

# Rap Room plans referral centre

The Rap Room staff held an open meeting last Monday to welcome new members into the organization. They explained the function and programs to be instituted.

Approximately 50 people turned out Monday evening to a meeting of Rap Room held in Room 102 of Tilley Hall.

In a general talk Dave Ellis basically explained the history of Rap Room and elaborated on the policy statement issued previous to the meeting.

He also pointed out that Rap Room is waiting for official word on where and when a permanent room will be provided for interviews. It is hoped that the old Infirmary can be used. Once a room is obtained, the Rap Room can go ahead with its 24 hour peer counselling service to students of UNB, St. Thomas, and Teachers College. Dave Ellis pointed out that although Rap Room is mainly for students on the three campuses, they will not turn away travellers who are pas-

sing through and looking for a place to stay.

The second speaker Bob Thomson explained the schedule set-up. Volunteers can work a minimum of 3 hours a week. This can be a concentrated 3 hour shift, or can be spread out over the week. Rap Room is hoping to work on a 24 hour basis at first, and later, after deciding when the peak hours are, they may either cut back or maintain the 24 hour service. A lot depends on the number of volunteers. There is a great demand for more people in order

to fulfill the promise of a 24 hour service.

It was also pointed out that Rap Room is a referral centre working in conjunction with professional agencies and counsellors if needed.

During the question and answer period it was pointed out that the names of persons interviewed would not be recorded, and that all records of interviewing sessions would be kept in strictest confidence.

Many agencies both on and off the campus are assisting Rap Room in their service to students. On the campus are student organized Womens

Liberation and Legal Aid. The latter is comprised of a group of law students who will research legal problems and inform students of their legal rights. They can refer students to professional lawyers if the situation demands it.

Students can be referred to Medical Services, consisting of all the doctors on campus, and to Student Services, which help in providing accommodations, financial aid and foreign student aid. Involved in Student Services are Ken Fulle, Guidance Counsellor and Dr. Whitney who is in charge of Social Services.

Others willing to help are Reverend Robert C. Jones, Campus Chaplain; and the Holy Cross Fathers at St. Thomas.

Off the campus, Rap Room is working in co-ordination with Insight, a drug information center located downtown. Pamphlets on drugs and drug abuse have been provided by Insight, to be distributed about the campus.

But Rap Room does not stop here. They are also hoping to get such groups involved as the YMCA, Salvation Army, Department of Health and Welfare and the Social Workers in the city.

However, although Rap Room plays a big role as a referral centre, its main purpose is to be an attentive ear for any students wishing to sit down and just talk.

## UNB CUPE local may be certified

by Larry Lamont

UNB Maintenance, Local 1326 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), will decide by the end of the month whether they will apply for certification to the New Brunswick Labour Relations Board this year.

Because the members felt that it was more advantageous

to strengthen their position by getting an even greater majority of signed certification cards, the union local did not apply for certification to the Labour Relations Board in October.

Also, because the university expressed willingness to

meet the men to discuss the specific makeup of the bargaining unit structure, the union decided to delay its application further. The first of a series of meetings with the university took place Wednesday night.

At present, approximately

280 men have signed cards giving an eighty per cent majority in the "maintenance employees" category. This includes janitors, buildings and grounds staff, truck and equipment operators, stationary engineers, and all tradesmen. Still in doubt as to a clear majority are units of the second group, which include technicians, telephone operators, librarians, and secretarial and clerical staff.

A membership meeting of the local was also held last Wednesday night, to discuss the recent developments.

## Eyre claims research will increase

This University is not known for its efforts in Civil Engineering research to the extent some other schools are, but this will not always be the case, according to Dr. Dale Eyre, Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Civil Engineering and Assistant Professor in that Department.

by

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Dr. Eyre came to UNB in June of 1969 after studying structural mechanics under Dr. Galambos, a world famous researcher in steel structures. "one of the world's best" in the opinion of Dr. Eyre, in a doctoral program at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Immediately previously he had taken his Master of Science in Civil Engineering degree at the University of Texas, specializing in struc-

tures, by which is usually meant analysis and design of steel structures.

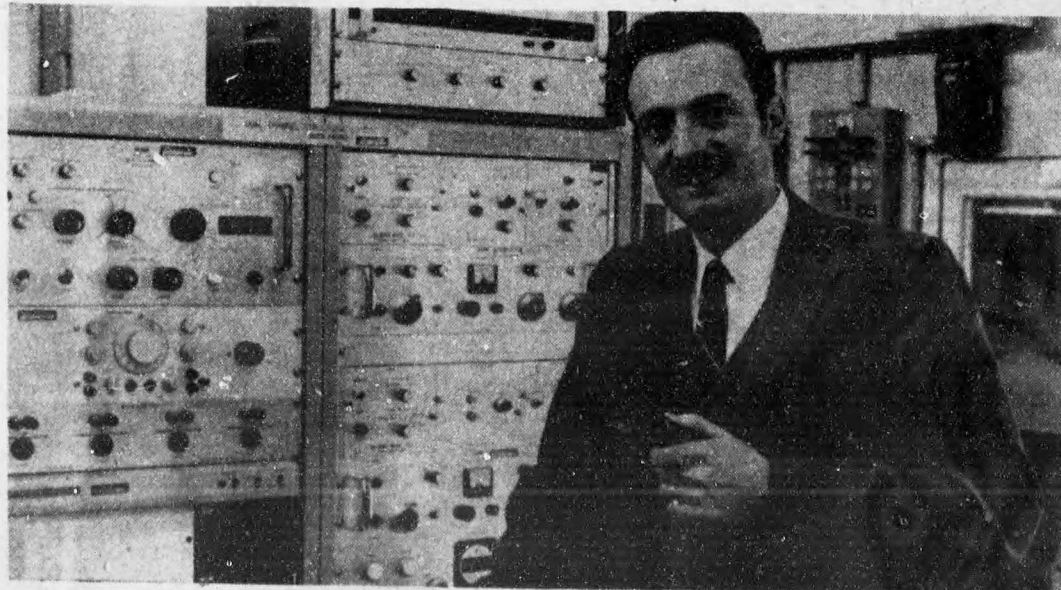
He entered his Master's program in 1964, after graduating with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in 1962 (after "failing calculus a couple of times") and working for a few years with the Canada Department of Agriculture on the hydraulic and structural design of water control structures for Prairie farmers. Dr. Eyre left the public service because he got "fed up" after a few years, and didn't think he "knew enough", in his words.

In addition to being the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Civil Engineering at UNB, Dr. Eyre is on several committees, both of the University and of the Association of Professional Engineers of New Brunswick. He teaches four courses in

Civil Engineering: two undergraduate - plastic design of steel structures and advanced structural mechanics - and two graduate courses - behaviours of steel structure and structural stability.

Dr. Eyre has published four papers and four more reports in the Engineering journals, in addition to his three theses, and has plans for a book on plastic design of steel structures, a method of design in which every ounce of strength in a steel member is fully utilized. Dr. Eyre's pet topic is structural steel design research: if you drop into the "big lab" on A-level of Head Hall, access to which is gained from soils lab A13 or the B-level corridor, you will see a large steel-concrete beam in a test frame. Aim of the experiment is to load the beam until it "breaks" and suffers such deformations

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Dr. Eyre, Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Civil Engineering at UNB. Behind Dr. Eyre is the control panel of CE's hydraulic structural loading system.

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