

CHOOSE YOUR

Party Platforms

Model Parliament elections take place next week in conjunction with the Students' Representative Council voting. The platforms of the campus political parties contesting Model Parliament has been published on the inside pages of this issue. Four platforms have been published and it is anticipated that the platform of a fifth party, Maritime Monarchists, will be printed next Tuesday.

What is the significance of these platforms? What is their value? Are they simply fanciful pieces of proposed legislation that may never be enacted by a government? Are these platforms merely a reflection of federal political party lines or have they been designed to specifically appeal to the students of UNB?

To digress momentarily, the success of a political party depends on two tangible abilities, their leadership and their proposed legislation. Legislative platforms promise what they will do if elected, while the leadership attempts to convince the voters that his party is the best tool to implement that legislation. Strong, forceful leadership can conceal or over-ride an uninspiring party platform while the opposite also holds true.

This year, party platforms and leadership action reveal that a great deal of work and energy has been expended in an effort to present each parties' side of the picture. On a strict platform digest basis it is difficult to judge one performance over another.

Many voters, whose sympathies lie with a certain party on the provincial or federal level, will cast their ballots for the same party in a student election. These people devote little consideration to the leadership or platforms of the students political parties.

Within this lies a great potential evil. To ensure the complete success of Model Parliament, all platforms should be considered on an individual basis with party affiliations remaining in the background. As one party leader told me, "Read our platform and there will be no doubt in your mind as to how you will vote." We have read all the platforms (with one yet to come) and think that the decision made next Wednesday will be very significant.

Our final counsel on this subject; read the platforms, evaluate them and then pronounce judgement on them. Pronounce judgement by casting your vote for the party presenting the platform that appeals most to you.

TORIES....



JO-ANNE MacARTHUR
Party Leader

The UNB PC Party submits the following platform:

Foreign Affairs

1. A complete examination of Canada's relationship with the United States of America.
2. The creation of a diplomatic corps training centre administered by the Department of External Affairs.

Defence

3. A thorough review of our present defence policies.

Public Works

4. The construction of a Maine Corridor Road, with the Department of Public Works giving preference to the Faculty and Students of the University of New Brunswick in designating the construction staff.

Health and Welfare-Social Justice

5. A federal program of Alcoholic Rehabilitation, administered free to all university students.
6. An educational offensive to demonstrate the power of beer as an agent for the combat of cancer.

Finance

7. A policy of fluctuating interest on bank loans from one area of the nation to another, to ensure that interest rates on bank loans may be lower in those sections of the nation suffering high unemployment.

Electoral Act

8. Amend the electoral Act to provide every university in

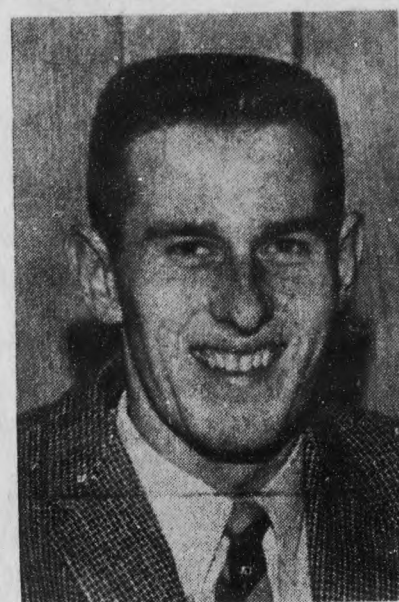
Canada having in access of 1500 full-time registered students (thus excluding the "Marshrats") with a seat in the House of Commons, giving the vote in all those constituencies to all full-time registered students over 18 years of age.

Northern Affairs and National Resources

9. To warm the climate of our North by providing that there be one woman for every man, both in the Arctic and in all logging camps.

10. In the event of the nationalization of Canada's Sewerage System, steps be taken to ensure that the "MOOSE" of New Brunswick be provided with more accessible outlets.

LIBERALS....



ED. BELL
Party Leader

The following platform is what we, the members of the UNB LIBERAL CLUB, think would be of most benefit to UNB students. We realize that this is model legislation and that the actual federal government is not likely to put it into effect at once (at least not until after the next federal election), but we believe that by giving it our support in this election, it will be brought to the attention of the general public and government leaders, giving them positive indication of the needs and feelings of university students.

ings of university students. With this in mind, we offer the following platform for your support:

I — With the rising cost of university education, we will legislate to provide the following benefits for university students:

- 1) University students in summer employment will be given complete exemption from income tax and will not be required to pay Unemployment Insurance Premiums.

- 2) Parents supporting dependents in university will receive a \$2000 income tax exemption, this figure being much closer to the actual cost of a university year than the \$500 now offered.

- 3) Married university students and their wives (husbands) will receive further tax exemptions, depending upon the number of children and the wage-earning ability of the working partner.

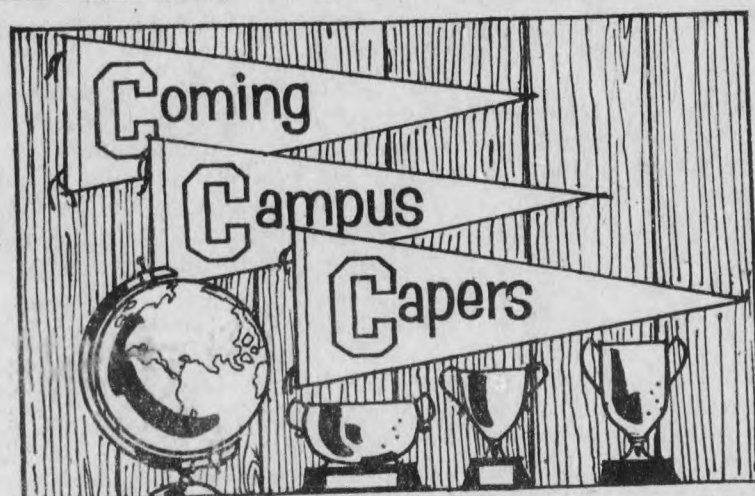
- 4) A system of bursaries and scholarships will be established for students who show the need and merit. These loans and scholarships will be made available to all students, including those of average standing, thus giving every student an opportunity for university education to ensure their future and that of our nation.

II — Realizing that the preceding measures will be expensive, and that it would be virtually impossible to pay for them at the present level of unemployment without severe taxation, we will bring into effect the following points; in order to (1) increase government revenue without burdening the wage-earner, (2) combat unemployment and (3) revitalize the present economic condition of Canada's depressed areas.

- 1) A capital gains tax will be levied, to remedy profit without taxation by business sources with capital.

- 2) Gambling in limited forms will be legalized and controlled by federal statutes, and taxes levied from gambling will be used for the system of university scholarships.

- 3) New or expanding industries will be encouraged to build in depressed areas, promoting more employment and a gradual raising of the standards of living there.



TODAY:
HOCKEY: UNB at Mount A.

SATURDAY:
BASKETBALL: UNB at Mount A.

MONDAY:
IVCF: Tartan Room, Student Centre, 7:30 p.m.
CONSERVATIVE CLUB: Oak Room, Student Centre, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY:
ELECTION SPEECHES: Classes are cancelled at 11 a.m. for the election speeches in the Gymnasium.

FRIDAY:
INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE: Acadia vs UNB, Tartan Room, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY:
INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE: St. Thomas vs UNB, Tartan Room, 8 p.m.
RADIO SOC. DANCE: Student Centre, 8:30 p.m., 25c per person.

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