

Kepros Report gets our approval

The Kepros report. It's all very fancy and has taken literally years to produce. Now students have been asked to study the report and offer opinions.

It has recommended a letter grading system, the institution of the fail credit (or conditional pass) in faculties not already using it, credit hours, grade point averages, and, last but not least, cumulative grade point averages.

To many of us, it will mean that we get a letter (A, B, C, or D) instead of a grade, and that letter will be determined by the number of credit hours in the course and the amount of work we've done. To recognize the fact that some courses require more effort than others is admirable.

To those of us not in Forestry or Engineering, it will mean that we can now enjoy the 'benefits' of the fail credit.

For the campus, it will mean a relatively consistent marking throughout.

For the most part, however, it will mean absolutely nothing to students presently on this campus, for it is designed to be instituted on a gradual basis. Beginning with first year students, the plan may be implemented gradually, starting in September, 1974.

The major advantage of the new system will be the fact that it takes into account the importance of one course as opposed to another. All too often even now, people make high, unindicative marks in relatively easy courses. While that's fine as far as students are concerned, the present system also fails to consider the amount of work that goes into more difficult courses. (Except, of course, in Forestry and Engineering.)

The system recommended by the Kepros committee would take of that.

Another advantage of the system is that it brings all of UNB in line with other universities all over North America. In the long run the stature of this university and its graduates will not, as a result, be endangered.

About the system's only foreseeable disadvantage is that it might fail to take into account an exceptional student. A person who consistently makes 90, for example, will receive the same letter 'A', as someone who makes 80. Similar examples can be given for the other letter grades.

Richard Hatfield, Premier of one of Canada's poorest provinces, returned this week after a whirlwind tour of London and Paris.

He was not over there for a holiday. Instead, he was 'actively' seeking foreign investment in N.B. While overseas, he came out with quite a number of startling statements. According to Hatfield, N.B. is one of the most underdeveloped provinces in Canada. And, did you know that N.B. is a province where the average income is low and unemployment is both seasonal and chronic? That's why our MLA's are the highest paid ones in Canada!

While in London, he said that this province has been "comparatively late" in entering the modern industrial era but the province can avoid repeating the mistakes made elsewhere.

Does that mean that our province will never know what pollution is?

According to Hatfield the protection of the environment and conservation of the province's resources coincide, rather than conflict, with the aims of industry.

Fortunately the committee has taken this into account, and proposes the use of A plus, A minus, B plus, B minus, C plus, C minus, to allow for such disparities on the part of some student.

After our examination of the report, we can find nothing wrong with the proposed system.

But by this, we do not mean to imply that we would not accept some variation of it. Because of the hitherto relatively disparate marking systems in some faculties,

there will, naturally, be some need to compromise. Foresters and Engineers, who have had the credit system much longer than the rest of the campus, are to be expected to have different views on the matter than, say, a Nursing or Arts student.

But compromise should not detract from the basic premise of the report, that being that a fair marking system is needed, one applicable to all faculties and consistent with other marking systems in North American universities.

Hatfield and the taxpayers

Pollution? Never!

If any of our readers have ever worried as to what our relations with France are like - worry no more. Not only was Hatfield the first N.B. Premier to visit France, he is also thinking of establishing an agent-general office in Paris, as well as the one already in London.

(We have not yet been able to determine whether the Premier is asking Mayor Jones of Moncton to accept this position.)

We have said before that Mr. Hatfield's leadership in several areas of concern has been inept and unrepresentative. Never before has this been as plainly evident as this week. The Premier not only stated he was against "narrow and out-moded" nationalism, he also said that New Brunswick would welcome "with open arms" investors from foreign lands.

The Premier's philosophy in this situation borders on banality. When the U.S. Department of Commerce can report that American investors have a total book value of \$24 billion invested in this country, then surely the time

has come to call a halt to this foolishness.

Last year, according to the same Commerce report, American investment in Canada increased by \$1.24 billion, almost all of which was financed in Canadian money. But it was Americans who controlled that money. For all intents and purposes we

are now helping them dig our grave.

For the Premier to go on shopping trip in Europe to secure even more foreign investment is ludicrous. For too long now much too long - Premier Hatfield and his predecessors have been going to Ottawa, Washington, London and Paris with cap in hand. The time has come Mr. Premier, for you and your cronies to stop selling us out to foreign investment, no matter what colour the dollar is.

May we now seize our own destiny, Mr. Premier, or must we watch you concede even more taxes, more crown lands and more of our natural resources to foreign companies?

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