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Is tuition on the ups wing? Who can afford it?

The Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students expressed anger and disappointment with announcements made today regarding levels of funding for post-secondary education in 1978-79.

"The Council of Maritime Premiers has displayed a blatant disregard for the objective needs of post-secondary institutions," said Tony Kelly, Secretary Co-ordinator of the AFS. "By approving an increase which

amounts to only 6.1 percent, well below the rate of inflation and the recommendations made by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, they have assured massive tuition increase, faculty and staff unrest and extensive cutbacks in the services provided." The MPHEC had arrived at a figure of 11 percent as the minimum amount necessary to maintain the present level of operations.

"This refusal to adequately

support the institutions can only result in decreased accessibility. More and more students will not be able to afford an education beyond high school," said Gene Long of the National Union of Students. "We have witnessed a decline in the quality of education over the past few years, and with this announcement the trend has reached a crisis."

"We're very surprised at the reaction of the MPHEC to the government decision," said Kelly.

"It is difficult to understand why a neutral, advisory body would label 'reasonable' funding levels well below their recommendations. The response destroys the credibility of the commission as an objective, impartial group."

The AFS spokesperson pointed out the funding will be inadequate to maintain faculty, staff and maintenance salaries. "If strikes occur, the blame will fall squarely on the government," said Kelly.

The Atlantic Association of Universities, at a press conference this afternoon, expressed frustration with the continuing cutbacks they have to face, but all conceded to "accepting difficulties in times of economic restraint." Representatives from the four provinces indicated their universities would be pressured into implementing

challenge the priorities in spending set by the provincial governments," said Long. "They all feel the incredible strain on the quality of education as a result of cutbacks but back down when the government imposes its misdirected restraint."

The Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students, in response to the inadequate level of government funding, have begun coordination of a campaign throughout the four Atlantic provinces to organize students in opposition to the impending cutbacks and tuition increases. The campaign will see students on campus participating in information and discussion workshops on the nature of cutbacks and government funding. Petitions and rallies will be used to pressure the four provincial governments to reassess the further imposition of financial restraint on post-secondary institutions.

Do you know about snow?

By RANDY DAVIS

As most people already know City Cablevision on Channel 10 has provided the University with a means of communicating with the surrounding area, through College Hill Video Workshop.

Commencing Saturday, February 4th part of the CHVW format will feature the Geo Weather Watch program. This program will be presented by Geography students of the Education Faculty.

As weather affects our lives daily, we feel it is important to investigate and analyze it. This analysis will be done through the use of weather maps and satellite photos. Also by using Harvard's SYMAP computer program. The computer will give the distribution of high and low temperatures in the province each week. The program will attempt to understand the weather and not give forecasts.

The Geo Weather Watcher Analytical Team will be reporting



weekly from various locations under various weather conditions.

Besides analysing the weather we will be presenting special features. Our special this week on snow, will be presented by UNB Education student John Lawrence. Up and coming features will

include Geo Weather Indicators. We will also be posing questions about weather to the public.

This week's Geo Weather Watch will be taped Friday afternoon at the Regent Mall and will be broadcast Saturday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. on Channel 10.

CHVW airs show

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

Last Saturday afternoon saw the first broadcast of UNB's latest medium, College Hill Video Workshop.

According to Bruce Oliver the broadcast went "very well". He added there were no negative comments so far, and expected the productions would improve in the next few weeks.

He said there were some interesting shows in the offering including a special on candidates who are running in the upcoming student elections.

This Saturday will include variety of productions including an exclusive on Valdy. Last summer a

group of students from the station attended the Atlantic Folk Festival and managed to film an exclusive of the Valdy performance.

The indepth news will include

an interview with student union president Jim Murray who will be discussing the financial situation of the university in the coming year.

Get out and vote

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week where each club or organization would have access to a give place such as the Blue Lounge where they could publicize their activities. He felt this would increase the awareness of the students.

Another suggestion was that there be a form included in the registration packets, which students could fill out with personal

information about their interests, etc. This would be collected by the SRC and distributed to the various clubs. This way the clubs could write personally to people they feel would be interested in their organization.

"Please, no matter who you go and vote for, get out and vote. Forty-five dollars is a lot of money; show interest in the people who will be looking after it", said Paul.

Time to take action now

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Steve also feels an important issue is the recent decision of the provincial government to award the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission 6.7 per cent operating budget increase for New Brunswick universities instead of the 14 they asked for. He feels this almost definitely will mean a tuition increase next year in the range of \$100 - \$150.

"Action needs to be taken now", he said.

He also feels now is a good time to take a stance on student aid

and feels there is presently a fairly good bargaining position.

He said that co-ordination is needed between all the New Brunswick universities to get action on either of those two issues.

He does not feel that the UNB student union needs to get back into either AFS or NUS right now, although sometime in the future another look should be taken at AFS.

Steve feels the present union has done a pretty good job, and that outgoing president Jim Murray will be leaving the union in

a better financial position than when he entered.

He feels students' union should never function on its own in conjunction with such issues as soliciting bands for the Aitken

Centre, but feels that good arrangements could be made with outside organizations such as the new radio station in town.

He said he intends to work full time at the job of president and felt it necessary to spend substantial amount of time to do the job decently.

The race is on

The race has begun and it looks like a good one... nine people running for three Senate seats: Joan Clogg, Tom Best, Danny Davis, Andrew Wawer, Lori Hungate, Sheenagh Murphy, Tierney Ness, James Haley and Allan Eddy. That contest is looking like a hard and heavy one with such an illustrious list of candidates...

The graduating class isn't lacking any enthusiasm from the looks of this bid for class valedictorian: Matthew Penny, Allan Patrick, Al Thibeault and Mike Gange...

A two way struggle is on between Brian Langille and Carla Milligan for graduating class vice-president... the position for vice-president is still up for grabs

but the presidency has been claimed by Peter Anderson and that's for keeps folks...

Four hungry candidates for 2 reps-at-large: Sandy McRuer, Paul Meyer, James Brock, and Lynn Wentworth... and the reach-for-the-top trio of Stephen Berube, Mark McIntyre-Kelly, and Paul Martin will make the contest for President very interesting... lots of campaigning to come... read the Bruns closely... listen to CHSR for candidates' shows... the ball has started rolling... let's have a good time this election... come on down and see us in SRC in you want to find out anything.

Sue Shalala V.P. Ext.

ELECTION NOTICE

Nominations for these positions will remain open until Wed. Feb. 8 5:00 p.m.

- SRC Comptroller
- Arts Representative
- Business Representative
- Two Education Representatives
- Science Representative
- Law Representative
- Two Engineering Representatives
- Physical Education Representative
- Graduate Student Representative

Nomination papers are available at SRC offices, Student Union Building, Rooms 118 and 126. Election day is Wednesday, February 15, 1978. Advance voting on Thursday, Feb. 9, 1978.



The Canadian Cancer Society Mobile Education Unit visited the UNB campus on Wednesday, Feb. 1st. It arrived here on the request of Doreen Wallace from Education Faculty.