

Demonstrating Moncton students need support

Hundreds of angry students have returned to the Centennial Building in an attempt to have the provincial government reconsider its stand on the student aid question.

The students, many of whom participated in last week's unrewarding demonstration, are here to stay this time. Accommodations and food have been arranged with the intent of continuing this demonstration until the provincial government makes some concessions to their demands.

But they need more than moral support from the students of this university. Very few students from this campus participated in last week's demonstration. The lack of participation shocked and disappointed the students from the Universite de Moncton, who are trying to institute changes which will benefit all students in the province.

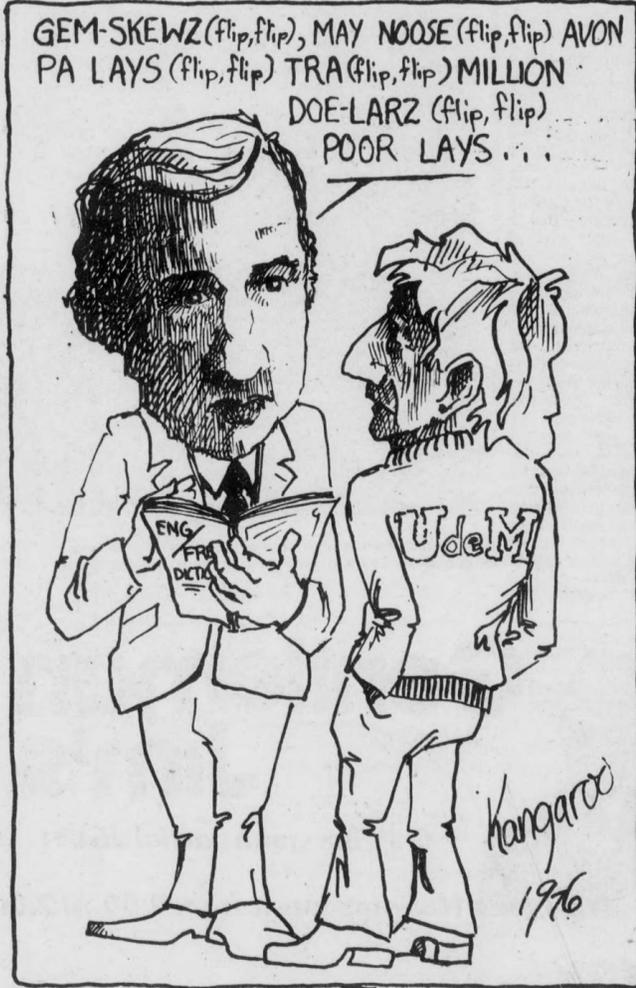
In the past few years 60 to 70 percent of New Brunswick students have been forced to finance their education through student aid.

Last year the amount of the average loan was \$1,067 with the average bursary at \$370. At the same time, the provincial department of youth estimated the allowable costs for a year's education at \$2215 for students living on campus, and \$2271 for off-campus students.

There is a large discrepancy between what the government estimates as the cost of a year of university and the amount of the average student aid disbursed. Apparently this discrepancy allows for contributions from both students and parents.

The real financial hardships for students, however, begin after they have graduated. After four or more years of university most students are tired of living below the poverty level, but the massive debts often incurred only serve to keep graduates below that level.

A graduate with a masters degree financed entirely by student aid would be likely to graduate with a debt of about \$9,200. If the graduate could pay \$1,200 a year the debt would be carried for 12 years, with \$8,044 paid in interest for a total of \$17,244.



Blame should be shared

As indicated by several letters in our "Sound Off" columns this week, many residents of Jones House are disturbed by an editorial condemning actions taken during a "raid" against Tibbits Hall.

All the writers make it quite clear that they did not participate in the event.

All the writers condemn this newspaper for what they term inaccurate journalism, and several make personal attacks against the editor.

All the writers clearly demand a retraction and apology.

We, the staff of this paper, for although the editorials are usually written by one person they are given approval by at least the editorial board of this publication - and more often the entire staff - feel that it is still the part of those involved in the raid to make apologies - not this paper.

We will apologise for placing all the blame for the incident on Jones House, but this certainly does not absolve the house from any guilt in the matter. Members of Jones House did participate, and should be condemned for such participation.

The editorial of last week was

an attempt to shame those persons who participate in those actions - not to single out a particular residence. Our main interest - and the main thrust of the editorial - was to end repetition of such events.

It appears that the main attempt of the letters-to-the-editor received this week is to ignore the seriousness of the event in an attempt to absolve Jones House of any blame in the matter. But writers admit many house residents took part.

This paper does - and will continue to - take an editorial stand against actions which cause needless bodily harm to anyone. That includes wars, torture, terrorism and yes, even residence raids that culminate in injuries.

The central issue here is that persons from residence participated in a raid against Tibbits Hall which ended with several residents of Tibbits being taken to the infirmary for medical treatment.

For that all persons who participated should be brought to account for their actions, including those members of Jones House who participated.

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