

Campus gives Premier Hatfield critical reception

By DERWIN GOWAN

Discussion of political kickbacks and the controversial Bricklin and Point Lepreau projects contributed to a charged atmosphere yesterday as Premier Richard Hatfield was "Under Attack" at UNB.

The first question concerned an article appearing in the Financial Post recently which alleged that the Tories have a special bank account for keeping kickbacks in. Hatfield said the Progressive Conservatives have a bank account and are raising money, "but in return for favours, no sir!"

He said that we should not worry too much about the provincial debt as the province is experiencing a period of economic growth and to try to lower the debt now would cost the province more than it is worth.

Hatfield said that taxes will be reduced if his government is

re-elected. This means that government will have to be more efficient. Equalization grants will be increased as the revenue of Canada increases.

Hatfield said that he was not ashamed of receiving money from other provinces, adding that it was no favour. He said, "When some of the 'have' provinces are willing to reduce some of the tariff walls in this country, I will be willing to reduce my demands." Increased revenue for the province will be had because wages and salaries are increasing, as is the population.

Public funding of elections must come along with public control of campaign expenditures. He said, noting that excessive advertising turns people off to the political system. He added that there has been a general resistance to public funding from the province at large, and there is a resistance to change

among old politicians. However, he said that they will have to change.

The Conservatives place the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion in a position of importance. When the department was de-centralized, Hatfield said that he had hoped this would expediate the process of loans less than \$1,000,000; however, this has not come about.

The Premier was asked why New Brunswick took on the Bricklin automobile project when Quebec would not. He replied that it was Bricklin that would not accept Quebec and not vice versa. Hatfield also defended Bricklin's not having to make its financial

reports public as it is a private company. (The province in fact owns 51 per cent of Bricklin Canada.)

The debate then moved on to the Point Lepreau nuclear power project. Hatfield defended the proposed plant, saying that construction jobs would be created that would absorb some of the people put out of work when construction finishes at the at the Colson Cove power plant and the Irving Oil refinery in Saint John. He said proper environmental studies were conducted, and these are available to the public. The waste from the plant will be properly disposed of and the sociological effect of the plant will

not be harmful.

The government is not considering establishing a medical school in the near future as New Brunswick has enough doctors as it is, Hatfield said. New Brunswick gained 100 doctors last year, but if the need is perceived in the future, appropriate action will be taken.

Finally, the premier was questioned with respect to student involvement in the cabinet. When asked what the student position is, he said, "I guess it's the same as anybody else." Also, he said that student aid is to be increased if his government is re-elected. Aid would consist of a greater bursary and less loan than is presently the case.

UNB law school is now bilingual

By DERWIN GOWAN

The University of New Brunswick Law School, the only one in the province, has been a unilingual institution since its inception in 1892, but this has all changed this year. The university has hired two Francophone Law professors and another one is taking a total immersion course in French for a total of three bilingual professors out of the thirteen at the Law School.

These professors teach classes and consultation courses, mostly in first year. The law school still

cannot handle a unilingually French student. According to Dean of Law, A.M. Sinclair, this is not the aim of the program. He explained that most of the material lawyers deal with in New Brunswick is printed in English, so that a lawyer has to have a good knowledge of the English language. This program is to make it easier for the bilingual student to function at the university.

However, they have applied to a Canadian foundation for funds to continue and expand the program. There is no separate budget for the program. It is funded within the

Law School budget.

The Dean said 20 per cent of the Law School is bilingual. A French applicant has a greater chance of getting accepted into the school, as there are fewer of them than English applicants. A disproportionate amount of the applicants come from English New Brunswick. They hope to change this so that Francophones will apply

proportionately to their percentage of the New Brunswick population. They also have a campaign under way within the French Bar of the province.

STU newspaper

Aquinian publishes Monday

By DAVE MCCURDY

The long-dormant Aquinian, the student paper at St. Thomas University, will publish its first issue of the year on Monday. However, severe budgetary restrictions make the future of the paper rather gloomy for this year at least.

Andy Fraser, the editor, said that the STU student council granted the paper only \$410 for the whole year, and Monday's first issue, a 16-page tabloid edition, will use up the entire budget. Fraser hopes to publish more issues throughout the year and finance them through advertising revenue, but for the moment Monday's issue is the only one that is guaranteed to come out.

The STU council is in dire financial straits because of a large debt run up by last year's council. STU has only 800 students who pay \$35 each in union fees; of this \$35, \$15 goes towards upkeep of the Student Union Building which STU shares with UNB. Of the remaining \$16,000, over \$6,000 went to pay off past debts, leaving the council with only about \$10,000 to operate on for the entire year.

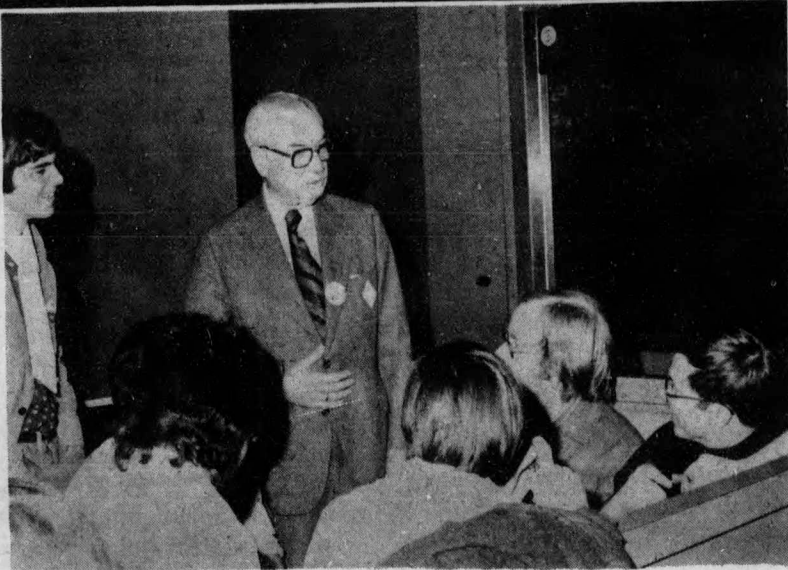
However, Fraser remains optimistic that the paper will not only get out a few more issues this year, but that it will be much stronger next year. Fraser said this year's staff of 17 members is a great increase over the number last year, which was only two people. The Aquinian has published only sporadically over the last few years because of financial and staff problems.

Fraser said that after work on Monday's issue is completed, he will have his entire staff go on an advertising blitz in an attempt to raise enough revenue for another issue.

At a meeting on Tuesday night, the STU student council talked with Fraser about the paper's prospects. Several councillors were dubious of Fraser's wish to spend the Aquinian's entire budget on one issue, but Fraser insisted that at least a 16-page issue is required to adequately cover St. Thomas events since the beginning of the term. Some councillors suggested that a mimeographed paper be printed to save money, but Fraser contended that such a format would give the Aquinian little credibility.

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