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## Brunshits

### How to properly and cleanly syphon gasoline:

Insert a tube as far into the tank (hopefully a full one) of somebody's vehicle.

Remember, syphoning works by gravity, so the destination container for the fuel should be at a lower altitude than the source.

Take a strong, quick suck on the end of the tube, and the gas should pour out immediately. If you are sloppy enough to get some in your mouth, spit it out and rinse with water immediately.

Gasoline tastes like bad tequila, it permeates the entire mouth and respiratory system within seconds of swallowing. It is akin to breathing the fumes of pure moonshine.

Although you may try to wash your hands and face with soap and water, gasoline has a pleasant, lingering aroma. It will stay with you for an entire day.

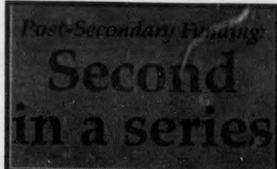
Happy motoring!

## Demonstration on campus

# PM questioned on loan reforms

by Connie Corbett  
Brunswickan News

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien was greeted by angry shouts when he arrived to speak at UNB last Thursday.



The Prime Minister was the guest speaker at the Wu Conference Centre for the third-annual Literacy New Brunswick Recognition Day. He was met by about 250 protesting students and was forced to defend his government's plans for social policy reforms.

"People in New Brunswick and throughout Atlantic Canada know that the status quo is no longer good enough," Chrétien said.

"Change does not mean changing our values and principles, it means changing programs to meet new needs and new realities, in accordance with our values and principles," he added.

Linda Gionet, VP External for STU, was on hand at the protest to share with the Prime Minister her objections to the proposed changes.



Prime Minister Chrétien answers questions from student Linda Gionet. Photo by Paul Mysak

"Our main concern is low-income students. One-third of STU's population is mature students, while two-thirds of the students here are on student loans," said Gionet.

"They have come to STU because of our low tuition, but if the tuition here is doubled, STU will lose these students," she added. "With double tuition and higher student loans, stu-

dents could be graduating with higher debt loads."

Gionet has already expressed her opinion to the local member of parliament Andy Scott. She will also be presenting these concerns in a position paper to Scott's Human Resources and Development Committee, which will be meeting in Fredericton in December.

In an interview last Friday, Scott expressed an interest in listening to student opinions on the changes proposed in Human Resources Minister Lloyd Axworthy's discussion paper on social policy reforms. A section of the paper focuses on the re-direction of funding for post-secondary education, which could double the monetary amount of student loans and increase debt loads.

"This is an open-ended exercise. There is a genuine desire on the part of the government to hear the public's concerns, including students," said Scott.

He also added that he hopes the social activists, including students, are willing to discuss social policy

reforms.

"We would like to bring together all of the players to use their backgrounds to solve this problem," said Scott.

Part of the educational reforms include income-contingent student loan payments, which means students will not pay off their student loans until they are able to do so.

Scott said that the government would have to subsidize certain students for a period of time if this is included in the policy reforms.

Premier Frank McKenna said that although he agrees with the major thrusts of the reforms, he believes the education part of the paper opens up more problems than solutions for the federal government.

"I have expressed my concerns about the educational part of the discussion paper to the Prime Minister and Lloyd Axworthy," McKenna said.

"We are going to continue to dialogue on this reform to make sure that we are around to influence the final outcome," the Premier promised.

## Ryan UNB's new VP

by Gordon Loane  
Brunswickan News

UNB has a new Associate Vice-President Campus Services and Planning.

The university's Board of Governors approved the appointment of Michael Ryan last week.

The appointment is effective December 5, according to James O'Sullivan, Vice-President Finance and Administration.

Ryan is currently President of

Slemon Park Corporation, a development firm set up in the wake of the closure of the Canadian Forces Base in Summerside, P.E.I.

Ryan is a former town manager in Summerside. He graduated in Engineering from the Technical University of Nova Scotia.

O'Sullivan said Ryan was selected from among 90 applicants. He replaces Eric Garland, who retired in September after 39 years at UNB.

## UNB students opt-out of new health plan, big-time

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Over 40 per cent of the full-time undergraduate population at UNB opted-out of the new student health plan this year.

In all, there was a total of 2898 opt-outs from the new student health plan, which translates into \$289,800 in \$100 refund cheques that the Student Union must shell out.

Chris Alward, VP Student Services, said the average percentage of

opt-outs for comparable programs at other universities is about 20 per cent.

He said the high number of opt-outs will not affect rates for this year, but it will be a factor when the Student Union renegotiates its contract with SunLife Insurance next year.

Health cards for those students enrolled in the plan, and refund cheques for those who opted out, will be available in the beginning of November.



Students protest possible hikes in student loans which could cause higher debt loads. Photo by Paul Mysak