

Do you have a berk or good bristols?

Editor's Note: As proved here's part two of a New Brunswick student's adventures in England. The third and last part will be in next weeks issue

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Students on the whole, are treated quite well in England. If you get into a college or university, the government pays you about \$2,100 per year (plus fees), which is enough to spend everynight in the pub (7 days a week). You don't even have to pay student union fees — the government grants an amount to the Student Unions directly!

Higher education is good here, on the whole. However there are some old (and new) universities and colleges which are poorly equipped and understaffed. Thus there is considerable variation. If you are interested in studying in England it would be best to talk to someone who had experience with that school.

There are two types of what we would call universities: universities and polytechnics. Universities are able to grant degrees on their own, and Polytechnics grant degrees based on external (and strict) national standards. Don't be deterred by the name Polytechnic for the biggest Polytechnics — Portsmouth, London, Manchester, Hatfield, Oxford — are certainly better than most of the universities.

An undergraduate course is very rigid compared to what we are used to. Once you fit into a Program — and most programs

are excellent — you have your work detailed — and cut out for you. You will be assigned a personal tutor to look after you. If you're having difficulty writing reports, for example, the other lecturers will contact him and you have a talk to him about it.

This extends somewhat to graduate courses as well.

The regimentation noticeable in English primary and secondary schools is felt even in university. The rules and regulations for degrees and courses here make UNB's look soft by comparison.

So, all in all the standards are high (at the good schools) facilities are good but don't expect to get this for nothing. Fees are about \$1,200/year. England has differential fees for foreign students, meaning that you pay about \$200 more than your fellow student from England. Living costs and accommodations are — to say the least — expensive and of a standard that even the worst Fredericton landlord might worry about.

The concept of an apartment doesn't exist. It is possible to rent a house and they're pretty cheap — sometimes. Most students stay in 'digs'. This is like a boarding house. Except in London, where surprisingly, things are a little cheaper than most areas (for students).

You can expect to pay between 25-45 dollars per week for 'bed and breakfast', more if there's an evening meal involved. With some

landladies, you could expect to pay more if you took more than 2 showers a week. (I'm serious).

Food here is expensive and on the whole of inferior quality. Produce is hard to get in the winter and very expensive. Meat is outrageously expensive. A pound of steak might cost \$3.50. Fish and chips are getting hard to find but when you find a good chip shop they are excellent.

Ordinary clothes are quite expensive as well. Blue jeans, for example, costing \$15 in Woolco might cost \$30 here. Some things like high quality shoes, woolens, and suits are cheaper here. Gasoline costs \$1.60/gal., and electricity is roughly double to our highest rate.

Other items such as a phone (you couldn't get one anyway) are expensive because even within a city you pay so much for each minute. Your bill therefore would have a flat rate (about \$12/month) for a phone and about 6 cents for every three minutes including much more for long distance.

Learning the language is necessary, not so much so as you will be able to communicate to them — but rather so you can understand them. If you don't then you're bound to put your foot in it. You might be leaning out the window and someone might observe "There goes a berk with a bird with good Bristols." This surprising sentence means there goes a "flash ponce" (what we

might call a "flash" - overly well dressed, cologne sort of fellow, ponce - turkey) with his girl who has big breasts. (Oh I don't know what Bristols have to do with breasts - it's rhyming slang — "Bristol cities")

They might go on to say "I wonder if they've just 'knocked up the chippy". This means that they have gone to see the "chippy"

which either means the fish and chip man or a master carpenter depending. If the "chippy" had been a girl and she were 'knocked up' in the way we mean it, they would have said the female chippy was "in the club" which means

pregnant. The language here is just full of slang and although there's often no rhyme nor reason to it — it not only pays to know it — its interesting as well.

Student unions here are worse than those in the Atlantic region — if that's possible. They are filled with Socialists, Liberationists, Zionist, Arabs, etc. etc. ad nauseum. I have not seen or heard of a newspaper of the quality of the Brunswickian. Radio stations are virtually unknown. The student unions spend most of their money on pubs, the student union building, sending delegations here there and everywhere, and of course executive salaries.

Attention photo freaks

The deadline for submitting entries to the annual UNB Camera Club Exhibition is rapidly approaching. Entries must be submitted to room 11 in Memorial Hall by 5:00 p.m. February 27.

Both slides and prints may be entered but prints must be 5 x 7 or larger and mounted. Entries should be placed in an envelope including their titles (if any), the entrant's name and telephone number and a 50 cent entry fee.

Anyone can enter — there are no restrictions.

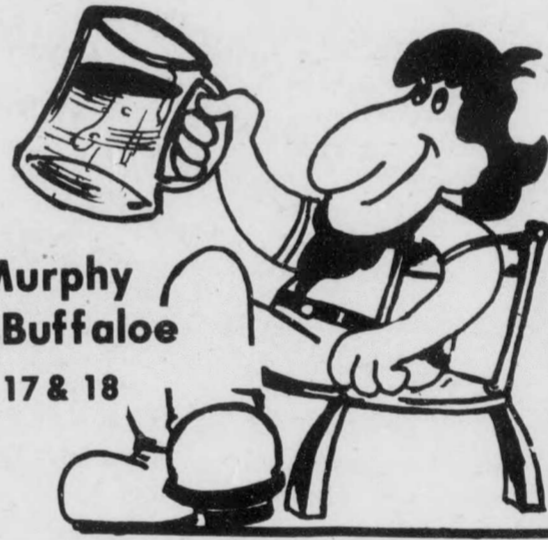
The exhibition itself will be held in the Studio Room of Memorial Hall from March 6 to 16. All entries can be picked up (along with the prizes to be awarded) from Memorial Hall at the end of the exhibition.

For further information, we encourage everyone to come to the Camera Club meeting to be held Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 in SUB 203. In addition to discussing the annual exhibition, we will be seeing the National Association Photographic Artists

slide set "Fantasy of Ice and Water" and members' slides. All are welcome to our meetings.

If anyone is unable to make it to the meeting and would like further information on the Annual Exhibition, write the Camera Club by Feb. 22 via campus mail and we'll get in touch with you.

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