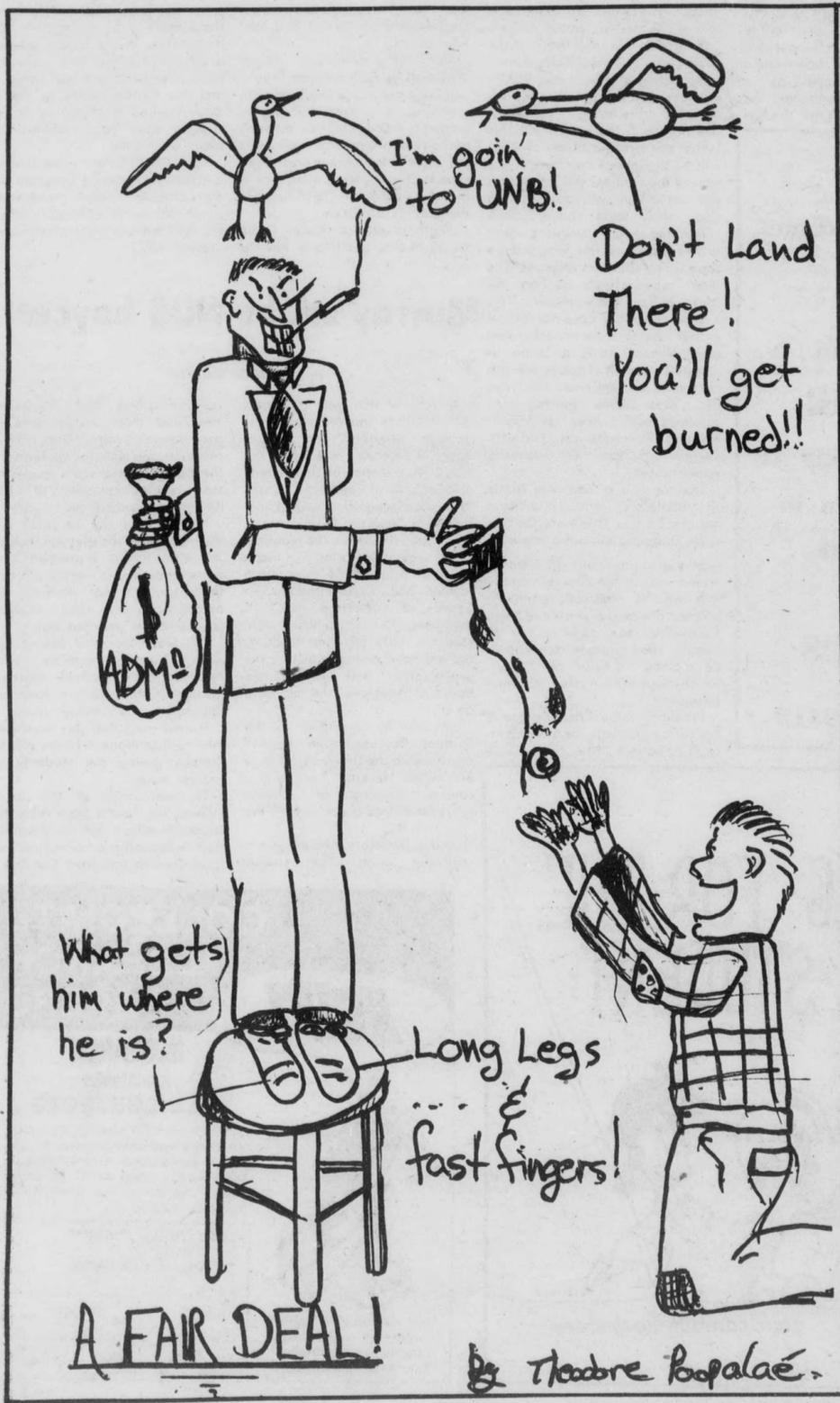


Whats more important?

The Question is.....



"The University is composed of faculty, students, books and learning, in the literal sense the administration is merely there to make sure the sidewalks are kept clean."

A worthy but idealistic sentiment, right? Too bad the administration doesn't agree. It seems that instead, they consider themselves the top priority. We deduce this from a report based on annual reports and a financial statement from a Chartered Accountant firm details on page one.

Now maybe us, down here at the Old Bruns got our wires mixed up, . . . but we don't think so. Right there in black and white there's a big 28.6 per cent increase for our friends in the Old Arts Building and an 18.7 per cent increase for academic . . . OOps, scuse, that's actually 7.8 percent. We forgot about the inclusion of the Teachers College.

After all, what we're concerned with here is how much green stuff is going toward support for, and encouragement of, academics. Like it says in the excerpt, a university is supposed to be a place to learn, a place to acquire knowledge. In order to do this, certain things just have to be done. Like hiring good professors, like keeping libraries up to date on the latest information and books, like encouraging students and professors to do research, like acquiring the latest equipment in order to facilitate that learning.

Now, much as we admire our beloved president (Dr. John that is) we really think a second look should be taken at the whole situation. The report we got included a recommendation by the author to the effect of suggesting the Comptrollers office would be in line to do a report of that type. We agree. We realize the University is a big place, but after all a persons job is a persons job and that person should be competent enough to handle that job, with all its responsibilities, if they have it in the first place.

Otherwise, those who are doing their job should make sure that those who aren't do, or if not, step down.

The handling of University affairs, falls, I'm afraid on the administration. Now, no one down here would want to call them biased, we all tend to favour our own side, after all. But the fact remains that something is wrong somewhere, ideals which should be reality, like the University is intended for learning, are being sadly neglected. We, here at the Bruns, (being students, of course, and biased therefore) really feel they shouldn't be.