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# New cafeteria officially opened

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Champagne and lots of seafood were all part of Beaver Foods opening ceremonies last Wednesday night.

## The official opening Funding to be discussed

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This afternoon at 2:30 in room 102 Tilley Hall Provincial Finance Minister Ferand Dubé and M.P. Blaine Thacker will be holding a discussion on the cutbacks in the Established Programs Financing Act and their effects on a post secondary education.

Included in the discussion will be UNB SRC President Kevin Ratcliff and STU SRC President Stuart Beckingham.

ceremonies were held in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building. President James Downey, representing UNB, and Hoagy Carmichael, Sr. V.P. of Beaver Foods, London,

Ontario, each gave a short speech and then unveiled a plaque which reads:

"The garden square has been created through the cooperation of the University of New Brunswick and Beaver Foods Ltd.

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The plaque is located under the clock in the cafeteria.

The party, attended by of-

officials from UNB, Beaver Foods Ltd., and the City of Fredericton, proceeded upstairs to wine and dine. The menu consisted of cheese, salad, salmon, lobster, oysters, shrimp, pate, pastries, champagne, liquor and beer. The approximate \$2700 expense was covered by Beaver Foods Ltd.

Other opening activities included students being awarded small prizes during the past week and offered special menus in the cafeteria which included roast beef, baked ham, a Chinese buffet, a cold cut buffet and roast turkey. On Friday, Beaver plans to give out 5 ten-speed bicycles as prizes.

The new cafeteria seats 100 more people than before. Mondays, Wednesdays and



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Fridays are always filled to capacity. Ideas to attract students are now being discussed during the slacker times.

## Caribbean films slated

The Caribbean Circle will be showing two films on the nature of oppression in Guyana, to which all members of the academic community are invited.

The two short films - "The Making of a Prime Minister" and "Burnham Does It Again" - will be screened at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 26 in Room 26

of the SUB. These films represent part of a series called "A

World in Action" done by the Granada Television International.

A special preview will be shown to members of the Caribbean community on Sunday immediately after the scheduled meeting of the circle.

## Drama festival set

The New Brunswick Drama League's 1981 non-competitive one-act play festival will be held at St. Thomas University November 20 and 21.

On Friday November 20 at 2 pm., Tusk Theatre will present *An Interior Person* by Rick Burns. A workshop by Paul Hannah will follow.

At 10 am. Saturday, Curtain Call Theatre of Moncton will present *Waiting Room B* by Peter De Niverville. Animation

for this production is by Paul Hannah. At 2 pm Members Company of Saint John will present *The Investigation* by Peter Weiss. A workshop by Paul Hannah will follow.

Productions and workshops will be held in the Edmund Casey Theatre, Edmund Casey Hall. Admission to the plays is \$1. The public is welcome to attend. For further information please contact Ilkay Silk, Drama Co-ordinator, St. Thomas University.

## PC s claim Liberals restricting funding

OTTAWA--"Statements made by members of the cabinet in the House of Commons Tuesday and in the senate last week reveal that not only is the Liberal government going to restrict its funding of community colleges and universities but that it has put the health care system of Canada on its hit list as well."

That was the charge made by Flora MacDonald, chairperson of a special Progressive Conservative Caucus Committee on federal-provincial cost-sharing arrangements in health and post-secondary education which includes party

health critic Jim Hawkes, secretary of state critic, Walter McLean, culture critic John Bosley, employment critic Hon. David Crombie, finance critic Hon. Michael Wilson and M.P.'s Blaine Thacker, Don Blenkarn, Albert Cooper and Bruce Halliday.

Citing a statement read in the senate, October 27 by the government leader in the Upper House, Ray Perrault, that the government planned to save \$1.5 billion in 1982-83 and 1983-84 from the amounts it would spend on health and post-secondary education under current funding formulas, MacDonald noted that Senator Perrault claimed he was speaking for the department of finance when he said "The \$1.5 billion continuous

savings are built into the fiscal framework adopted in the last budget. It has been made clear to the provinces that we remain committed to this objective."

In the House of Commons, in response to questions from MacDonald, Secretary of State Gerald Regan expressed his confidence "that there will not be any \$1.5 billion reduction in support for post-secondary education." At the same time he was unable to assure the House of Commons that post-secondary education in future would be funded at the same level as it would be under existing formulas and declined a challenge from Thacker to resign if such a change in policy occurred.

"Assuming both ministers are telling the truth", MacDonald said, "we must conclude that the health care system as well as post-secondary education is now on the minister of finance's hit list for restraint."

"Such a policy is not justified for either program," she went on. "Our party, apparently unlike the government, accepts the unanimous conclusion of the all-party task force on the federal-provincial fiscal arrangements - a task force on which the Liberals were a majority - that such 'serious cuts in program funding would cut into muscle and sinew, not fat."

We further accept their analysis that 'Unless one could assume that reductions in federal funding would automatically be matched by corresponding increases in provincial expenditures - a presumption that may not be considered altogether plausible - then in order to maintain present standards, programs would have to be privately financed to a greater extent than at present. In health, this would mean greater appeal to user charges and more extra-billing; in education, higher fees. In either case, basic national objectives of equity and equality of access would suffer."

"Canadians must demand from the federal government an explanation of why it is proceeding with such funding restrictions, heedless of the destructive impact they will have on national programmes it has taken generations to build," MacDonald concluded. "Should this policy be implemented in the budget, Canadians can count on the Progressive Conservative Party to hold the government strictly to account for such a mindless reversal of a quarter-century of progress in the health and education fields."

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