

# Waffle presents manifesto to NDP,

The manifesto, "For a Socialist New Brunswick," passed at the New Brunswick New Democratic Party Convention held Saturday in Saint John outlines a strong policy aimed at restructuring the economic and social relationships in New Brunswick society.

The opening paragraphs of the manifesto describe the New Brunswick situation with a sarcasm that is as bitter as the conditions it describes. The Robichaud government provided equal opportunity for an unemployed ten percent of New Brunswickers to "rot under welfare." Most of those who are employed have "an Equal opportunity to be exploited by low wages and oppressed by an enormous burden of indirect sales taxes and direct income taxes."

The government has used the money thus raised to attract corporations to come to New Brunswick to create a few more low paying jobs. "The corporations, for their part have been regularly repaying the province's gratitude, providing impressive moon scapes of mud, crushed rock and uprooted soil through stripmining operations, clear cutting our forests, and releasing millions of tons of untreated industrial wastes in our water and air, ensuring us all an absolutely

equal opportunity to drink pollutants as well as breath them."

The manifesto places responsibility for the situation firmly in the laps of past and present governments and corporations whose quest for profits causes them to ignore the social and environmental consequences of their actions.

The manifesto deplores the government's maintaining the status quo. "Regional economic expansion is but a euphemism for planned capit-

alist underdevelopment," Government serves the corporations trying to attract more companies to New Brunswick with "Promotional literature that which exults in detailing the low level of provincial minimum wage scales, the largely unorganized (ie non-unionized) nature of the provincial labor force, the ready availability of substantial loans and outright grants from the government, and the fact that the province's tough-looking pollution control

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# Student UNB Health Centre under attack

By ROY NEALE

The Health Centre has come under attack this year - there have been two incidents which concerned the efficiency of this very important student service. The results of the investigation into these incidents are not clear as the information tended to vary with the viewpoint.

A week ago Wednesday evening a girl from LDH was savagely struck down by a "garbage pail" full of water. The accident took place during the soaking down of new members of the girls' residences. She was rendered semi-unconscious by the blow to the lower abdomen. Others nearby rushed to the Health Centre demanding that a stretcher be supplied and that the nurse on duty (she was all alone the time) come with them to see the girl. The nurse refused on the grounds that she had to call an ambulance and a doctor. She could do

very little at the scene so we are told. The ambulance arrived picked her up and returned to the hospital within 15 minutes of the accident. Upon arrival at Victoria Public Hospital it was met by Miss Lillian Copp, R.N., head of the Health Centre. Later tests showed the injuries received amounted to bruises on both hips painful but not serious.

Complaints were heard as to whether the nurse on duty should have left her post to take a look at the girl. Certainly



Lady Dunn Hall, Tibbits Hall and the Health Centre are in the rear.

she should have advised the people who came for the stretcher that it was unwise to move the injured girl until the ambulance arrived. Serious back injuries might have resulted from moving her. On the other hand the nurse in question had done everything in her power to insure the swift arrival of the ambulance, and the contacting of the doctor and Miss Copp. When the ambulance arrived the nurse was in the process of going down to meet it when it departed again before she could get there. Dean Kidd has spoken to the Health Centre about the incident.

The other incident reported was the treatment of a young girl with a pain in the left side of the abdomen. The patient was a registered nurse and the girl who notified the Health was also an R.N. Although no thermometer was available in Murray House the girl was described as having fever and a flushed expression. Appendicitis was suggested by the RN living in Murray House. On

calling the Health Centre she was informed (here we ran into a discrepancy in statements of the nurse at Murray and nurse Copp speaking for the other nurse) either to walk around the corner to the doctors office or to walk up the hill to the health centre. Either would have been painful and seemingly foolish. Finally after heated words from Murray House transportation was provided to the hospital where the girl remained under observation for a few days.

Although it is easy to look back on these incidents and say what should have been done the fact remains that the Health Centre can be a very busy place. Last year over 4200 visits were made to the centre by students. Already this year over 200 people have gone there for all sorts of injuries and illnesses.

To pick out two incidents is unfair and unjust. Next week we will follow up with a story on the Health Centre and its history of service at UNB.

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