

Bookstore Blues - Sorry Folks

By JOHN HAMILTON

"Oh, my God! What a line-up! Let's come back later!"

These words are familiar ones uttered in despair outside the Bookstore this week. The annual escapade of textbook buying, returning (and stealing) has begun, and Bookstore staff expects it to continue into next week and possibly until the end of the month.

But, says Marjorie Logue, Bookstore manager, the situation is no worse than other years. Twenty people presently staff the store which is operating at peak capacity. Designed for a campus of 4000, the building must now serve upwards of 7000 students and faculty - a large percentage seemingly at the same time. Lines are long, but fairly fast-moving,

which makes the customer count for last Monday a believable 3000.

As students, we all feel astonished at how quickly a few thin paperbacks can add up to a substantial amount. Mrs. Logue says that the Bookstore sells at the best price it can and that the bid profits go to the publishers. She notes that most textbook prices have gone up since last year, often as much as 50 percent, and feels this unjustified and unfair to students.

The Bookstore must operate on a break-even basis, so prices are marked-up, but a large amount of this "profit" is spent on transporting unsold books back to the publisher, or on rush ordering and air express of sold-out texts. As Mrs. Logue says, it is impossible to determine accurate-

ly the number of any one text required because of fluctuating yearly enrollments, and changing course popularity.

Mrs. Logue mentioned several ways for students to save money on books. Buying used textbooks and selling all those possible in the spring is one very good method, for old texts are seldom referred to, but sit on shelves gathering dust. Also, notices posted on campus are good leads to cheap books. Aside from sharing common texts with a friend and using the library for reference texts, the student has no choice but to invest his hard-earned money in these tools of our trade.

Meanwhile, the long lines continue. Don't think of the chaos and noise as evil, but find beauty in the disorder and confusion of



After all, like Christmas, it only happens once a year. milling, searching, frustrated people.

Our CUP ranneth over, and over, and ...

By DERWIN GOWAN

The Brunswickan voted to withdraw from the Canadian University Press in a meeting late last year.

The UNB student paper had been a member in good standing for a number of years, but the staff voted to withdraw from the organization when proposed fee increases were more than the staff would accept.

The fees, which were to increase 70 percent to \$4,000 this year, had constantly increased for the past few years.

"Myself and all the other members of the staff felt that what we were getting from in the news service didn't justify paying that amount of money," said newly-elected editor Sarah Ingersoll in a recent interview.

She said that, on top of the

\$4,000 membership fees, the paper would also have to pay \$400 into a travel pool to annual CUP conferences, postage for sending copies of The Brunswickan to other student papers across the country, car rental to drive to conferences, delegate fees, and phone calls, adding another \$2,000 to \$4,000 to the total bill.

The CUP constitution states no quitting member can rejoin until three years had passed, but Ingersoll claimed she had received several letters from newly-elected CUP president Sue Johnson, regretting the decision and offering to let The Brunswickan rejoin.

One letter said CUP would not encourage other student papers in the country to keep up contact with The Brunswickan by phone and mail.

The decision to withdraw came at the end of the last academic year, after almost a full year of debate.

Former editor-in-chief Ed Werthman had been pro-CUP, and CUP president last year was Tom Benjamin, a former Brunswickan editor-in-chief.

As well, Johnson was the Atlantic region field worker for

CUP.

However, the staff became particularly critical of CUP spending priorities and after Werthman resigned in January, 1976, as editor-in-chief, enthusiasm for the national news co-operative waned further.

The staff had planned to host the 1977-1978 CUP national conference, but staff opinion turned decidedly against CUP after then first year staffer Sheenaugh attended a CUP conference in Ottawa to consider proposals for the expansion of the organization.

After a stormy staff meeting, The Brunswickan staff drafted a resolution to send to the conference urging CUP to nix expansion until member papers showed more "commitment" to using what services they already had available.

The expansion program called for five regional bureaux to encourage papers to file more news with the local organization. However, the staff felt that the expenditure was not warranted until they showed a commitment to the organization.

Three campus papers, including the University of Western Ontario

Gazette, the Queen's University Queens Journal, and The Brunswickan all withdrew last year, forcing CUP into a budgetary crunch.

Johnson said over the telephone to Ingersoll that some of the positions had already been filled in the expansion program, and that they were depending on the revenue.

Ontario Region Canadian University Press (ORCUP) held an emergency meeting last summer to consider the situation, and decided to hold back fee increases in attempt to stop the expansion program.

They hoped this would stop other papers from withdrawing. The Ontario papers expressed discontent with CUP management and complained of fee increases.

At press time there was no word as to the status of the expansion program.

The Ontario complained that staff at the national office had "lost" their position paper outlining objections to the expansion program.

In a briefing of the ORCUP meeting sent to campus newspapers across the country, the

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Social Club to be bigger and better

By SARAH INGERSOLL

Bigger and better things are in store for the College Hill Social Club (CHSC) this year. In making the move from the third floor of the Student Union Building (SUB) to the basement CHSC will be able to almost double its capacity. It will also be providing its members with more entertainment than ever before.

A meeting with the Physical Plant is scheduled for September 19, to set a deadline for renovations to the new premises of CHSC, now housing the coffee house SUB Terrain. According to manager, John Giles, the work will begin when "the plumbers are ready to plumb and the engineers are ready to engineer."

The proposed changes have an estimated cost of \$53,000. Membership fees for 1977-78 will be approximately \$12,000. (When the club moves its location another \$800-1,000 will be added to this figure). This, together with a \$20,000 bank loan will cover some of the renovation costs.

The remainder of the work to be done, electrical and mechanical work insertion of a concrete wall, will be carried out by the university. The bill does not have to be paid until January.

Hopefully all work will be finished and the move will be completed by mid-November. No interruption in business is expected due to the move, which should take only one day.

New features for the CHSC include live entertainment (i.e. Peter Griffin) twice a week, and more Happy Hours. The discos will be run by College Hill Student Radio (CHSR) aided by a "miraculous" sound system designed by Doug Bearisto, technician for CHSR. Happy Hours will include a buffet lunch.

Vending machines will be installed for sandwiches and a microwave oven for hot food.

Memberships went on sale Wednesday and students are advised to hurry as they disappear quickly. Fees for the 1977-78 academic year are \$10.00.

New use for cockroaches

The much-despised cockroach may serve a useful purpose after all - as an early warning system for earthquakes.

Ruth Simon, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, has found that cockroaches leap around excitedly from two to 24 hours before earthquakes hit.

She has placed six of the bugs in two specially - designed boxes, one on the San Andreas fault and another in the desert east of San Diego. When the roaches run about they trigger a device that records their movement on a computer in Denver. In one month, the roaches have predicted 21 minor earthquakes.

Besides being accurate, the roaches are easy to maintain. Simon visits the boxes once a month to give the bugs water and a few food pellets, and that's all the maintenance they need. (Earth News).



Marysville students are excited this week - no school. It burned down last Tuesday. There will be an announcement Friday about when classes will resume.