

CUS Congress

Why didn't UNB host the Cus congress this year?

'Basically for financial reasons," say UNB congress delegates Lawson Hunter and Chuck Spinney.

It would have cost \$2400 to house the 300 delegates for the week-long congress. The CUS secretariat said that CUS could cover half and the host

university would have to pay

The UNB administration was approached for funds and said it couldn't afford to back the program. The admin also pointed out that necessary seminar facilities were poor here.

Another problem with UNB hosting would be travel costs.

Since most delegates were from central and western Canada. the travel grants would be greater than if the congress were held at a central location.

Four universities applied for the Congress-UNB, York, Guetariat and the CUS board of directors chose Guelph.

ID cost students \$1500

The plasti-coated ID card (complete with color photo) is a new animal on campus. It came into being through the efforts of the SRC administrative board and SRC business administrator Wayne

Last year Charters, an SRC employee, suggested plasticized ID cards for UNB students. SRC treasurer Terry Payan, university personel director Brigadier Knight and Charters came up with a

cost-sharing plan.
Under the plan the university would buy a machine which would produce instant ID cards through a polaroid process. The SRC would pay the cost of the cards used in the machine. The cards aren't renewable.

The university bought the machine this summer before SRC council or administrative board approved the plan. Part of the plan lows the administration to use the machine for their own purposes when it wasn't being used to produce ID cards.

The machine cost the administration \$3000. The SRC pays

\$1500 every year for a new set of cards.

The administrative board approved the plan for the SRC in August. Administration vice-president Macauly approved for the university. His signature on each one beneath the photo, valid-

ates the SRC-SAA card. From page 1

SRC, the students must voice their opinion on what type of student union they want.

Cox agreed that a voluntary student union should be considered but was skeptical that

only a minority would join.
"Not all interests would be presented," he said.

Hunter acknowledged that not all interests would be re-

But the minority who joined would be aware of the problems and would be able to form the basis for a new UNB student union.

The SRC cooperates with and serves the administration, which in turn collects fees for the SRC," said Hunter.

"What is needed is a true union with equal bargaining lph and Lakehead. The secre- rights and equal power on the university senate so that the student may become aware of his responsibility and play a

part in his community.

"If a voluntary student union is formed it will represent those who join it, not the UNB student body.

Cox agreed that any new structure must work for more involvement and awareness among UNB students.

Orientation chairman John Dawes said SRC should retain its present structure and work to close the gap between students and their representatives.

"The SRC should not dissolve itself in favor of a voluntary union because all students wouldn't join and all in-terests wouldn't be represented," he said.

Both Hunter and Cox pointed out that before students could decide on the matter, they would have to be more informed on the pros and cons of a voluntary union.

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