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Aid plan will be met by govern-

Aid will be expected to con-

tribute to the Legal Aid fund

awarded in judgement or in

Participating lawyers will also

indirectly since under the pro-

posed plan they will receive

only about 75 percent of nor-

mal fees. The expected budget

for the first six months of

operation in 1972 is \$350,000.

the fund."

Legal Aid - the ability to not The major cost of the Legal

now associated with welfare.

The Legal Aid plan will be

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for all citizens regardless of dents faced with a similar pro- jure up images similar to those representatives of the legal financial ability to pay. It is to make available to the public those services of solicitor and counsel which a reasonable man Legal Aid Act implemented, would provide for himself had he sufficient means to do so."

This is the concept of "Equal Justice," embodied in a Synopsis of Tentative Draft of Report On Legal Aid issued by the Department of Justice.

The Legal Aid Act which was assented to May 15, 1971 is a "comprehensive criminal and civil legal aid plan based on that currently in effect in Ontario."

The first phase of the Act will be implemented January 1, 1972. This phase will consist of a totally comprehensive scheme under which legal aid may be received by persons charged with criminal offences. This means, however, that coverage is extended only to persons charged under the Criminal Code of Canada.

implemented sometime in the future would extend legal aid coverage to civil proceedings with only minor exceptions such as "breach of promise of ation of assets and liabilities marriage" or "alienation of af- supplemented by special checks." fections." Otherwise, the exten- The plan recognizes "that the sion of legal aid to civil proceedings would include areas he can to the cost of legal such as torts; (ie damages arising from automobile accidents) and contracts (ie land- an applicant's financial position lord-tenant disputes.

the phase to be implemented change by those who have on January 1, 1972 will extend been upset over the loss of coverage to the "crimes" most dignity and pride when subvisible and inimical to society jected to the means test. (robbery, theft, assult and arson). It will do nothing to is extended only to those who ameliorate the plight of the cannot pay the full cost of poor tenants in the south-end legal services, society will be

blem.

There is indeed an immed-. This would, however, be a iate need to have the complete 'most unfortunate development.

Under normal cirucmstances person must be an ordinary a resident of the Province to receive benefits from the plan. Under exceptional circumstan-The remaining phase(s) when director can extend coverage to non-residents in the interests of justice.

> Financially, "eligibility will be based on a statutory declarapplicant must contribute what services."

This method of analysing replaces the arbitrary means It should be obvious that test. It will be a welcomed

However, since Legal Aid

administered by the New Brunswick Bar, with the chief executive officer being the Provincial Director, selected by the Barrister's Society and subject to ces, however, the provincial the approval of the Minister of Justice. He will be responsible for coordinating the program on a province wide basis. An Advisory Committee to

the Minister of Justice will

"The goal is equal justice of Saint John nor indeed stu- 'given the opportunity to con- be appointed. It will include profession, of the public and ment funds. Recipients of Legal of the government. Its responsiblity will be to act as a "guardian of the public however. In addition "costs sector."

In addition Area Directors settlement become payable to will be appointed in selected regional centers to process legal aid applications and to establish be contributing to the fund "Duty Counsel Rosters." Duty Counsels will perform prearraignment functions such as giving advice to all persons appearing in provincial court without a lawyer. They will not normally conduct defenses.

Senators Counsel

UNB - The student senators will offer a counselling service for students with administrative problems.

The senators, Vaughn Allward, Peter Ashton, Paul Campbell, Michael Cochrane, and Peter MacDonald will be available for consultation weekdays from 11:30 to 1:30 in Room 33 of the Student Union Building.

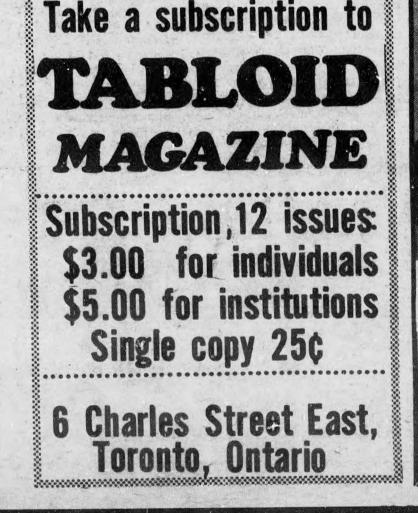
The student senators were originally conceived to be a liaison between the Senate and

the Student's Representative Council of which they are nonvoting members. They are now moving towards being a liaison between students and the administration.

They do not intend their counselling service to become a 'rap room', but will give guidance and advice to students who have bureaucratic hassles or problems with their professors.







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