

Professors to vote soon on union

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Mid or late February is the tentative date for a vote which will determine whether employees of the University of New Brunswick wish to be represented by the Association of University of New Brunswick Teachers according to Chairperson of the Collective Bargaining Committee Gary Chaison. Chaison said he is "optimistic" about the outcome of the vote but that the important

thing is that there is a high proportion of "yes" votes which would strengthen the AUNBT position in future negotiations.

The Industrial Relations Board recently ordered a vote be taken to determine the wishes of the employees concerned with the application for certification by the AUNBT as bargaining agent for employees of UNB. The Board dismissed competing applications for certification by the University of New Brunswick Law Faculty

and the University of New Brunswick Engineering and Forestry Faculty.

Chaison said that scrutineers from the Association and a returning officer from the Industrial Relations Board are currently deciding on who the eligible voters are, adding that hopefully next week they will agree on a list of eligible voters. He said the date of the vote will probably be set within three or four weeks of that date.

In order to receive certification the AUNBT has to receive a majority of ALL votes with the Industrial Relations Board any voting right not exercised as a "no" vote. The unit for eligible voters as described by the board is "all persons employed in full time teaching or research or employed as librarians at the University of New Brunswick, at its campus in Fredericton and Saint John save and except deans, associate and

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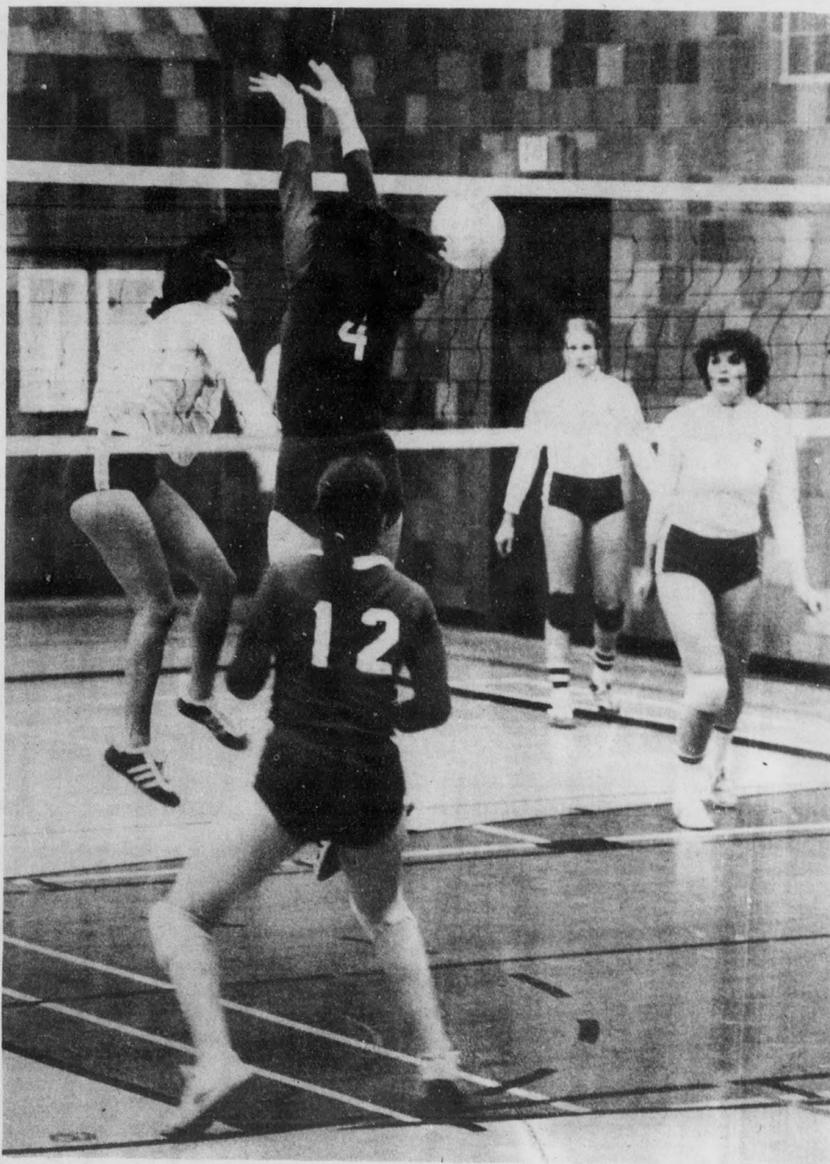
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