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Well, it's that time of year again, when the average university student finds himself eagerly returning to the campus. This group was so eager they stood out in the rain almost all day Friday, waiting to register. Some took as long as seven hours.

## Local boy makes good Murphy SCM prexy

Tom Murphy, fourth year sociology student at UNB, is national president-elect of the Student Christian Movement of Canada.

Murphy will assume the duties of national student president in September, 1969.

His election came toward the end of the SCM National Council held at Goderich, Ontario from September 3rd to 12th.

Murphy, who has been actively involved in the SCM at UNB for the past three years made the comparison between his position and the position of the national CUS president. "Both are full time jobs—both involve focusing the 'happenings' of local campuses into a national perspective. This involves extensive travel across Canada."

For the past two years, Mr. Murphy was an Atlantic representative on the National Board of Directors of the SCM. He will continue to be a board member during the upcoming year. "This allows me to have direct contact with a number of campuses every few months," said Murphy.

"This year will be unique—almost an experiment in Canadianism—as the board, which traditionally meets in Toronto three or more times a year—will be mobile." The president-elect indicated that UNB or vicinity is a possible site for



the board meeting sometime during this academic year.

### "Radical Action"

Asked about his presidential role, Murphy replied: "My job will not be to sell the SCM—it will have to sell itself. Rather, I, in conjunction with local SCM's will have to do everything possible to liberate the university student. We must destroy that structure that inhibits him from thinking. That requires radical action. Part of my job is to create the conditions for such action."

Murphy said that plans for UNB include more teach-ins and maybe a "drop-in" centre off campus.

## Would instil questioning attitude

### 'Frosh should reject status quo'—Dawes

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"It's necessary for university students to have a questioning attitude; about university and about society," said Orientation chairman John Dawes, business admin 4. "They must reject the idea of maintaining the status quo."

"In pre-mail to first-year students I stressed the importance of this attitude. One of the orientation committee's objectives was to instil it in them."

Dawes felt the committee and frosh squad were successful. "In the group discussions

country," he said.

"The same goes for orientation pre-mail and the frosh squad. There should have been several articles in the pre-mail to heighten a student's awareness of problems.

"I would liked to have sent an article on the Canadian student movement and its direction. I would have liked to include the Student as Nigger in the pre-mail."

The Student as Nigger is a controversial article on education written by UCLA lecturer Jerry Farber. Most Canadian student papers printed it last year and some editors were charged with obscenity.

"If we had prepared these articles and the frosh squad had read them over the summer, we would have been much better prepared to show first-year students the problems and raise questions in their minds," said Dawes.

"But again, we didn't have the time or organization."

He felt the purpose of teach-ins, speeches and written articles wasn't to radicalize the student. "Students must become aware of the issues and use their own discretion as to solutions.

"Radicalization of students was not one of the committee's objectives. Most people joined the committee because they felt they missed something in orientation when they were in first year; especially the sophomores. Orientation was a dry affair last year."

Dawes said none of the committee members are radicals. "Some are concerned with establishing a better community atmosphere within the university, some are concerned with establishing a better social life on campus and others are concerned with academic life."

To encourage better relations among students, faculty and administration the com-

mittee encouraged the assigning of faculty advisors to first-year students immediately.

"Usually faculty advisors are assigned in October or November. By then it's too late for them to be useful to students," said Dawes.

"This year they were assigned the second day of orientation. Now they're in a position to help students."

Dawes congratulated the frosh squad for their competence. "They were able to help first-year students with problems or refer them to special counsellors."

He said none of the 90 members joined the squad for revenge over humiliations they suffered as frosh. "Most of them didn't have any reason for revenge because nothing happened to them last year. They were more concerned about giving this year's students something that they missed last year."

Dawes hopes that programs begun during orientation will be continued throughout the year.

"The majority of first-year students are keen, enthused and enjoying themselves. Campus spirit has been dead in the past but if we can keep up school spirit until the first football game, the chances are we'll start a trend toward a new, more-spirited UNB."

For next year Dawes said he would like to see a full-time, paid orientation chairman. "You can't handle a summer job and organize orientation at the same time; especially if you're out of town."

"I also favor keeping initiation. Last Monday people met people. The frosh squad encouraged students to take part in undergoing a mild hazing. If this part had been left out, some first-year students would still be standing in corners."



John Dawes

the first-year students were outspoken and critical. They were keen on a lot of topics."

"But a lot more could have been done to make first-year students aware of the prevalent issues both on and off campus."

He said there were supposed to be a couple of teach-ins run by Student Christian Movement and the Newman club.

"But we couldn't get any coordination between the two groups and the committee. It's difficult to run a big event like orientation when the committee's spread around the



Orientation's Get-Acquainted dance last Saturday saw many frosh getting acquainted with each other, but we still haven't been able to get to know this girl. However, we'll keep trying. Brunswickan photo by Henry Straker