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UNB-Saga sign new residence food contract

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Residence students at the University of New Brunswick won't be getting their 'three squares' a day next year.

Representatives of Saga Foods Limited and the University of New Brunswick have signed a new residence food contract which will provide 19 meals per week for students living in residence. The new meal plan will replace the traditional 21 meals a week and the 15 meal plan which was initiated this year on a trial basis.

The reduction in the number of meals per week is only part of the new food contract signed last Wednesday which is designed to hold the line on costs to the student.

Dean of Students, Dr. Frank Wilson says that these negotiations marked the first time that students were involved in contract talks for a food service. He said the students made tremendous concessions to keep the cost of the service to the students from rising. Dr. Wilson also gave credit to Saga Foods for their attempts to keep prices at a standstill in the face of increased food costs.

Other changes which will be taking place, as a result of the new contract, allow for a reduction of ten days in the meal calendar. Dr. Wilson says this will probably involve Thanksgiving weekend, the

March break and closing a couple of days earlier at the end of the second term. Although he pointed out that these details would be worked out with the registrar and the deans of residence.

The dean of students says that a great percentage of the students leave the university at these time periods and that those who remain would be provided with meals on a cash basis.

He said the reduction in the meal calendar will place UNB more in line with other universities across Canada. Wilson said UNB at the present time has the longest meal calendar of any university.

Another change provided for by the new contract is a reduction in the length of meal hours. Next year, the dining halls will be open for 75 minutes instead of the present 90 minutes.

In other matters, the residence food service will operate along the same lines as before. There will be no reduction in the number of house dinners or other services provided by Saga Foods.

Meanwhile, Dr. Wilson says that students may not be facing an increase in residence or tuition fees. He added however this would have to be ratified by the Board of Governors. The dean says he is quite optimistic about this and is not expecting a fee increase when the university reopens in September.



Photo by Ken De Freitas

The University of New Brunswick and Saga Foods Ltd. have tied the knot again, but with some revision. Present for the signing of the contract were, left to right, Dean of Men, Dr. Barry Ward, Saga District Manager Mr. Bill O'Connell and UNB VP Dr. Beverly MacCaulay, who shook hands on the deal, Dean of Women, Mrs. J.P. Kidd and Susan Dobson.

Alumni funds may decrease

By GARY CAMERON
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The purchase of a house for President Anderson, coming at a time when the university is having serious money problems, has been praised by some and criticized by others.

Al Rioux, on the council of the Alumni - one organization responsible for raising money for UNB - says contributions solicited from alumni have almost doubled this year. But, he added, the increase in contributions could be negated if alumni feel that the university really doesn't need the money.

Rioux said he felt the purchase was "an irresponsible act that could have dire consequences in future fund-raising campaigns. The Alumni worked hard to raise \$75,000 in contributions this year.

"Those who understand business transactions know it's not a good move", he continued. "At this stage with the university having a \$750,000 deficit the money from the sale of Somerville House should have been re-invested and used to help pay off the interest."

"I wouldn't mind if UNB had a balanced budget, but with the deficit next year I feel that it's a matter of bad timing. They should have waited to see how they made out with the Higher Education Commission."

Robert Spurway, another Alumni member, was "reluctant to offer an opinion on something I'd like to know more about." However, he expressed doubt that the president needed quite such an impressive house as the Bird mansion.

Alumni council president Stan Cassidy was in favour of buying the house for the president. "Dollar-wise we made a good deal," he said. He added that property prices in Fredericton are among the highest in Canada, and that a decent house on Montgomery Street, for instance, would cost at least \$60,000.

About UNB's deficit, Cassidy said "I'm mad about that - that million should be found on campus. There should be a house-cleaning at UNB to increase efficiency. I'd rather have quality than quantity students."

Alumni council member Walter Learning felt he did not know enough about the issue to comment, but conceded that "if it's an example of conspicuous wastage, then it could create a psychological block with regard to alumni contributions."

George Millar concurred with this view, stating that "I think it will hurt alumni contributions. I hope it doesn't."

After second reading

This Week Taxi by-law still alive

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The taxi-by-law will not be finalized for two more weeks, but it has been adopted by the City Council and passed second reading unchanged.

The by-law presently being used will be more rigidly enforced with regards to such items as the posting in each taxi of the rate of fares and the licence tag identifying the car to be a taxi.

The new by-law will create slight changes in zones and rate increase will be in effect also after the third reading.

Zone A will include the area from the river to the railway tracks, across to Argyle and Wilmot Park at a rate of 50 cents. Zone B will be from the railroad tracks to Kings College Road at 75 cents and 50 cents per added person. The zone's continue with each new line crossed resulting in an increase of 25 cents.

To go anywhere beyond the zone limits will cost \$3.00.

Two clauses which will be more

fully enforced are the taking of the most direct routes and the limiting of passengers per car at one time. Hopefully, no more hours will be spent in taxis with seven other people to reach a usually ten minute drive destination.

Although several of the aforementioned clauses are not new they are to be strictly enforced for the first time.

City Councillor Robin Kilburn, said no serious disagreements occurred from city taxi company owners although the enforcement of certain clauses will not be greeted too happily by taxi operators.

Besides previous complaints from citizens in the city, Council has also had a visit from Barker's Point Mayor Walter Rickard, who expressed, on behalf of his community, the hopes that the Fredericton Council will weigh the by-law rates very carefully before passing final judgement, for the sake of all Greater Fredericton area residents.

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