

## Unemployment a very overworked political issue

By FORREST ORSER

Unemployment is considered one of the main issues of this federal election by representatives of all three student political organizations active on campus.

Young Liberal president Debby O'Leary believes the government's policy on unemployment to be the best that is possible at this time.

There is also a great deal of interest in and support for the government's policy on foreign

investment and for its DREE grants to industry.

The Conservatives have been regularly elected locally, but in her opinion have done little for the area. O'Leary is convinced that the Liberal party has the leadership the country needs and that it will be returned with a majority.

The Liberals have been in power nine years, says President of student PC's Cynthia Urquhart and during that time unemployment has steadily increased. She feels it is time for the Con-

servatives to be given an opportunity to prove that they can do better.

Women's rights, especially concerning abortion, is seen by Urquhart, as another important issue. Conservative policy considers abortion a matter strictly between a woman and her doctor.

NDP campaign worker Ron Gaudet believes that the real issue of this election is that both the Liberals and Conservatives represent big business, while the NDP because of its social and economic base, is capable of repres-

enting students, workers, and other under-represented groups.

Gaudet sees the steadily rising unemployment rate as a result of the Liberal party's lack of response to the needs of the people.

He predicts an increase in both NDP popular vote and in number of seats held. In New Brunswick he expects the NDP to at least double its popular vote.

The Liberal campaign has been run mainly by the Young Liberals. They made many of the arrangements for the visits of Mitchell

Sharp and Don Jamieson, as well as bringing York-Sunbury candidate Ray Dixon to speak at most of the residences, and to a Liberal organized pub to meet the students.

A revision booth has been set up to help students get their names on the lists of electors.

The Student Young Conservatives have brought York-Sunbury candidate Bob Howie to speak at UNB residences as well as two pubs.

Friday night they plan to take part in a large rally in Fredericton, and are arranging transportation for all PC supporters who wish to go to the rally in Saint John Saturday night. The main speaker in the port city will be Opposition leader Robert Stanfield.

The NDP, with a limited budget, have concentrated mainly on distributing literature in the SUB.

Beverly Wallace is regularly on campus as a part-time student at Saint Thomas University and has spoken to many campus groups.

Student NDP's also arranged to have premier Allan Blakeney of Saskatchewan speak to students at UNB.

Gaudet criticized campaign activities such as pubs, since he feels they reflect the attitude that students will vote for a candidate because "he's a nice guy and will get drunk with you."

## Blakeney says NDP would cure all ills

By BOB JOHNSON

"If the New Democratic Party was strong in Quebec then the social problems there would be solved," according to Saskatchewan Premier Allen Blakeney.

He spoke in McConnell Hall Monday evening to UNB students in support of the York-Sunbury NDP candidate Beverly Wallace.

Blakeney said Quebec separatism is being magnified and fed by their social problems. He cited language and employment discrimination as examples of these problems.

What is needed in Quebec, said the Saskatchewan Premier, is a party committed to federalism and social justice. He indicated the NDP was such a party.

The separation of Quebec from the rest of Canada and the economic survival of Canada as a nation in the face of enormous American investment are the two main political problems facing Canada, said Blakeney.

He indicated that inflation, unemployment and pollution are

the major economic and social problems.

"The Liberal party does not have an answer to economic nationalism," he said. The Premier said the NDP does have a solution.

He said the party advocated legislation to prevent take over of Canadian corporations by American investors, using the Canadian Development Corporation to direct Canadian funds into our Canadian businesses and providing more money for Canadian research in such things as electronic technology.

On the question of legalization of marijuana Blakeney felt "it is unwise to legalize the use of marijuana and hashish."

He said possession of these drugs should be removed from the Criminal Code and placed in the Food and Drug Act.

"We should discourage the use of it," he said.

Following his address at McConnell Hall, Blakeney attended an NDP rally at Memorial Cathedral Hall before leaving the city the following morning.



Premier Blakeney

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