

# Nagle sees tuition increase of \$50-\$100 at UNB

By HAROLD DOHERTY

Board of Governor's student representative Chris Nagle, speaking at Monday night's SRC meeting, stated that he sees the possibility of an increase in tuition of \$50-\$100 for UNB students. In his presidential report, last year's SRC president, Steve Berube agreed with Nagle's assessment. The SRC also received a preliminary brief on tuition fee increases from Vice-President Internal Blair Moffatt. Nagle's prediction was based on the MPHEC's recommendation of an 8.6 percent increase over last year's operating grant for UNB. According to Nagle the recommendation was "based on the assumption that UNB would increase its tuition consistent with the increase in the cost of living". The calculations Nagle used to arrive at the \$50-\$100 increase figure were based on the assumption that the consumer price index would rise between 7-9 percent.

Nagle said that "if the MPHEC had assumed constant tuition fees a figure of 11.5 percent would have been given." According to Nagle the MPHEC expected UNB to "pull the load a little."

Secretary of the MPHEC, James

O'Sullivan had mentioned that UNB's tuition is only the 12th highest in the Atlantic Provinces. Nagle and Berube both declared that the distinction means little since the differences involved are small. For example, although being 12th highest, UNB's tuition is only \$25 less than the highest figure.

Nagle conceded that tuition had not risen at UNB since the 1976/77 academic year. He observed however, that other fees had increased. The cost of a double room in residence for example had risen by \$250 over the same period. According to Nagle residence fees have risen because "the university has committed the residences to eliminating deficits."

Council heard more on the subject of tuition increases when Vice President Internal Blair Moffatt presented a preliminary brief on tuition fee increases in which a freeze on such increases was recommended. The brief will eventually be presented to the Board of Governors "on behalf of the SRC of UNB, in order to express the views and wishes of the students of the University of New Brunswick."

In addition to requesting a freeze on tuition, the brief also

contains a request to the UNB administration "to carefully examine their own backyard when it comes to university cutbacks." The report also called for a re-examination of the Student Loan program

and elimination of the discriminatory effects of Bill C-14 (pertaining to unemployment insurance) on seasonal workers.

In supporting the requests the report point out that tuition fees in the Maritime Provinces are the

highest in Canada while unemployment is also the highest. The report mentioned further that residence fees are slated to go up and off-campus students must continuously pay excessive rents to Fredericton landlords.

Forestry rep Wade Prest demanded to know the reason for the report to council. Moffatt replied that it was submitted to council "to obtain their criticisms and suggestions."

Rep-at-large Peter Archibald criticized the report stating that he felt "it is inadequate and should be much more credible than it is." Education rep Martine Bernard defended the report pointing out that it is only a preliminary brief

and it had already been decided to revise it. SRC president Dave Barlett concurred adding - that "it was unfortunate that Archibald misunderstood the purpose of the report".

## NBCS meeting Saturday

Strategies for fighting rising tuition costs will be the main topic of discussion at the New Brunswick Coalition of Students meeting to be held tomorrow in room 103 of the SUB.

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Twenty representatives from UNBF, UNBSJ, STU, Mt. A., Universite de Moncton, and College Saint-Louis (Edmunston) will attend the meeting which

The meetings are held as often as they are called, and Miss Fripp says she would like to see them held monthly.

The agenda includes a history of the NBCS; a talk by National Union of Students fieldworker Gene Long on efforts by the Student Unions of Nova Scotia; a talk by Fripp on the NUS conference she attended in Ottawa last February;

a possible province-wide battle against price hikes; and a discussion of Student Aid and the MPHEC.

In a nutshell, "The meeting is being held to find out what each college is doing to fight tuition increases on their own campuses," says Fripp.

## Women to be drafted?

Defense Secretary Harold Brown recommended to Congress earlier this week that if the draft is resumed, it should be applied to women as well as men. He told the House Armed Services Committee, "registration should include women if it takes place."

Several legislators are convinced that the problem-ridden all-volunteer Army is failing, and more than one bill to resurrect the draft has been introduced.

Representative G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery (a Democrat from Mississippi) is one of those pushing such a bill. He is a member of the House Armed Services Committee, and says he

is not opposed to the idea of drafting young women - though it wasn't what he had in mind originally.

Conscription was suspended in 1973. (Newscrip)

## MPHEC study underway

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) has announced last week the formation of a committee to study financial aid to Maritime university students. The terms of reference for this committee according to the MPHEC are to "include a review of the historical pattern of student aid, comparison of existing plans and proposals in Canada and in other countries, costs and benefits of student assistance, accessibility to secondary education and aid for those involved in continuous learning".

The Study will be conducted by Mr. Keith Wornell, Secretary of the Prince Edward Island Treasury Board, under the direction of a study committee. There are provisions for student representation on this study committee but in an interview this week SRC Vice President External Claire Fripp expressed some concern as to how these students will be selected. According to Fripp the MPHEC will be selecting the

students themselves. This in fact means that the various Student Unions in the Maritimes will have no input into which students are selected to the Study Committee.

Fripp hopes three students will be selected to the committee, one presumably from each province. Apparently, Terry Morrison the student representative on the MPHEC was asked to sit on the Study Committee but declined expressing the opinion that other students from the Maritimes should be selected to the Committee.

The Study Committee invites written submissions on any aspect of financial aid to Maritime students. Following receipt of the submissions, public meetings in various Maritime Centres will be held, tentatively scheduled for October of 1979. Further information on the MPHEC Study can be obtained through the Vice President External c/o UNB SRC Office.

## STU Group to perform

A group of drama students under the direction of St. Thomas University drama co-

ordinator, Ilkay Silk, will stage a production of "The Shrew" by Charles Marcowitz, March 29 - 31. The adaptation of William Shakespeare's comedy, "The Taming of the Shrew" will be presented in the Edmund Casey Hall Auditorium. Curtain time each evening is 8:00 p.m.

In the role of Petruchio will be third year student, Stephen Soucy, of Barrie, Ontario. Janet Surrrette, a second year student from Grand Falls, N.B.\* will play Katherine. In supporting roles will be first year students, Eileen Powr and Gary Leveré, both of Bathurst, N.B.

Admission is \$1.00 for students and \$1.50 for the general public.

