

# UNB students represent USSR in Model UN

(UNBPRI) The Soviet Union is falling apart, Germany is reunited, Yugoslavia is in turmoil, the Middle East is groping for peaceful solutions to

its problems and the West is trying to find a constructive role amid these new and evolving realities.

It is an exciting time in in-

ternational affairs, and students from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton are right in the thick of it.

Five students will travel to Hamburg, Germany, as UNB's official entry in the International Model United Nations from Oct. 7 to 11. Held this year under the patronage of Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Germany's minister of foreign affairs, the event is the most important model UN in the world and is attended by university teams primarily from across Europe and North America.

As if the excitement of a trip to Europe and participation in the prestigious competition weren't enough, the

UNB team has been assigned to represent one of the most politically interesting countries in the world, the USSR.

"The assignment is a real plum," says the team's coach and adviser, Miron Rezun, a Sovietologist and professor in the university's political science department. "I can't imagine a more challenging and stimulating task than representing a dissolving superpower that's struggling to redefine both itself and its position in a rapidly changing world."

The plum landed on UNB's plate because of the excellent record established by the university in past competitions of the same kind. "Our teams have brought back a number of awards and medals from other UN simulations in recent years," Dr. Rezun explains. "In fact, three members of the current team took part in the sixth annual North American Model United Nation in Toronto last year, and took honors for best delegate to the International Court of Justice. The year before, we had the best Security Council representative and the UNB contingent was judged best team in the competition."

UNB's official team members for the Hamburg model UN are Joe Savoie and Derek Dunnett, fourth-year political science students; Robert Trifts, a second-year law student; James Walde, who is in the second year of the master's program in political science; and Hilary Earl, a graduate student in the history department. They will sit on five committees, including two General Assemblies, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council and the International Court of Justice. Their deliberations will embrace subjects ranging from environmental issues such as deforestation, desertification and transboundary air and ma-

rine pollution, to political and humanitarian concerns such as intervention for the protection of minorities, security in southeast Asia, global distribution of resources, and the debt crisis in the Third World.

The prospect of the Hamburg competition proved so attractive, in fact, that a group of enthusiastic UNB students has organized a second team, financed largely by the members themselves, to travel to Germany and act as representatives of the South American country, French Guiana. The members of this second team are senior arts student Kevin Bourque, second-year administration student Peter Arthur, second-year arts student Rajeev Venugopal, third-year arts student Tammy Yates and senior administration student James MacGee.

Major funding for the official team's trip - expected to cost about \$4000 is being provided by the military and Strategic Studies program in UNB's faculty of arts, the political science department, and the offices of the president of UNB and the Dean of Arts. "The team will be well prepared by the time they leave, and I'll be available for consultation by phone if necessary," Dr. Rezun assured. "The team's biggest problem will be keeping up with the political changes in the Soviet Union so their stance at the model UN reflects current conditions."

## Don of Jones House dies

by Kelly McDermott

Dr. Henry J. Llambias, a professor of Political Science and a Don of Jones House, died Sunday August 25, 1991.

Llambias came to U.N.B. in 1968 and assumed the position of assistant Registrar which he held for six years. In 1969, he

joined the Political Science faculty department where he taught for 21 years, and he was the Don of Jones House for nine of those years.

Llambias will be missed by all of those who knew him as either a professor, a Don or a colleague.

## Candidates

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can New Brunswick's problems, such as education, be ultimately dealt with as they are "in the final test, community problems."

The next candidate to address the forum was Pauline MacKenzie, candidate for the NDP.

MacKenzie spoke of the Liberal and Conservative governments' programs which she felt were detrimental to those continuing their education; for example, she mentioned UNB's high tuition costs and the application of GST to textbooks and Student Loans.

"New Democrats believe that a university education should be accessible to all those who could benefit from it without financial barriers" she explained. To this end, she promised that an NDP government would immediately freeze tuition payments and eventually phase them out altogether.

When asked by a member of the student audience how she intended for this huge expense to be paid, MacKenzie responded in typical party fashion that revenues would be raised by heavily taxing large corporations in the province.

Both the COR and Liberal candidates commented on this statement saying that New Brunswick's businesses were not available in either the number or size that would be needed to support the tuitions of all students in the province.

Following MacKenzie was candidate Harry Marshall, who identifies himself as an "independent Christian Democrat", is running on the platform on which he has for the last 19 years. He says simply "my platform is, your plat-

form, call me and tell me about it".

He believes that environmental issues should be emphasized and that Canada should be more united than it is presently. "Education should be under the central, or federal, government" he stated, "so that students across Canada are at the same standards. University should be free."

COR representative Meryl Sarty was the final speaker at the night's forum.

Sarty said that New Brunswickers, due to a strong sense of social conscience, have wanted to implement more social programs than the economy can support. The resulting deficit can serve no purpose but to plunge the province into a depression like the one it is currently experiencing.

He continued by saying that the current government has done little to deal with the provinces tax burden and feels that "we have passed that stage. We are ready for something else. We're ready for participatory Democracy and we (the COR party) are offering that."

A student from the audience questioned Sarty on whether students would suffer from

his proposed cutbacks on social programs. He responded that though it was necessary for people to realize that the government cannot carry them "from the cradle to the grave", he realized that students are essentially the province's future and need a friendly environment in which to study.

"Our students, and their education are the only real assets we have. We depend on that. There won't be any tomorrow in New Brunswick without you people."

For the most part, the issues covered at Thursday night's discussion were educational and did not discuss other election issues; however, it is these issues that were of most concern to the audience at hand for the forum, which was comprised mostly of students.

The success of such an event is impossible to measure for each individual candidate but the goal of organizer Anne Cameron in holding the discussion was certainly met as she wished to inform the students about their choices in the upcoming election. As Cameron pointed out, "the voting patterns you establish during college may be the ones you live with during the rest of your life."



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