

## Academics with pubs for orientation 78



By SHEENAGH MURPHY

More emphasis on academic advising rather than social events is in the agenda for orientation 78 according to orientation chairper-

son Tom Best.

Best feels that the past years have shown that students are taking their studies more seriously. He feels students need to know about the academic aspects of university as well as the social so

that they can make the most of the opportunities offered them here.

Best is also interested in co-ordinating the residence orientation (otherwise known as initiation) with the UNB SRC orientation to insure that students receive the full benefit of both.

He feels that some of the initiation rites gone through by new frosh in the residences is ridiculous, and that the residence system is in enough danger without driving away students through bad experiences in the system.

He suggested one option which would involve setting aside one night for the residences and their initiation, thus with no scheduled events for UNB orientation, students would not be tempted to pass up one for the other.

Best is also concerned that there be more effort to involve foreign students in orientation. He said in the past, shyness or lack of knowledge, may have prevented foreign students from participat-

ing and that an event like orientation may help them to "ease the cultural differences between their own countries and the UNB experience."

Best also was concerned with the short period in which orientation takes place. He felt if orientation was stretched over a longer period of time then students would be more likely to retain what they learnt during the orientation.

The first meeting for orientation 78 will take place in Tilley 303, at 9:00 on Thursday, March 9. Best said that people are needed to help.

Students are needed to act as advisors and councillors for new students. Groups up to thirty new students are assigned to approximately two councillors. Those on the Frosh Squad will work on campus tours, pubs and other social activities, in addition to advising. Best is also concerned that the frosh do receive more faculty advising this year, and said that a Senate Sub Committee is working on problems connected with that issue and will be presenting a report in the near future. Best hopes to act on some of the recommendations made by the committee.

## Exam blues project

The Capital Y's mens club of Fredericton are once again organizing their Examination Blues Project in affiliation with the YM-YWCA. This organization is instrumental in organizing and sponsoring various community projects as well as international support to developing countries. The motto of the club is to "Acknowledge the Duty that Accompanies Every Right," and through their service they have been a dynamic factor in our community for over 41 years.

Proceeds from the "Blues Baskets" and other related

projects go toward supporting a summer camp, regular development and local community projects. The Capital Y's men are very proud of this project and students are urged to inform their parents of this service.

Coming at a focal point in the year (exam time) the Baskets are a cheerful surprise as well as a worthy investment comprised of fruit, candy and cookies, the food is fresh and of the highest quality. Please forward a copy of the add found in this issue to your parents or discreetly present your parents with a copy of the Buns.

### EUS ELECTIONS

| President                                               | Vice President                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Roger Jenkins ME 3 66 votes                             | Peter Blight, ME 3 72 votes          |
| Paul Hayes CE 3 50 votes                                | Mike MacQuoid CE 3 44 votes          |
| Gerry Thibeault, CE 3 23 votes                          | Gary MacKeen CE 4 22 votes           |
| Secretary:                                              | Treasurer                            |
| Nancy McNamera, CE 3 Acclamation.                       | Gilbert Robichaud, CE 3 Acclamation. |
| Out of a possible 400 voters, 142 exercised this right. |                                      |

## AFS view on N.B.

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

Members of the executive of the Atlantic Union of Students see the New Brunswick Coalition of Students (NBCS) as a threat to their organization. According to Susan Shalala (vp external) AFS secretary co-ordinator, Tony Kelly, said the NBCS will undermine the organization (FS) by setting a precedence for other groups to form individual collectives.

According to Shalala Kelly also said that the AFS would not be as strong, in that if the chairperson of the NBCS sat on the AFS executive the individual would be critical rather than putting their full support behind the organization. Shalala feels that it is important

that New Brunswick be represented on the AFS for a variety of reasons. She said that AFS members in St. Thomas University and Mount Allison (Sackville) represent only about 2,000 of the approximate 10,000 New Brunswick students.

Shalala does not feel New Brunswick should be either a member or an "arm" of AFS as representatives from several New Brunswick universities harbor reservations about the organization.

She said that one concern involves the strong "leftist" character of the organization as well as AFS's insistence on remaining closely tied to the

National Union of Students (NUS).

Shalala said no decision was reached at the meeting as to whether the organization would allow the NBCS chairperson (Shalala) to sit on the executive. She said the executive felt that the decision should be left to a general vote.

Shalala said that she will be submitting a position paper to the organization and the AFS executive will be compiling a position paper.

Shalala said the "high point of the meeting" was when the AFS executive said they would recommend to their members to vote yes as regards to having the chairperson sit on the executive.

## Undergrad or grad? Circumstance dictates

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strait. "I have very good credit, I have had two loans which I promptly repaid yet this was not considered either" said the source.

The student was also informed that the awards office has applied for an extension on the maximum Fred Magee Loan. The maximum presently is \$300, and they wish to raise it to \$600. According to the source there have been complaints that there is not enough funding at all for the loans and the student questioned the validity of asking for an increase in existing

funds.

The student said another argument which was used in refusing third year law students their loans was that they could be

considered graduates rather than undergraduates as the rules of the loans demand. The student said it was "common" for law students to be considered both undergrads and grads, depending on the circumstances. "We're supposed to compete with the rest of the university for many things, such as student loans and yet we are not eligible to apply for graduate aid

which is usually easier to get," said the student.

Susan Wiesner, assistant awards officer said that there was not enough money in the fund. She

said that there were 230 applications for the Fred Magee

loan, 170 of which were approved.

She said that some first and second law students did receive

the loan but that the committee which decided who was eligible, felt that law students in third year had other resources.

Weisner said that there was a question in the Board of Governors as to whether in fact law students could be considered undergraduates. She said the Awards office did consider them as undergrads as they were not required to write a thesis.

## Fight continued

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in operating grants over last years, rather than the 14 percent recommended by the Maritime Higher Education Commission.

He said, however, that despite the success of those ventures, residence fees would increase next year.

Mount Allison representatives have also arranged meetings with their administration to discuss ways and means of circumventing projected increases.

Representatives for the NBCS there, have the full support of the Mt. Allison student council according to Shalala

### ATTENTION STUDENT ORGNIZATIONS

The Student Union Building Board of Directors is currently reviewing office space allocation in the SUB. If you feel that your organization could use continuing space in the SUB please contact the SUB Director Room 105 SUB with your specific request. This will aid the Board in allocating space in a fair manner.

## Catch 22

If you haven't paid your fees yet be prepared to pay a little more when you finally do. According to a source within the business office, the fees should have been paid by the end of January.

The pittance you will have to undergo is to pay an extra \$10. for each month the fees are late. This also applies to the fees for residence. For those holding bursaries which haven't come in yet, the business office has generously granted you until the end of February.

After that you will be charged accordingly. If you are waiting to pay your fees with your incometax return then you're in a jam. To get the proof-of-payment slip to send to the Government you have to have paid your fees. To pay your fees you need your income tax return, but to get your return you need the proof-of-payment slip. Yes, Virginia, Catch-22 is real.

### CHVW SCHEDULE

12:00-CHVW in-depth news

12:45-Geo-Weather watch

12:45 SRC preident address

1:00-College Bowl-Game 3-Bruns vs Unknown Savants

1:30-"Oscar REMembered"-an Oscar Wilde reading by Maxim Mazumdar

2:00-Game of the Week-Red

Bloomers in AAUB conference in action.

4:00-Sign Off!