

Campus food service changes hands

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

University of New Brunswick students will be eating different food next year as a result of a successful bid on the part of Beaver Foods Ltd.

Present food contractors, Saga Foods have been with UNB for the past 6 or 7 years.

Some time ago, the University of New Brunswick went to tender concerning the food contract for the UNB campus. Three food companies offered for the entire package which included contracts for the residences, cash outlays (the Student Union Building) Vending machines and concessions such as the Aitken Centre according to Vice President James O'Sullivan. They are Saga, Domco, and Beaver.

O'Sullivan said that the Beaver bid was successful because of the lower price offered by the company. He said that he personally (and he does not believe the university) is in any way dissatisfied with present food contractors Saga Foods Ltd. but Beaver's estimate was considerably lower than either Domco's or Saga's.

He said that price was not the only factor, but that the service and quality were also considered. He said that representatives from a committee formed to consider the food contracts were sent to Dalhousie, Memorial and other universities which presently have Beaver as their contractor.

He said that Beaver was one of the largest food contractors he knew of, serving hospitals and high schools around New Brunswick. Saga is the largest and probably serves more universities than any other contractor.

O'Sullivan said that the univer-

sity committees checked into Beaver by personal tasting, as well as talking to students at the different university and the people who were sent to submit the bid.

Domco, Saga and Beaver were the three contractors which offered bids on the complete food packet, although Versa and Stickles both showed interest in the vending contract.

O'Sullivan said that the university contract with Saga does not

expire until August 15, after which he expects there will be organizational changes.

He said while he cannot speak for Beaver, he does know that next year Steak Night in the residences will return to once a week on a convenient night for most students. This year the university changed the tradition to once every two weeks on a less popular night. (i.e. when not as many people would take advantage of it) due to financial

restraints. He said that while indeed this manouver saved money, the university realized that many students were unhappy with the arrangement. Thus, when the tenders went out it was in the contract that the steak night would revert to its previous arrangement.

O'Sullivan said that one idea which Beaver was exploring was the introduction of a light eaters special. This would involve a continental breakfast, lunch (no

seconds) and supper (no seconds). If the students wished more then they would have to pay cash for further helpings, but their overall food budget would be less.

O'Sullivan also said that Beaver has said it will be hiring students. The contracts are proffered on a three year basis.

Mr. Ron Newton, New Brunswick manager of Beaver was unable for comment at press time, but please see next week's Bruns for more information.

Residence fees up for 1978-79

By RICK FOWLER

It will cost \$50.00 more to live in residence next year, and there is a strong possibility that tuition will go up. News of the increase in residence costs was released March 22nd, one day after the Board of Governor's meeting which was to have seen the decision on both residence and tuition fees. However, no decision was made on possible tuition increases, but the B.O.G. will meet again in May.

UNB President Dr. John Anderson explained that no decision was made on a tuition increase, because all the necessary information was not in yet.

Dr. Anderson said that main piece of information not known yet was the amount of the non-space and Alterations and renovation grant. This is an important part of the operating capital for the university. Dr. Anderson feels that the amount of the grant should be known in two to three weeks, but that the public would have to wait until after the next Board of Governors meeting on May 17th to know.

Dr. Anderson said that the \$50 increase in residence fees was not for the rooms themselves, but rather to cover food costs. To

make up for the lack of an increase in room charges, there will be a cutback in maid service and in the amount of maintenance carried on in the residences, though not enough to "hurt their appearance", according to President Anderson.

When asked if the increase in residence costs and the possible tuition raise would drive away prospective students, Dr. Anderson stated that while the increases in residences and the "strongly possible" tuition raises would possibly chase off some new students, those already here would find that UNB prices will still be competitive.

Dr. Anderson expressed his concern for those students whose family background would make



Dr. John Anderson announced Wednesday fees will take a rise in the upcoming year.

the cost simply unaffordable.

President Anderson also expressed discontent with the 6.7

percent increase in operating costs granted to the University by the provincial government. Ander-

son said he fully supports the efforts of Steven Berube, UNB SRC president, and Susan Shalala, VP external of the SRC to solicit a greater increase in operating grants. Continued on page 4

Student immigration policy changes

By JON LEES

The Immigration policy for foreign students attending Canadian Universities will be changed as of April 10th 1978. According to the Director of Immigration in Fredericton, Darrel Mecheau, foreigners come into Canada and try to stay as long as possible. He says they come in as tourists, and change their visas to work and study permits. They change back and forth as long as they can with no intention of completing their education or returning to their countries of origin.

Serious students, before this new legislation, would enter Canada as tourists and obtain

student visas while in the country. The new regulations dictates that foreign students that are studying on the trimester system, all year around, do not have to get the new visa. They may, however, have to under go a medical.

Students who will be entering University for the first time or those who will be returning home for the holidays will have to obtain the new visa. Requirements for the visa have not changed much. The only differences are that the visas will be obtained from the Canadian consulates in the student's country and medicals will be required for students coming from certain countries. Mecheau says that this will not

affect all foreign students and that the best thing to do is to contact the Immigration Center in King's Place. He says that every case will be different. Some students will need visas and medicals, some just medicals and some neither.

Mecheau says that the new regulations will be "tighter" and that it is aimed at keeping people out of Canada who do not intend to study in Canada and return to their own countries upon graduation. The change will affect American citizens the most. They will be able to obtain their visas at any Canadian consulate in the U.S.

Mecheau maintains that students will now have to go through their own governments to come to school in Canada. He says that this is a good measure because now students won't be coming without proper funds to support themselves in their year in Canada. One of the requirements is to prove to the immigration authorities that they have sufficient funds to last the year or that they have a job along with their University acceptance form.

The new Immigration act was passed last summer and will go into effect on the 10th of April. Mecheau thinks that it is a good policy for various reasons. He contends that the old Immigration Act dates back to 1952 and is out of date. He also thinks that the new Act will do a good job of countermanning the students who are not here for educational purposes. It is there to keep out those who do not intend to go home.



Here we have Old Santa Goldberg handing out the goodies!

Mecheau maintains that he has had "no real problems" with Foreign students and that he works closely with Doreen Kissick the Foreign student advisor on campus.

Doreen Kissick says that the Foreign students and herself find the new requirements confusing. She says that there could be a problem for those students going home for the summer but she doesn't foresee too many difficulties. Now that everything will be handled in their country she says things will be a lot simpler than having visas changed at the

border. Kissick is happy that those who are staying through the summers on the Trimetric system don't have to have changes in their visas. Kissick thinks that "in the long run it is a little bit better as far as students are concerned. She says that there will be more red-tape involved but likes the idea of proof of financing to make sure the student doesn't run out of money. Kissick feels that this will restrict the number of students coming into the country in that it is tightened up at the border for those who come in as visitors and then change to students.

Higher education dead

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

A funeral will be taking place on Thursday, March 30 at 12 noon at St. Thomas University. The deceased? Higher Education. STU plans to hold a mock funeral of higher education as it's show of concern over escalating tuition and other increases in secondary education.

A spokesperson for the committee organizing the Funeral, David LeBlanc said there will be a general meeting of the students at noon of that day. He said there will be a coffin, pallbearers and other trappings of a funeral.

The decision to hold the funeral was ratified by the STU student representative council recently.

LeBlanc appeared optimistic about what the protest would mean. He felt that it would show people that students could and would not pay any more money for their education. "Hatfield stabbed higher education when he gave us a 6.6 per cent increase over last years operating grant (only) and when he wouldn't listen to the people who wished to change it he killed it", said LeBlanc.

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