

Highest per capita tuition

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Funding cuts at the University of New Brunswick could be just the beginning of a downward spiral and they could also mean an increase in tuition fees, which are now, "the highest in the country," said Dr. James Downey, UNB President.

Higher tuitions could also mean more student loans, and at present nearly "40% of students at UNB receive some form of governmental assistance" he revealed.

According to Dr. Downey, the "Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) is not fulfilling its mandate...to advise the government on how much funding is needed...(and) to take a

hard look at *what* is needed."

The number of students at UNB is increasing, and there is a demand for new programs and professional upgrading. As well, Downey commented, some labs in the Chemistry department, for example, are "30 years out of date." It will cost "200,000 to reequip the biggest lab in the department," but since the government is not funding the University adequately and because the University cannot get much more money from the private sector, the lab will remain unequipped.

Ironically, "Dr. Downey mused," the demand for our services has been growing even faster than our resources have been declining."

According to the Association of Atlantic Universities, of

which Downey is immediate past chairman, the MPHEC has recommended funding levels far below what the Universities require. The AAU has called for an increase of 7.8% of which 4.8% will be for basic sustenance, and the remainder for upkeep. This has been sent to the MPHEC which will make recommendations to the Council of Maritime Premiers. However, for the last six years the MPHEC has consistently recommended to the Council funding levels far below what the AAU has recommended.

Association VP Administration, Eric Garland commented that the university has to allocate money to those who

need it most. "There has been a deficit 4 out of the last 5 years," so naturally, it will be non-academic programs, such as the Bio-Engineering Institute which will and have suffered from budget cuts. Last month for example, the Institute lost 2.5 positions as a result of funding cuts.

The problem has even aroused more deep rooted fears about quality and quantity of education at UNB. "The quality will be seriously undermined in 5 to 6 years time," said Dr. Downey. Presently, the University Library, spends nearly 75% of its budget paying for academic journals. The number of journals it receives is down by 4,000 from 9,000, 5

years ago. Downey predicts that in another 3 years, "the library will have to spend all its money on journals."

Downey feels that "the government does not seem to care about the economic health of UNB." Further, he says that "it wants us to get into new areas...but offers no new level of funding." The lack of funding by the provincial government has thus lead to a greater dependence on tuition fees for operative revenue, and in turn, higher tuition fees.

Whatever the reason, students in the province of New Brunswick have the heaviest debt-load upon graduation than any other province in Canada.

C.F. Santa Sock

This December, local sales of Christmas raffle tickets will raise funds for the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The "Santa Sock" campaign has been organized nationwide through the volunteer help of the Life Underwriters Association of Canada and support of Zellers Department Stores.

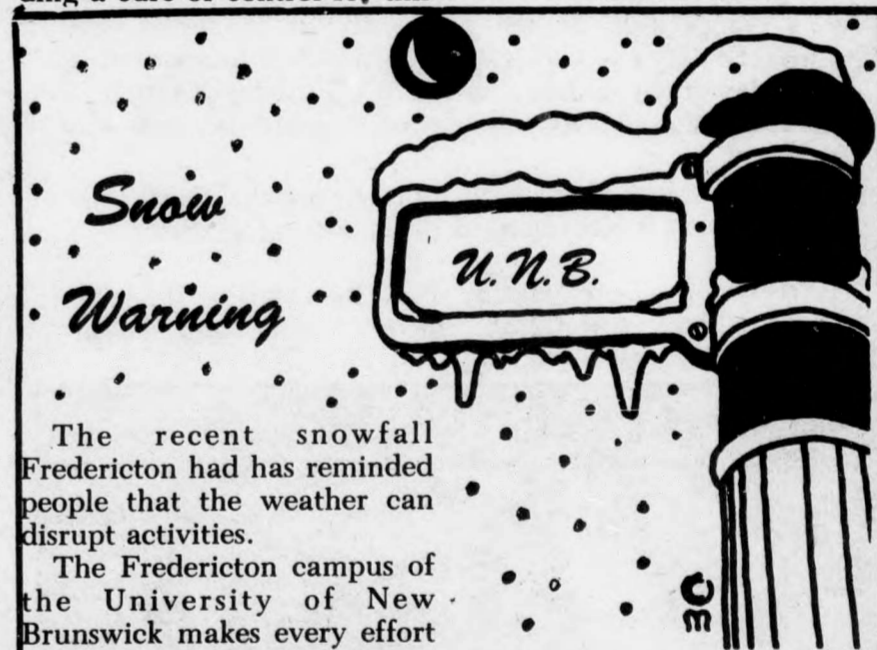
The LUAC volunteers across Canada hope to raise \$250,000 through the sale of \$1.00 raffle tickets in Zellers stores beginning Dec. 1, 1986 and continuing through Dec. 22, 1986. The local winners of the gift certificates will be announced Dec. 22, 1986. Proceeds from the Santa Sock Campaign will be donated to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Last year, the Life Underwriters Association of Canada, a non-profit association representing 21,000 life insurance professionals across Canada, presented Mrs. Mila Mulroney, CCFE Honorary Chairperson, with a cheque for \$71,000 to be used to support Cystic Fibrosis research.

Cystic Fibrosis takes the lives of more Canadian children than any other inherited disease. One in 20 Canadians carries the gene for cystic fibrosis. The Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation,

through its 50 chapters across Canada, is committed to finding a cure or control for this

life-threatening hereditary disease, which affects the lungs and the digestive system.



The recent snowfall Fredericton had has reminded people that the weather can disrupt activities.

The Fredericton campus of the University of New Brunswick makes every effort to continue operating during the inclement weather of winter. Nevertheless, UNB does have a policy governing the cancellation of scheduled classes, seminars, laboratories and tutorials should weather conditions become unusually severe.

Snowstorms that take place overnight are monitored by UNB's Security and Traffic Department. Prior to 7:00 a.m., the existing conditions are reviewed and the president is consulted regarding cancellation of scheduled university activities. If the president decides to cancel all or part of the day's scheduled

classes, area radio stations are asked to make appropriate announcements.

If a storm intensifies after UNB has opened for the day, the president may decide to curtail services and, where appropriate, allow students and employees to leave early. In that event, departments will be informed by UNB's Personnel Services Department; area radio stations will be alerted to make announcements to the public.

In the president's absence, the vice-president (academic) is responsible for the final decision regarding cancellation.

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TURKEY OF THE WEEK: to both UNB and STU student councils for having 'in camera' ie. behind closed doors, meetings in which the press could not participate. News Editor's note: It must be in "vogue" now.

and

To all those professors out there who think that their's is the most important class and who want papers in on the last day of class.

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK: is given to Abbie Hoffman and Amy Carter after their arrest last week for trespassing at a nuclear power plant. AND to all those starving students out there who are trying to get their papers completed by the end of classes.

NOTE: the Brunswickan invites our reader to submit their own "TURKEYS AND TRIBUTES" of the year to be published in January. Grand prize by Moosehead.