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Libraries in danger

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The decreasing availability of current and updated materials at the Harriet Irving Library on campus has been the subject of a number of complaints among students and faculty members.

When asked to comment on the unavailability of graduate level materials, Ken Moore (Librarian in charge of interlibrary loans) stated that "our collection budget is inadequate and with cuts in this budget we are forced to drop subscriptions to many periodicals, putting more demand on the interlibrary systems." The budget, however, is not increasing with the demand for this service: and each transaction costs the institution between \$15 and \$20 when the overhead is considered. The Arts Council Library

Committee appointed a special review committee in the spring to study the implemented allocations for the Faculty of Arts. According to Barry Cameron (professor of English) "the committee is a band aid effect for the problem, we are merely reshuffling the need to head up a fund raising campaign, specifically earmarked for the library to make people aware of how desperate the situation is."

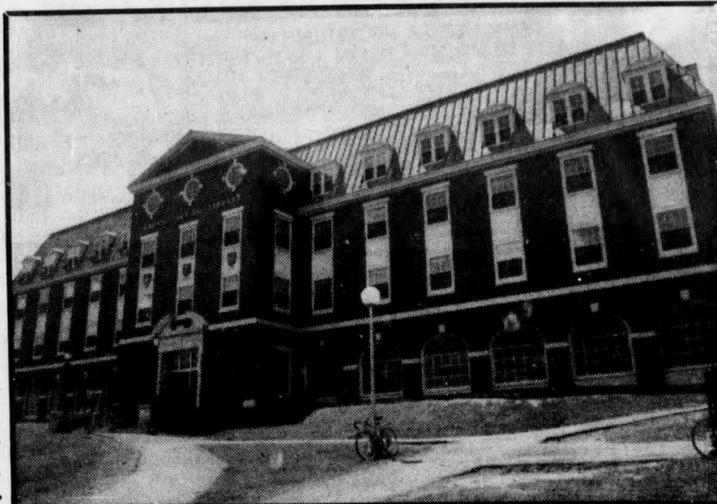
Dr. Cameron outlined several ways to raise money such as the allocation of a section in the regular solicitation to the Alumni specifically designated for library or a public fund raising campaign such as the Third Century Fund. Cameron suggested a program similar whereby pamphlets are distributed to people asking for donations for the purchase of books. Cameron points out "people

won't give if they don't know the situation."

"It is necessary," continues Cameron, "for me to subscribe to 15 journals and purchase several books because my employer does not supply the tools I need to do my job. This costs me two to three thousand dollars a year, with no tax returns. I need these journals to do my job and I can't claim them."

Prof. W.R.M. Elderkins, Dean of Graduate Studies for the Department of Philosophy stated "there are basically enough books to meet program requirements at lower levels, but with library cut-backs in all departments, it is becomingly increasingly difficult to get new materials. This is not a problem at the upper levels now but it's going to be in two to three years if this continues."

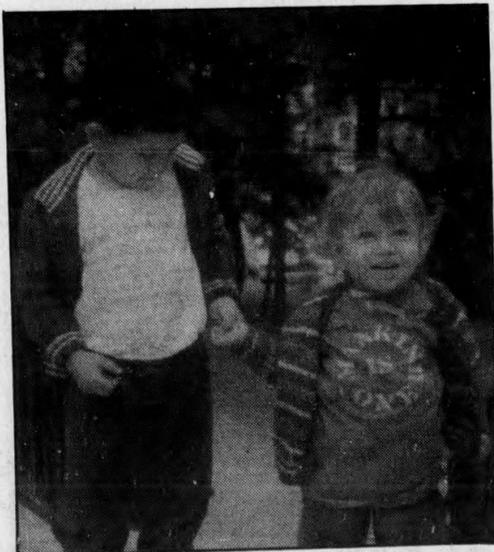
Dr. Doug Brewer, Chairman



of the Department of Chemistry, feels that there is little difficulty in acquiring books; the difficulty lies in acquiring journals. Brewer states "the journal situation is not good. Journals are being cut to buy texts. It's a very inflexible

situation."

Dr. James Downey, President UNB, was unavailable for comment and James Woodfield, University Secretary refrained from commenting on the issue.



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