

# Writing Lab offers help to students with term papers

By JEAN MURCH

The Writing Lab currently advertised on all the bulletin boards around campus may be just

what the doctor ordered for many students - especially those who are in the midst of writing term papers.

"Writing is a skill that has to be learned," said Rosalind Robertson

the Writing Lab Tutor, in an interview Tuesday. She compared essay-writing skills with learning to ride a bike and said that by learning writing skills, "the student is being helped to help himself."

going on it."

An average of 30 students per year took advantage of the service in its first two years of operation. Demand for assistance picks up after Christmas when the marks show that help is needed, Morris said.

Many students "may be short-changing themselves" if they can't express their ideas clearly, she said. An inability to write clearly may boil down to a problem with punctuation and grammar, or the problem may be one of organization.

## Sean O'Sullivan to visit Jones House

Sean O'Sullivan, MP for the riding of Hamilton-Wenworth in Ontario will visit UNB and STU next Monday and Tuesday.

O'Sullivan will be guest speaker at the annual dinner of Jones House at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Also attending will be Robert Howie of Fredericton, MP for York-Sunbury.

Following the dinner the UNB-STU Progressive Conservative Club and the executive of the York-Sunbury PC Association will meet O'Sullivan at a reception.

On Tuesday morning O'Sullivan

will speak at a political science class at STU before departing for Ottawa around noon. First elected in the October 1972 election, O'Sullivan, who is now 21, is the youngest person ever to sit in the House of Commons.

Former journalist, he was appointed executive assistant to the RT. Hon. John Diefenbaker in December 1970. O'Sullivan is a member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, the Canadian NARO Parliamentary Association, and the Canadian group of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

The labs are individual, and are a free university service held in the counselling offices. John Morris, Director of Extension and Summer School said the lab was set up in the 1971-72 season "to assist part-time students." He said there is a need for extension students to "brush up" on the study skills. Many instructors assume the student already has these skills, he said, but many have problems in tackling a term paper. He said he "felt we should get something

The Writing Lab opened its doors to full-time students this September. Morris said the counselling service requested that the lab be made available to all students.

Robertson said the kind of assistance people receive "depends on the nature of the help that they need." She said students attend the lab to up-grade themselves; to get help on an up-coming term paper; or because they have received poor grades.

Lab appointments may last an hour for the first session, and further appointments are arranged on the student's request. For example, a student seeking help on a paper may go back for brief visits as his or her essay develops, first with an outline, and then with a rough draft.

The Writing Lab is held in Annex B, Room 34. Appointments can be made by calling Ext. 451 during office hours.

## Overseas student advisor responsible for 400 students

By KEN CORBETT

The academic affairs of approximately 400 foreign students are handled by the Overseas Student Advisor, Mrs. E. Joyce Stocker.

Stocker explained that as

Overseas Student Advisor, she was responsible for about 300 students from other countries and about 100 landed immigrants living in Canada who are enrolled at UNB.

According to the student service booklet, Stocker's functions include: responsibility for the

registration of every student who is not a Canadian citizen; ensuring that every non-Canadian student and dependents are covered by the University Insurance Plan and Medicare; providing newly-accepted students with information before they leave their home country; meeting of new students on arrival and assisting them on matters of accommodations; and in general providing non-Canadian students with information and counselling services.


Stocker also has another function at UNB. The University has a contract with the International Development Agency, and Stocker serves as co-ordinator between UNB and the Agency office in Ottawa. She said that she was entirely responsible for the approximately 50 students attending UNB with Canadian I.D.A. awards.

Stocker has been Overseas Student Advisor since 1958. Before assuming her present job, she worked in a similar position with the Y.W.-Y.M.C.A.



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