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Local Candidates Debate Issues

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The Candidates did devote some time to other issues. Asked if he could explain why there were no women offering for the Liberal Party this election, and what he would do about the situation, Mr. Woodside said that he didn't know why more women did not run. He declared "We limit ourselves as individuals, not as men or women... I would encourage both men and women to run."

On this point Mr. Bird expressed his agreement with Mr. Woodside and noted that the Mulroney cabinet includes six women, more than any other government in history. Mr. Sharp said "It is important to realize that Canadian women work at a disadvantage with men." He said women find it more difficult to become involved in politics because of the burdens of homemaking, inadequate childcare and unequal pay. He noted that within the NDP, every committee must have an equal number of men and women.

Canadian Federation of Students President-elect, Jane Arnold questioned the candidates on student issues. All three expressed the opinion that differential fees for foreign students in Canada should be dumped.

Mr. Sharp called phase two of the Government tax reform unfair and said that students will be one of the groups hardest hit by its implementation. Income taxes will fall, but since students don't usually pay income tax, they will not

benefit from this. They will, however, have to pay higher consumption taxes.

Mr. Bird declared "The total tax burden will be neutral," and said that the proposed sales tax changes are still in a stage of Federal-Provincial

consultation.

Mr. Woodside called for a fairer distribution of the tax burden but cautioned voters by saying "If anyone says there will not be an increase in taxes, that is a good reason not to vote for him."

The candidates were asked to identify their top three spending priorities and where they would cut back in office.

Mr. Sharp said that the NDP would cancel the nuclear submarine programme. NDP priorities to "ensure that Canadians have the capacity to live dignified, decent lives, to create wealth in the country by supporting small business, farmers, et cetera, and to implement a fair tax system."

After stating that he would slash the nuclear sub programme three times over, Mr. Woodside added improvement of the Trans-Canada Highway

and protection of the Environment to the list.

Mr. Bird said that he would work to ensure that the government spends well on social programmes, science and technology research, and on the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency.

In their closing statements, the candidates stressed different things. Mr. Bird appealed to the voters to elect the best person to represent them in Parliament. Mr. Sharp said that both the Liberals and the Conservatives have had a chance to rule and failed, and that voters should give Ed Broadbent a chance. Mr. Woodside declared that "there is something very badly wrong with the system," and vowed to work to clean up politics.



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Orientating California Style

By ANDY SHARPE

Recently, two members of the Orientation '89 executive, Chairman John Marshall and Andy Sharpe, Events Manager, attended a NODA conference in Sacramento, California.

NODA (National Orientation Directors Association) is an international body composed of both student and professional members. Its goals are to promote and enhance all areas of Orientation through its presence as a central information and resource body.

Part of the yearly conference

is the Publications competition. There are nine categories, including articles given out to freshmen as well as actual Orientation programs. UNB has always done very well in these competitions, and this year was no exception. UNB Orientation '88 won first prize in the "Best

Paraphernalia Packet"; translated into UNB language, this is our famous FROSH PACK. The FROSH PACK includes such items as: mug, beanie, pennant, city and campus maps, coupons for local services, information about living on and off campus, plus much, much more.

Numerous workshops and information sessions were held during the Oct. 17 to 19 conference. These were presented by both students and professionals from various universities and colleges across the continent. They were very informative and allowed us to compare with and learn from other Orientation Programs. As well as the organized events, there were many impromptu social get-togethers that allowed us to make some great friends and build an excellent information network.

Also in attendance at the conference was the SMART-PACC Pig. The Pig was very well received and helped us to promote UNB and really helped put New Brunswick on the map. The Pig was more fondly called the HOG by the conference participants from the Southern States.

Having to return to frigid New Brunswick temperatures and classes after spending five days in +90°F California was a definite drag, but there is always the next conference.

Tibetan Monks Performing at UNB

A performance by eight Tibetan monks from Drepung-Loseling Monastery of India will be given in Fredericton, Monday, November 21, with a repeat performance on Tuesday, November 22nd.

The purpose of their North American tour is to contribute to world peace, world understanding and mutual respect of world cultures and religions. The organizers of the tour hope to make available a rare sample of the wonderful Tibetan sacred arts and traditions belonging to our collective human heritage.

The tour is part of a non-profit fund-raising effort for the Drepung-Loseling Monastery located in South India. With the recent relaxation of restrictions for crossing the Tibet-Nepal border, thousands of new refugees have flooded out of the Land of Snows.

Many Tibetan families have sent their children to India in the hope that they will be able to gain a better education in a freer environment. As a result, many of the Tibetan monasteries in India have suddenly doubled in population. The critical shortage of housing and educational facilities will be partially alleviated by money gathered by the monks on this unique North American tour.

Each performance will be conducted in two sets, each some 50 minutes in length. The dancers will perform the Longevity Dance of the Sky People and the Skelton Dance. They will accompany their chanting with the sounds of bells, cymbals, drums, long and short horns. The monks will be wearing their traditional robes of many colours, ritual hats and headpieces.

Tickets for either perfor-

mances are \$10 for adults, \$7 for students and only a limited number will be sold. For more

information call the Faculty of Education, UNB Fredericton, 453-3500.

