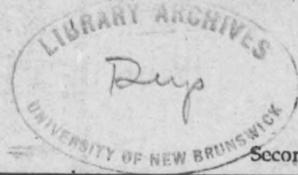


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NEW LIMITS ON ARTS' ENROLMENT

Press Release

According to a report of the Academic Affairs Committee the Fredericton Senate approved a recommendation by the Admissions Committee that an enrolment cap be placed upon the students entering the Faculty of Arts in September of 1990 of 450 students. This would not apply to transferring students from other Faculties of Universities, nor would it apply to non-traditional applicants.

The Faculty argues that its academic resources are being strained because of large enrolment increases in the last five years which have not been matched by parallel increases in number of faculty members.

Currently the Faculties of Administration, Arts and Science Have open enrolment policies, in other words, all applicants who meet the minimum qualifications are given places in the Faculty.

It is the policy of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission that each qualified candidate should have access to a post-secondary program, though not necessarily the program or the institution of his or her choice. The University of New Brunswick was defined by the Deutsch Commission of 1962, and continues to function as, the centre for English language technical and professional training in New Brunswick. Given the specialized roles of St. Thomas University and Mount Allison University as limited enrolment, liberal arts institutions, it falls to UNB to fulfill the MPHEC policy.

It is the feeling of the Committee that an enrolment cap flies in the face of this policy by directly contemplating the exclusion of students who are otherwise qualified to undertake studies.

It was noted by representatives of the Faculty of Arts in Senate that approximately one third of entering students have averages between 60% and 65%, and roughly 75% of them are in academic difficulty by the end of the first year. In response to this issue the Committee recommends

to Council adoption of the following resolutions:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the University of New Brunswick Student Union adopts the

following statement as policy, and directs the vice-President (University Affairs) to communicate the same to the Fredericton Senate and Board of Governors of the University:

1. The Student Union recognizes the pressure being placed upon the academic resources of the Faculty of Arts in light of recent enrolment increases, while noting that based

upon figures for the 1988-89 academic year, the Faculty of Arts has the second most favourable ratio of full time registrations to "actually

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STORM CLOSES UNIVERSITY FOR THIRD TIME IN TEN YEARS

By Allan Carter

Around 38 cm of snow fell in Fredericton on Monday and Tuesday. The majority of the snow fell on Tuesday which was around 28cm.

According to the highway condition report (phone line) on Tuesday the roads were "snowpacked and slippery" with visibility and wheeling poor. As the lady on the other end of the line said, it is a "good time to stay home".

Apparently most of New

Brunswick thought it was a good day to stay home also.

UNB cancelled all tuesday afternoon and evening classes, with the exception of a few classes and labs held for anyone who was interested in travelling through the snowstorm. STU's tuesday evening classes were all cancelled too.

Other cancellations included: the STU Student Union meeting, the basketball game between UNB and the University of Maine, the Intersarsity

Christian Fellowship meeting, Theatre Fredericton's play *Death Trap*, the Irish Rover concert which was to be held at Aitken, along with many other events.

The Fredericton City Transit bus system stopped running at 1pm and the Trius Bus to Chipman left early.

The bank of Montreal on Campus closed at 2pm and Beaver Foods in the SUB closed at 3pm.

Power outages occurred all over New Brunswick on Tuesday. By Tuesday morning

Fredericton had around five power interruptions and this number increased as the snowstorm did.

A report from CHSR-FM on Tuesday afternoon stated that the Moncton RCMP claimed the visibility travelling to Moncton was around fifty feet.

According to the Fredericton Police Dispatch at 3:30pm on Tuesday, there were a large number of "fender benders" but no major accidents or injuries. They were asking everyone to stay off the road in less it was an emergency.



Photo by Alastair Johnstone

Snow, snow everywhere!

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