

Student issues discussed Coalition meeting

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Tuition fee increases, unemployment, opposition to unemployment insurance cutbacks and student aid were among the topics discussed last weekend at the New Brunswick Coalition of Students meeting held in the Student Union Building.

According to U.N.B. Vice-President External Claire Fripp the purpose of the meeting was "to get all the new executives of the

various student unions together "to discuss various student issues. Representatives from Allison, U.N.B. Fredericton, U.N.B. St. John and Saint Thomas were present in addition to NUS fieldworker Gene Long.

In a strongly worded press release the N.B.C.S. stands "opposed to any and all tuition fee increases as well as cutbacks that will affect the quality of higher education". The Coalition, in addition, points to the fact that

"N.B. tuition is the 3rd highest in Canada".

The subject of tuition was discussed at length at the meeting, and short and long term measures on how to fight tuition increases in the future were discussed. Fripp indicated that short term measures include briefs to the Board of Governors of each university and a petition to support each brief. The petitions and brief from the UNB Fredericton Campus will be presented to the

Board of Governors at today's meeting in Saint John.

Long term measures to fight tuition are planned for each university involved in N.B.C.S. include leaflets and pamphlets which will provide information to students on subjects such as "student aid, the federal government's grant to provincial higher education, provincial spending on higher education, unemployment, summer jobs, and Bill C-14 which includes cutbacks in unemploy-

ment insurance". According to Fripp "a mailout to all students is being proposed and information will probably be included in fresh packs for new students commencing university in September. In addition, information on how the U.N.B. Board of Governors tuition, and the recommendations on tuition fee increases from the M.P.H.E.C. will be included in the information supplied to U.N.B. students.

The N.B.C.S. meeting also discussed cutbacks at each university and "where they are being made". In addition the meeting discussed where the administrative cuts could be made. "It was basically an exchange of information", according to Fripp.

The U.N.B. Student Council has asked for postponement of differential fees for one year so that its effects can be fully studied. There are many questions which need serious answers according to Fripp. Will we lose foreign students as a result of this move? Will this be totally detrimental to all foreign students? She said both sides of the issue need to be examined.

NUS fieldworker Gene Long discussed the cutbacks and tuition increase situation in Nova Scotia and apparently 3000 students marched to protest the situation. The NUS brief to the federal government was also briefly discussed.

Frapp was impressed with "the keenness" of the student representatives at the meeting and is enthusiastic about the future of N.B.C.S. Contact between the various universities in N.B. is very important and N.B.C.S. should play this role.

Frapp feels that another meeting of N.B.C.S. will be called before the end of the exam period. There is a need to discuss the results of meetings with the Board of Governors and their students at each university and formulate future plans on the basis of this experience. In addition "a federal election is coming up and the time to ask questions and obtain information is now" according to Frapp.

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