

It's the government's turn to move now

The ball, to use an old proverb, is in the other court.

On Friday, students from all across the province indicated their displeasure with the provincial student aid plan. Now it's up to the government to let us know what will be done to rectify the situation.

The conditions in the aid program are serious enough to bring students here from all provincial universities to demonstrate for changes.

But we can't be content with merely registering our displeasure with the plan. We have to continue to press the provincial

government to see the requested changes implemented.

The provincial government has a tendency to ignore complaints from citizens' groups, although they are rarely faced with complaints backed by such a large group.

The government must be made aware that students will not be content until we see some concrete changes.

The desired changes are indicative of a more basic problem - the federal government's total student aid policy.

Students in other provinces are

faced with the same basic problem as affects us here. Students in Ontario are planning - and taking - actions similar to those taken here.

It appears that it is time for the federal government to make the basic changes needed to ensure equitable student loan plans in all provinces.

But the first battle must be fought on the provincial level. Newfoundland students were successful in having major changes made in that province's student aid plan, resulting in revisions even more far-reaching

than the changes we are requesting.

Our provincial government will have a difficult time convincing students the changes cannot be made when other provinces have been able to institute improved aid plans.

Admittedly our Premier is facing several serious problems that arose during his visit to Africa. However, we feel an attempt to solve the student aid problems should be of paramount importance to the Premier at present.

Remember, students vote, too.

Childishness displayed

It seems this campus has returned to the mentality of years gone by when panty raids and college pranks were in vogue - but with a dangerous twist.

Initiations, razzing frosh and residence raids were a part of university life years ago; and they were all held with good humor on everyone's part.

Things sure have changed.

Over a hundred residents of Jones House visited Tibbits Hall last week - with startling results.

The event ended with several residents of Tibbits Hall taken to the infirmary for treatment.

The boys of Jones House - they certainly cannot be called men - showed a remarkable lack of maturity and regard for others.

Yet these are the students who, according to the Board of Dons and residence fellows, wanted to restrict pubs in a nearby building because of noise and damage allegedly caused by such events.

They didn't exhibit such concern while visiting the residents of Tibbits Hall. It appears like a typical example of applying one set of standards to others, and operating under a more convenient set yourself.

Apparently the incident is being handled within the residence system - luckily for the

Jones House residents. If any off-campus students were to attempt such actions they would likely end up facing charges in front of the Student Disciplinary Committee.

We only hope whatever punishment the Jones House residents receive is enough to discourage similar incidents.

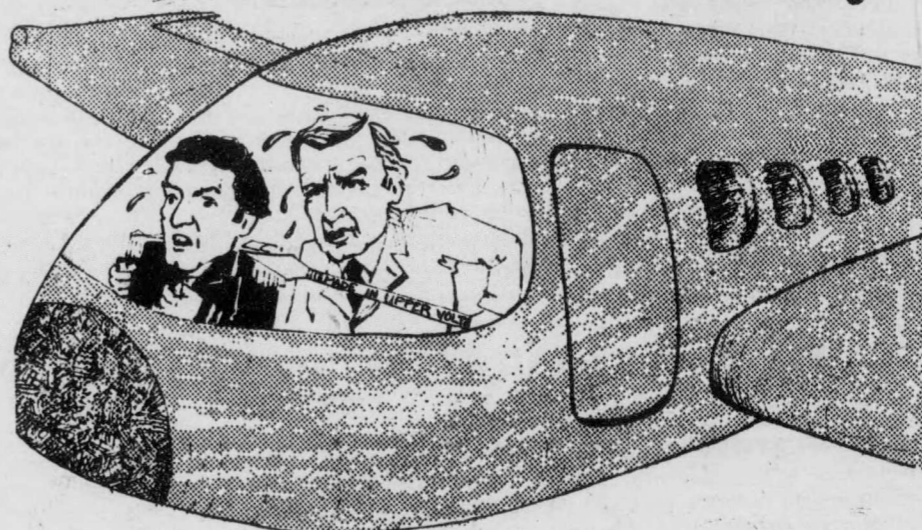
Student housing important issue

The University of New Brunswick senate was warned last week of the seriousness of the shortage of student accommodation.

Dean of Students Barry Thompson's report asked senate to prompt the board of governors to act not to solve the problem but to minimize conditions which last fall led to UNB's worst housing crisis.

The Brunswick supports the Thompson report and urges students to realize the importance of seeing that their representatives act in their interest when senate and the board of governors are asked to act.

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