

Residence fees up for 79-80

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An increase of eighty-five dollars is just one of the changes that will affect UNB's residence system next year, according to Dean of Students, Barry Thompson.

Thompson said the residence fee increase was due to the 21.5 percent raise in the consumer food index.

A Board of Governors Committee of residences was established at the start of the school year to review the economic factors and produce a budget. Thompson, who chaired the committee, said, "We held the residence fee increase to about 5 percent, which I think is pretty good."

The Dean of Students said that, at present, "nobody seems to be too upset with the increase". Thompson met with members of the Inter-Residence council of men and women last week. They offered no objection to the raise in residence fees.

Another change that will affect residences next year will be the

requiring of each student to sign a residence contract. If the student decides to leave residence at any time of the year, he/she will lose their residence fees. Thompson said, "we were advised to make this change by other universities". In the past, it has been the practise of many students to stay in residence until they found a less expensive, off-campus accommodation. The contract is designed to provide a clear indication of a commitment by the student.

A co-educational residence system is "looking very hopeful for the near-future", according to Dean of Men's Residences, Bob Smith. A recent poll taken at the LBR men's residence showed, that the students are willing to transform their house into a co-educational system. A final decision regarding the change is expected to be made next week.

Dean Thompson said he was very happy at the prospect of a co-educational residence. "We're 8 years behind the times. Co-ed housing creates a much more sane lifestyle, less vandalism and generally better living conditions."



Dean of students Barry Thompson

The million dollar surplus and tuition increases

Student organizations should work on a more regular basis towards fighting cutbacks in education according to Student Union president David Bartlett. Bartlett told councillors Monday night that the current student outlook should change and that their lack of success with the current fight against rising tuition and differential fees could be partially attributed to the fact that students do not begin working on these matters until after Christ-

mas. He said that Board of Governor members were "impressed" with the student presentation on the issues which was given at last Friday's BOG meeting because of the research and statistics which were offered. He felt that if proper research is done on these issues then those in power will be more inclined to listen to students. Bartlett said that members of

the union would be working on a comprehensive report on the effects of differential fees which will be presented to the Maritime Higher Education Commission, and the government in the fall. He hopes that the university may reconsider its decision to implement differential fees this year in light of the fact that the amount of money involved will be minimal.

There was some discussion over Bartlett's proposed trip to Vancouver for a National Union of Students Conference. Forestry Rep Wade Prest said that in his experience NUS has never been popular and that UNB chose to drop out three years ago because

that tuition, differential fees and their like affected all students not just New Brunswick ones. External Vice President Claire Fripp said that while NUS was financially unstable the main problem was

that currently they were having a changeover in management and this was why the executive did not suggest rejoining. She said that the possibility of doing so could come in the future.

Former student union president and current Board of Governors member Steven Berube complimented the councillors on the BOG presentation and said that several BOG members he spoke to were quite "impressed". Speaking

of the 1 million dollar surplus Berube said that the university administration has decided to take some of the money generated as surplus this year and part of the million to partially pay off the universities capital debt which is currently over 1 million. The capital debt is generated from overexpenditure on buildings such as the Integrated Science Complex Aitken Centre and other buildings. Auditors predicted a 6 year period in which to pay it off.

Berube also referred to the mix up this year in the Business Office and said that in December the BOG engaged a managing consulting firm to clear up the problems. Price Waterhouse, the firm in question will be submitting a report "very soon" according to Berube.

Illegal Tickets

Several first year university students were refused admittance to a CHSC Mad Hatter Pub held last Friday although they had tickets and for a "good reason" according to Social Club manager Jean Baker. Baker said that the students were not reimbursed because the students procured their tickets illegally. She said that she and other members of the Social Club refused to sell tickets to several underage students who then went out and "scabbed some tickets". When the doormen checked the students' IDs on their entering the pub they discovered they were underage and refused

them admittance. Baker said that she refused to reimburse the tickets because if they were "stupid" enough to buy tickets illegally then they should accept the consequences. It stipulates on the CHSGLicence that people have to be 19 according to Baker who said that there might be a slim possibility that some students did pick up tickets at the bar but this was unlikely.

of this and wondered why they wanted to spend four hundred dollars to go to the conference. The executive of the union felt that just because UNB no longer belonged to NUS did not mean they could not benefit from discussions about issues which affect all students. Vice President Internal Blair Moffat pointed out



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