

The following is a telegram which has been sent to:

Prime Minister Trudeau  
Opposition Leader Stanfield  
Lt. Governor Bird  
Premier L. J. Robichaud  
Opposition Leader Hatfield  
Hon. W. W. Meldrum  
Sir Max Aitken  
Dr. Colin B. MacKay  
Dr. C. B. McPherson

Sir:

On March 15th there is a serious probability that the Canadian Association of University Teachers will impose censure upon the University of New Brunswick. The likely effect of such censure will be a deterioration of the quality of education offered here.

We the Student Representative Council of the University feel that it is not in the best interests of higher education in the nation or the province for such censure to be imposed.

We feel that neither the principle of administrative autonomy nor the principle of academic freedom, both in themselves important principles, are as important as the principle of the best possible education for the students here.

We are not taking sides in this confrontation nor threatening action of any kind. We sincerely hope that a rational, objective and democratic approach by the students here will achieve some favourable response. To demonstrate the unity of the student body on this point, a petition is being circulated which it is expected the majority of students will sign.

A copy of this petition is being forwarded to Prime Minister Trudeau, Opposition Leader Stanfield, Lt. Governor Bird, Premier L. J. Robichaud, Opposition Leader Hatfield, Hon. W. W. Meldrum, Minister of Education, Sir Max Aitken, Chancellor of the University, Dr. Colin B. MacKay, President of the University, Dr. C. B. McPherson, President of the CAUT, and to individual members of the Board of Governors.

We would appreciate any assistance in bringing the two parties to arbitration.

Students Representative Council  
University of New Brunswick