amendments (based on the present UNB and STU constitutions), approval of both administrations and turnover of student funds to the new council, choice of a new name, and continual reassessment of the amalgamation as the new council gains experience.

How about amalgamation as a Centennial project?

### OPEN ROOMS OVER EMPHASIZED

The SRC has presented its brief to the Residence Council headed by Dean Ryan.

Dean Ryan expressed surprise at the emphasis placed upon open rooms in residence, not only in the SRC brief, but also in previous reports submitted from other sources. He feels that there are more pressing problems regarding residences to be dealt with.

During the meeting, a great deal of time was spent discussing the residence system as a impetus to academic achievement, leading those representing the SRC to feel that the Council is so encumbered with theoretical proposals concerning residences, that there is little chance that it will come up with many practical solutions to current problems.

The question of presidential candidates for the upcoming Students Representative Council election is one that is being asked by students, council members, and the prospective candidates themselves.

To date, three students appear to be making a bid. Russ Weir, an honors history student, has had his name tossed around as a possible candidate. He was head of the Education Committee.

However, Weir has never sat on the Council as a representative.

Eric Champion, fourth year electrical engineering, has had the most experience of any possible presidential candidate. He represented his faculty two years ago on the council and has sat for the past year as First Vice-President. He feels that there should be continuity on the council through the re-election of members who have sat before. He thinks that the committees set up by the council should be more responsible to the council.

Nelson Adams, post graduate representative, is undecided about running. The most quotable member of the council, Adams has the necessary background to make the council function effectively. Before taking up his seat last fall, he had acted as chairman for the council. However, he has said that he doesn't feel that the campus is ready for the revolution his election would bring.