

Fredericton goes to the Polls

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On October 13th, Fredericton voters will go to the polls to elect a new provincial government.

The city of Fredericton is composed of two voting constituencies, Fredericton North and South. Interviews with the *Brunswickan* were held with party delegates from Fredericton South; they were as

follows: Russ King for the Liberal party, Shauna Mackenzie for the New Democratic Party (NDP), and David Clark for the Progressive Conservatives (PC).

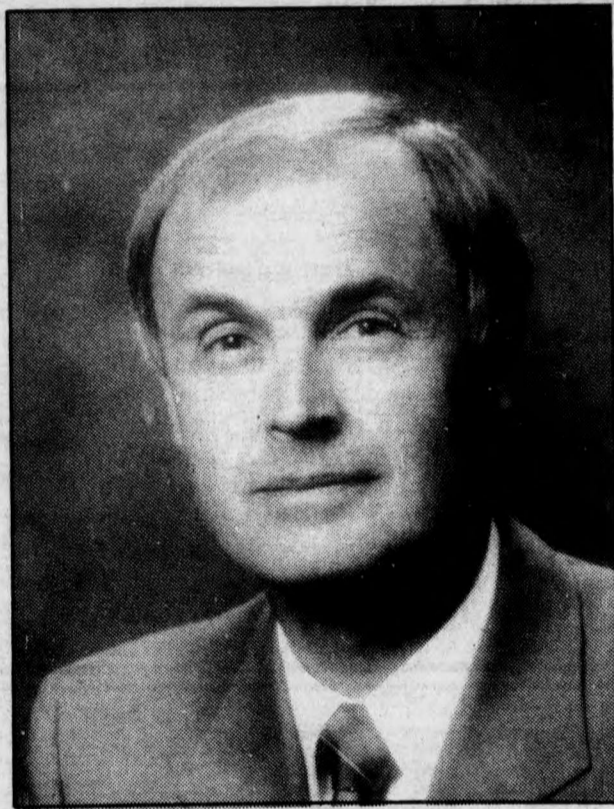
Liberal candidate Russ King told the *Brunswickan* in an interview that the liberals were "people for a change". He went further to explain that it took leadership and team work to run the government of

New Brunswick. In reference to his party leader, King stated that Frank McKenna was the ideal man for the job. "He (McKenna) is a leader who leads by example. The perception of government must be improved and Frank McKenna can promote the perception of government by example; by enforcing strict guidelines for government expenditures, by ensuring equal pay for equal

to be examined closely. "Student loans should be based on the student, not on his/her parents' income." King would also like to see a \$600 reduction on the minimum bursary eligibility. This means that instead of needing a \$3300 Federal student loan in order to receive a \$2200 N.B. bursary, you would only need to borrow \$2700.

The unemployment rate in

zie also feels that realistic job creation must be enhanced, as well as job guarantees. She would also like guaranteed job development programs aimed at students. "There should be an immediate increase in the minimum wage" in order to get many New Brunswickers out of a "Ghetto State". Also, "We need a more demanding program for the allocation of funds with



Russ King



Shauna Mackenzie



David Clarke

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service in the civil service, and by having a nonadversarial point-of-view."

On the topic of education, King felt that emphasis should be made on reducing the teacher/student ratio, especially in grades 1 to 3, as these are highly impressionable years in a child's education process. In relation to post-secondary education, King said that student loans and bursaries need

N.B. is 13%, one of the highest rates in the country. King feels that education is a key in reducing unemployment. Says King, "The world would be a better place if everyone had a B.A." He maintains that student jobs have to be increased in number, in order to enable more students to raise the funds needed for education.

In respect of the Meech Lake Accord, King said that he supported a strong Federal presence in the provinces that would help support health and education. He would also like to see more public dialogue on the accord as well as a legislative discussion before its signing. "We want the best for everyone concerned."

Finally, on the topic of health, King stated that planned health care needed development, and that he would like to see a "cancer treatment delivering system" as well as tumor registry introduced to the province.

NDP candidate Shauna Mackenzie told the *Brunswickan* that "the government must be responsive to the needs of the public". She would like to see continued emphasis on special groups, as well as the implementation of projects that would benefit the everyday worker. Macken-

respect to education". Says Mackenzie, "We want more services for the people, particularly the students." In fact, she added, "We have recommended that \$10 million be set aside immediately for programs for youth."

On the topic of the Meech Lake Accord, Mackenzie stated that she did not advocate the signing of it in its present form. However, George Little, the party leader for New Brunswick as well as Ed Broadbent, federal NDP leader both advocate signing the accord in its present state. Nevertheless Mackenzie does not feel that her standing is against the party. "We truly believe in a democratic party."

PC candidate David Clarke said in an interview with the *Brunswickan* that he would like to increase the limit on bursaries from \$2200 to \$2700. He feels that universities are suffering because of a population explosion. As a result, he says universities have been provided with funds exceeding recommendations. In the past, the PC party has been instrumental in capital projects on the UNB campus, such as Singer Hall and the Head Hall extension. It has

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