

## It's up to you-Vote Elections, Oct. 19

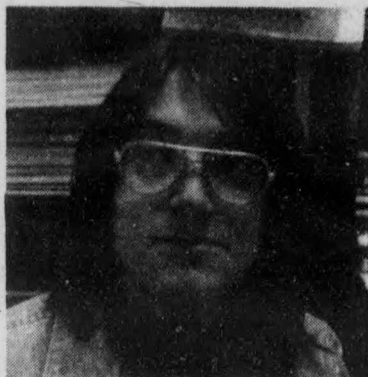
By SHEENAGH MURPHY

UNB students will be facing a referendum in the upcoming student elections. Whether or not to retain membership in the National Union of Students (NUS).

The Brunswickan talked to the executive secretary of NUS, Dan O'Conner. O'Conner stressed the importance of NUS to the individual universities. He said the role of NUS included several factors. He said that NUS is a national representative for students to deal with the federal government, also other national events, which would affect them directly. In that respect, he said the first step is finding out what the federal government is doing in student related areas. They procure information on these items.

They also get information to campuses so that students will be up to date on these issues.

He said that it is the collective decision of the campus which



sets NUS priorities. These decisions are made at conferences held during the year.

O'Conner said that NUS has direct communication with various politicians in the federal government. He said they have to respond to pressure placed on them by NUS.

Other advantages of belonging to NUS include the fieldworkers, and the information distributed by the NUS main office. The fieldworkers travel



from campus to campus, maintaining personal contact between the individual campuses and the organizational executive. The information NUS provides refers to such issues as how to improve elections, etc.

NUS also provides support for various other organizations, including promoting connections between university radio stations, francophone issues and related matters.

Citing examples of areas

where NUS was instrumental in either aiding or instigating action, O'Conner said they had developed student participation in Student Aid decision making. Before 1974, Nova Scotia was the only province to actively participate in these matters. Since NUS has been pressing the issue, more than half the provinces have set up advisory committees on Student Aid.

Other areas were NUS's contribution of several thousand dollars and staff to various student unions in 75/76, again for student aid. The result of this was a loan rebate.

O'Conner had several comments to make about Jim Murray's comments concerning NUS (see The Bruns, Sept.) He said Murray seemed to resent paying for the Student Advocate, the NUS paper. The cost according to O'Conner was only for the typesetting and printing,

and didn't include the actual work involved in writing.

He said that the Travel Pool, another expense Murray took issue with was the fairest way NUS could arrange. He said that conferences were held in various provinces, with no two even being held in the same place. That way there was no overwhelming expense for any one campus, in travel expenses to and from the conference. O'Conner expressed surprise at Murray's resentment, as he said UNB had not previously offered any criticism of the set-up.

Concerning the 1:00 per head fee solicited by NUS, O'Conner said he didn't see the point of the upcoming referendum, as there have been two previous endorsements here at UNB.

He believes Murray can make a good contribution to NUS should he get active, and believes UNB would gain from NUS membership.

## Security force - they do what they can



By KATHRYN WAKELING

General consensus on this campus is that our security force is pretty inefficient.

Chief Williamson head of security said that the security force was doing what it is

employed to do — protection of the students and property of this campus. The force hasn't any legal jurisdiction outside of theft and trespassing. In that regard the officer can make an arrest, which is then sent downtown to the Fredericton Police Force.

Back in 1975 a Conference was held in Fredericton concerning peace officer status on a university campus. With this status the Security Force would have the jurisdiction to make arrests, searches, and investigate any disturbances to a further extent. As it now stands UNB does not have this status - which limits their ability to a certain extent. Chief Williamson commented that the biggest problem on this campus was with their dealings with unauthorized people and the reckless driving on the streets. They are simply powerless at a certain point to do anything about it — such as give out a ticket (including non-university, staff or students).

There are special provisions for the Security Force in the Criminal Code, under theft and trespassing. Under this sector they can make a lawful arrest and then turn them over to the Fredericton police. All searches are made with a warrant. As it stands now, the Security Force consists of thirty-four men — all

trained through a six month probation period.

Most of the men employed have had previous experience from either previous security jobs or police and Armed Forces employment.

When asked to comment on the past stories in previous years concerning sexual assaults on this campus, Williamson said he had received no reports concern-

ing these incidents at all. He said that nothing can be done when no one comes to them about them. "In the case of a reported assault", said Williamson, "it is imperative to get all the

information and thus when we do question, there is always some sort of companionship there. If in the case of a young girl, there is always another woman present."

## Japan-new style airport


Japan's ship-building industry has begun an unusual project. They're going to build an airport that floats on the sea.

The airport's designers say it will look like three mammoth aircraft carriers linked together. So large that it will remain stable even in a gale, the floating airport will cover hundred of acres and cost about \$5 - billion (dollars) to construct.

Linked to the city of Osaka by a three-mile-long bridge, the floating terminal will solve at least two problems. The angry citizens whose violent protests have kept Tokyo's new airport from opening should find less fault with planes that land far out at sea. Then too,

the three huge carriers which will float the terminal should give

Japan's ailing ship-building industry a boost. (Earth News)



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