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low students more choice, and allowing students to carry reduced work loads if involved in extra-curricular activities of an educational nature.

Professors advocate increasing the tutorial programs in which undergraduates discuss subjects with graduate students, and eliminating courses.

But before the professors can succeed in their re-organization scheme, they face at least three major battles.

Battle number one will probably be a power struggle with presently-entrenched board of governors members who may be unwilling to accept any reduction of authority.

The professors will face an even more violent struggle within their own ranks.

In Canadian universities, the individual departments make most of the decisions concerning curriculum. If attempts to make curriculum changes are to be successful, these departments will have to accept guidelines set down by a co-ordinating committee. Many professors fear departments will be unwilling to surrender any of their authority.

Most important of all, a major fight is inevitable if universities try to shift their role away from the training of students to fit society's demands.

Not that provincial governments are opposed to re-organization of the basic university structure. Most education ministers would welcome these shifts towards increased efficiency.

But differences would arise in the aims of this new efficiency.

The other change - from graduating thinkers - appears more difficult.

Here are two arguments. "The salient characteristic of the multiversity is massive production of specialized excellence. The multiversity is actually not an education centre but a highly efficient industry engaged in producing skilled individuals to meet the immediate need of business of government.

The first quotation is by a McMaster professor, expressing a common feeling among today's university faculty.

The second argument was written by Bradford Cleaveland in a leaflet giving the rallying cries to students during the Berkeley student revolts two years ago.

The four-month-long revolt at the University of California's Berkeley campus involved mass meetings of up to 7,000 students and brought sweeping changes in the curriculum by the faculty and administration. The campus chancellor was also forced to resign by the student action.

The current discontent among Canadian professors appears to have all the makings of another Berkeley affair. Whether it becomes one depends on the professors deciding - as did Mario Savio, a Berkeley student leader - that "the operation of the machine has become so odious you've got to put your bodies into the bears... you've got to make it stop."

Even if some professors do become this drastic, many will probably be discouraged by the realization of our powerful society, with its mighty technical cravings, has dictated the present curriculum.

Conservative Leadership: Anybody's Race

by MARTIN PARKER

The New Brunswick Progressive provincial leadership convention will take place this month, and the respective candidates are starting to count votes to see where they stand.

It appears that Mr. Richard Hatfield has the backing of the smoke-filled back rooms, while Mr. Charles VanHorne has the support of the masses. Mr. Picquet, who seems least likely of success, is still continuing to campaign mildly among party supporters.

If VanHorne is to succeed he must obtain the votes of the party executive (those who are voting) and then worry about the support of the pub-

lic at the next general election.

There are many party supporters who are not committed, especially in the Moncton area and in the Legislature itself.

The two leading candidates have the respective elements in their favour. Mr. Hatfield has good looks, and Mr. VanHorne is feared by the Liberals.

Which is most valuable is not clear.

One interesting phenomenon is the atmosphere in Fredericton. To date only one of the three outspoken political figures here has committed

himself in any way, Dr. Everett Chalmers, MLA has come out on the side of Hatfield.

Vociferous Mayor William Walker has not made any public statement about the Government's Equal Opportunity program. He would probably like to become Minister of Municipal Affairs under Mr. VanHorne.

Michael Wardell, publisher of the *Daily Gleaner*, often has comments on Conservative affairs in the province and nationally, but seems to be holding back.

Because of the majority of uncommitted votes, it still looks like anybody's race.

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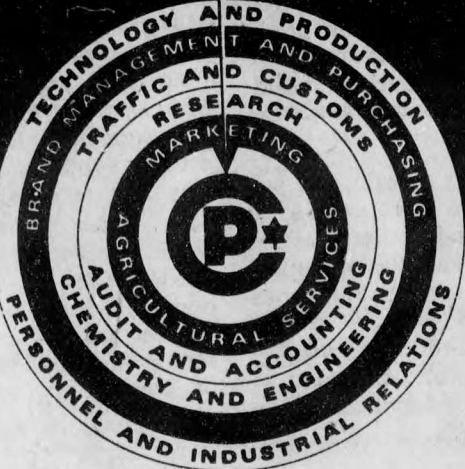
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