

## Student political groups not happy with enumeration

By DERWIN GOWAN

The two active branches of political parties at UNB, the Student Liberals and the Young Progressive Conservatives, are ready for an election, although they are not particularly anticipating one. "We're ready for an election at any time," said Cynthia Urquhart of the YPC, and, "We naturally would help and support the Liberal candidate," said David Kelsey of the SL.

The SL's plan on supporting the

Liberal candidates for both Fredericton and York County. However, said Kelsey, some members plan on working more with the candidates from their home ridings. This is partly because of "dissatisfaction with the Fredericton Liberal Association." According to Kelsey, the Student Liberals have been "relegated to put up posters" by the senior organization. Kelsey added that several candidates have approached the SL for support. When election time

comes, they "really get into a campaign," said Kelsey.

During an off-election year, the SL are "never more than 20 members". However, during last year's election campaign, they had 70 members, who worked very closely with the Student Liberals of Saint Thomas University.

Kelsey stated that they took in new members this year, and that they are "prepared for an election."

Urquhart said that, during an election, the YPC's work closely

with the local candidate and Progressive Conservative Association, although they are independent of this organization. The YPC's are also a "stepping-stone" to the "senior PC Association, "so that students can become interested in politics, and continue on in this after graduation."

Urquhart said that the YPC's may be assimilated by the PC Association on a provincial scale, but this will not be until a "better working agreement is made with the senior association."

Urquhart said that the UNB YPC's have 14 active members, and that this number is growing. They had a working group of 65 during last year's election, whose names are "there when called."

The YPC's this year had a pub to raise money, which will be used as an "election reserve" to bring in speakers, and to have dinners, among other things. They have brought in two speakers this year -

Sean O'Sullivan, and Elmer MacKay, both Federal PC's. They have two more speakers planned for second term, who will be a "new year's surprise."

"The last election enumeration was a mix-up," said Kelsey. The YPC's are also "very dissatisfied with the way enumeration was carried out," said Urquhart.

Students, according to Urquhart, are supposed to be enumerated and vote in their home riding, but this "wasn't carried." Students were given the choice of either voting here, or voting at home. However, this wasn't fully explained so most students voted here.

According to Kelsey, the Student Liberals believe that UNB students should vote here, even out-of-the-province students. He said that the PC's wanted students to vote in their home ridings and stated that this is because UNB students voted 10 to 1 in favor of the Liberals during last year's election...

## Computer center says they didn't 'screw up'

By JEAN MURCH

The Computing Centre and School of the Computer Science were not involved with last year's course evaluations. Professor W. Dana Wasson, present head of both the School and the Centre, said, "our department had nothing whatsoever to do with the course evaluations."

Wasson stated that he met with the Senate Course Evaluation Committee Chairman, Mike Richard, last year, but that Richard did not ask for help in programming. The "screw-up at the computer centre" referred to in a Nov. 23 editorial was not the fault of the computer, but was due to incomplete information being fed into it. Computers don't have a "sixth sense" or "intuition", said Wasson.

He said "because of lack of manpower, very seldom do we write individual programmes." But there is a librarian at the Centre to advise people on efficient ways to use the computer services. The Centre also has a small user services group which publishes information on how to use the facilities.

Wasson estimated that about 10-20 percent of the time, the Centre is used for outside work. He said this is largely for government agencies, and the N.B. Power Commission. "We do a lot of scientific computing" for the government, he said.

The Power Commission is presently doing a lot of work at the Centre on the possibilities of a nuclear power plant. Wasson said



Photo by Gary Smith

this project "involves a tremendous amount of computation."

Other universities in the province use the Centre's services. Mount Allison and UNBSJ are two of the universities that pay for the use of UNB's Computer Centre.

Wasson estimates the Centre makes "a few hundred thousand dollars a year" for the university. He declined to name an exact figure, but said, "the income is higher than what we expected."

Undergraduates may use the computer services. Free use of the computer is qualified. Wasson said a typical undergraduate is limited to 8 seconds per run through the machine. He added that most undergrad jobs can be done in less than 1 second of computer time.

Wasson said the Centre handles about 50,000 of these small jobs each month.

The School of Computer Science

is separate from the Computing Centre, although some staff members "are joint appointments," said Wasson. Initially set up as a graduate programme in 1969, the undergraduate programme was finally approved in May, 1972.

Undergraduate credit courses were available in computer science before 1972, but only under other programmes - for example, Electrical Engineering. Wasson said that because the first years in Computer Science is general background in areas such as engineering and mathematics, the school will have its first graduating class this year.

There are about 100 students registered in the undergraduate programme at this time. Wasson expects a dozen graduates in the spring.

## New parking lot not a 'buy off'

- Neale

By MYRNA RUEST

Action was taken immediately to solve an immediate problem", said University of New Brunswick Students' Representative Council president Roy Neale commenting on the parking problem on campus. He said the new parking lot near the Student Union Building was not a "buy-off" but a means of appeasing the students before the situation got out of hand.

The parking problem is not new but no obvious solutions are available, Neale said. "People have the wrong idea about parking," he confirmed. Staff, faculty and students are all trying to "enhance their own lots". Students say they are the ones paying to come here he said but staff and faculty argue as employees they are entitled to parking privileges. Neale said there is no room near the central buildings for parking lots if there is to be any green left. The choice appears to be between some physical exercise or an ugly campus.

The UNB senate parking committee has been working on the problem but the present methods do not seem to be satisfactory. One plan for this fall was to have colour-coded parking lots and this

would mean cars would be parked in one place and walking would be done to the rest of campus. However, this plan was not available so an alternative was taken where staff and student coded stickers are used. This plan did not come into use until the end of October and it has proven to complicate the existing problem. A brochure was produced which showed where students could park and the space reserved for staff. Freshmen were prohibited from bringing cars on campus and other students discovered their only parking facilities were on the areas bordering the campus. "This was no real change but the brochure brought it out more clearly" said Neale. Resident students found a change however, as they were no longer allowed to use the regular parking spaces of previous years.

The Student Union proposed certain changes which included the creation of new lots and the idea of open parking. This would mean cars would be parked on a first come, first serve basis. More plans are being discussed but so far the only solution has been to start work on a parking lot which will hold only another hundred cars. "Students in positions to do so, must solve the problem", stated Neale.

## CHSC plans New Year party

By LORNA PITCHER

The College Hill Social Club hopes to make students still in Fredericton on December 31 a little merrier with a New Years Eve party at the University of New Brunswick. This party would be open to club members and guests as well as overseas students in residence.

To be held in the Student Union Building, room 26, the party will feature a large buffet and chilled champagne at cost, as well as beer and mixed drinks at lower prices.

The Social club itself will also be open, with Happy Hour prices in effect.

The party is being organized by the club's board of directors.

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