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The company's main problem in the up-and-coming food contract negotiations is inflation. Unlike some universities which hire a food company to provide management only, the university negotiates for a fixed price.

Inflation must be considered when the fixed price is agreed upon, but the company can't try to gain on losses from previous years because of the stiff competition in the food catering industry.

Anderson expressed a hope that inflation has peaked and will decline.

The Student Representative Council has managed to hold the line this year as far as inflation goes. However, the small budgetary surpluses from previous years have been eroded away. As a consequence of this it will be necessary to raise SRC fees from \$35 to \$45. The Brunswickan recently talked to SRC comptroller Chris Gilliss about the effects of inflation.

One very visible area where inflation has affected the student this year are the events on campus. There was an allowance in the budget of \$1,200 for losses in entertainment, but these was exhausted very early in the term.

As a result the increased cost of events has been passed onto the student with events now run on a breakeven basis.

One of the major problems with putting on an event, Gilliss explained, is the lack of a suitable place in which to hold it. SRC pubs are normally held in McConnell Hall. The fire marshal's office limited the number allowed in the hall to 450.

There is the obligation of hiring a number of campus police along with ten or eleven bartenders at minimum wage and three Saga Foods employees. These factors plus increased liquor prices have made it necessary to pass costs on to the student.

The price of live entertainment has gone up slightly. However, the SRC now has an agreement with booking agents where they obtain a group for a fixed rate then act as an agent for the other universities in the area. The SRC also possesses a comprehensive price list of entertainment acts so they can avoid being overcharged.

Other factors which account for the increased cost of events are a twenty five percent increase in the cost of rent The Playhouse. The cost of paper used for advertising has gone up as well.

Another major increase in SRC costs is the increase of salaries and the increase in the number of honoraria. In order to keep pace with spiraling inflation the salaries of the permanent staff have been increased.

The secretaries for The Brunswickan and the SRC office have received an increase of 10 percent. The salary for the SRC bookkeeper has gone up 12 percent. Honoraria will go up at least two thousand dollars. The increase is due in large part to giving SRC councillors each an honorarium of \$100 a year.

There are also new honoraria of \$350 for the newly-created positions of SRC travel officer, \$150 for an SRC public relations officer and an honorarium for the entertainment chairman, which is still being negotiated.

The budget has gone up due to inflationary effects, additional services and various increases. These are a

- few items skimmed from the budget:
- cost of activity awards which are made out of gold and silver have gone up from \$400 to \$1200;
- the cost of the Brunswickan has gone up from \$1,200 to \$1,600 due to an increase in the cost of paper;
- Fall Festival was budgeted for a \$3,000 loss, but lost \$4,500;
- the cost of Carnival is up \$2,000 in order to make it a better event;
- there will be an allotment of \$2,000 made for Orientation in the future;
- there will be publication of a course evaluation booklet. This will cost \$1,500;
- there are also ten to twelve new clubs requesting funds.

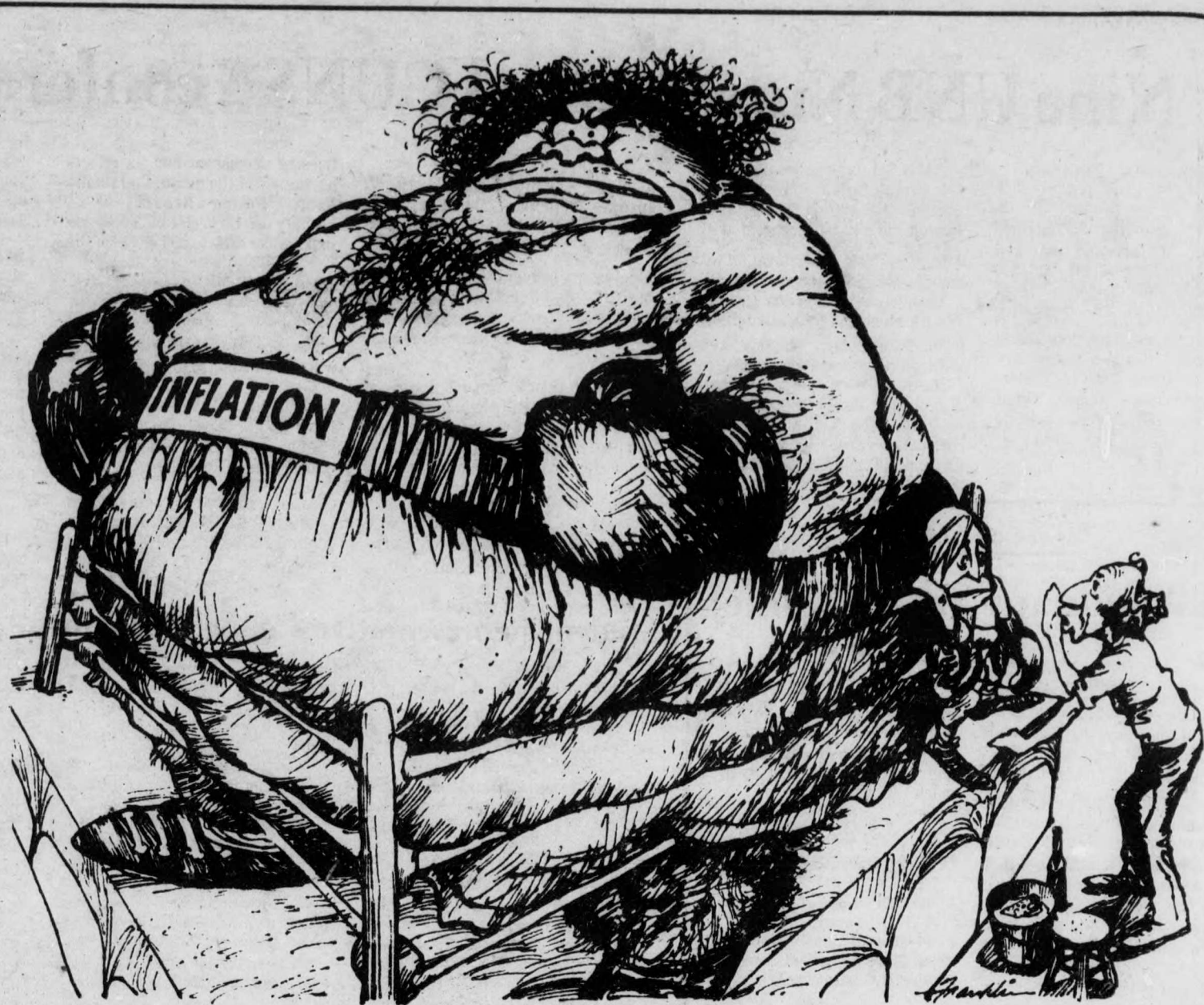
The main concern of the university administration these days seems to be what the Maritime Higher Education Committee will do. Aside from this they seem to know very little about the effects of inflation on campus.

One aspect of the campus which inflation would affect is enrolment. The Brunswickan talked to registrar Brian Ingram about it.

Inflation hasn't appeared to affect enrolment this year, Ingram said. Enrolment is close to the projected figure. No great change is seen over the next five years and there may in fact be a slight increase in enrolment.

Ingram said it is hard to tell how inflation has affected enrolment. One must consider whether people are coming to university because they can't get a job, or whether they are coming to university in order to get a job.

Comptroller Mullins said inflation has affected the budget seriously. A study of the effects hasn't been done yet due to the complexity of such a study. There



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has been belt tightening over the last two or three years.

When a faculty member goes on sabbatical now he is not automatically replaced. The department in question must justify a replacement for him. Essential maintenance is carried out because it would be shortsighted not to.

The main concern in view of all of these factors is whether or not tuition will go up. The Brunswickan talked to Dr. John Anderson on this and other matters recently.

Anderson said he couldn't predict whether tuition would go up. The answer to this question hinges on the new formula devised by the Maritime Higher Education Commission. At the moment the university

has no idea what the new formula is or the amount which the commission will grant.

At the moment 80 percent of the operating costs of the university come from the commission. The remaining 20 percent is from student tuition and gifts.

President Anderson said there have been no significant cutbacks so far except for residence cleaning. He expressed hope that what is done in the name of efficiency will not cut back on the education and the research of the university.

Salaries constitute a major portion of the university's budget. They are 78 percent of the budgets of the various departments and 65 percent of the overall budget. These will have to increase in order to keep pace with inflation.

The university, aside from being affected by the consumer price index is affected by other things. The cost of scientific equipment has gone up considerably. In the case of certain chemicals this is a three hundred percent increase.

The effect is not staggering over all but the main

problem at the moment is to balance off salaries of the staff against the necessary equipment so that the university can function.

Student tuition, contrary to what most people may think, isn't a significant amount of the university's source of revenue. Student tuition in 1974 amounted to 15.3 percent of revenue. This percentage decreases every year.

When asked his feelings on this President Anderson replied that it was hard to say. The problem is that as the percentage decreases it soon becomes a question of just what percentage of the costs of the student should be expected to pay. If this were established then it would be easier to determine tuition.

Anderson said he felt that although student tuition

may soon become insignificant in the running of the university, that students should still pay.

He indicated that he thought inflation wasn't about to go away in the near future. He hoped that society will realize that universities are important to the community and that they do need adequate support.



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