

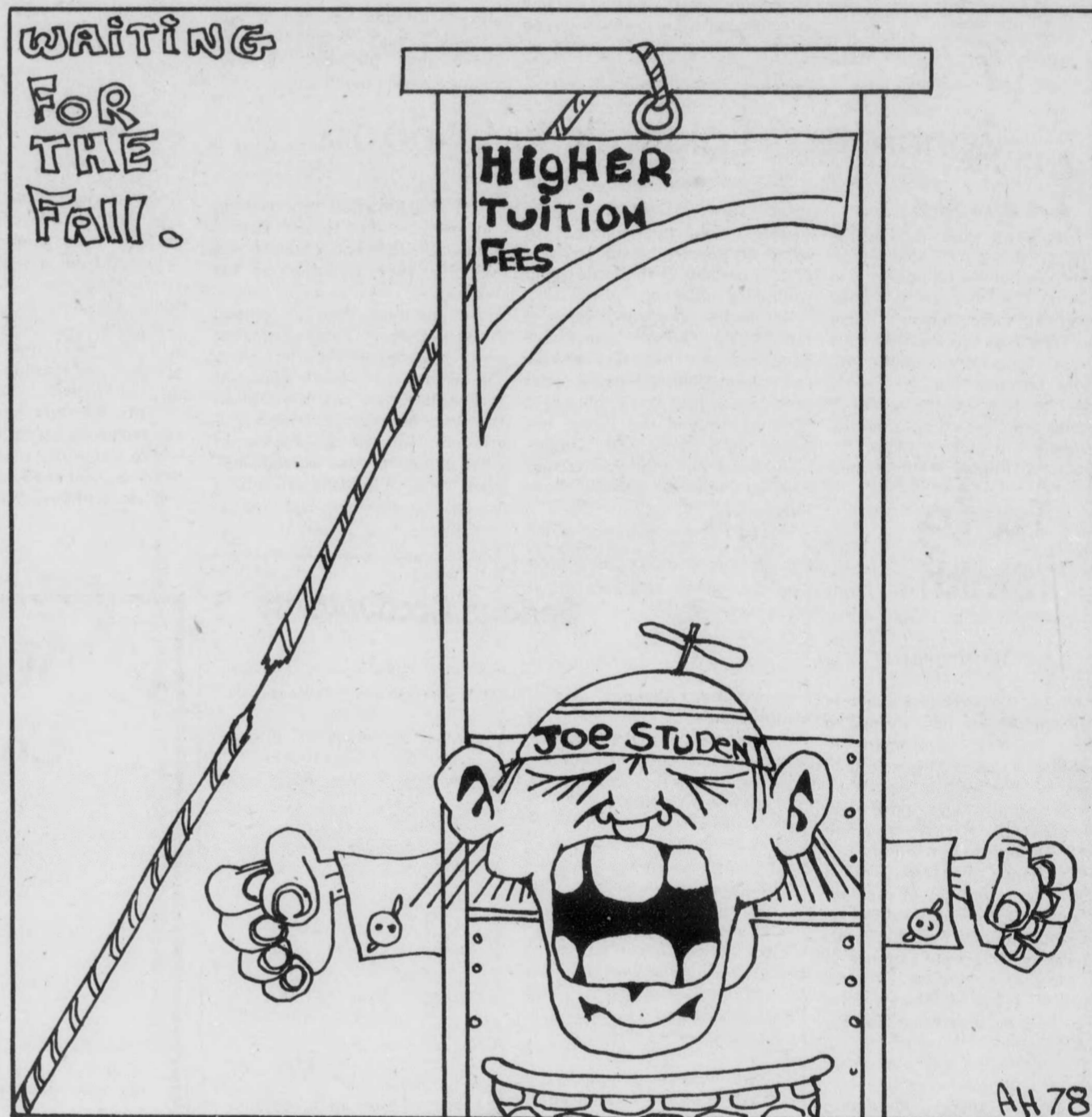
## So who needs a university education anyway ???

Members of the students councils of Maritime universities met with the council of Maritime Premiers (CMP) last week in Edmunston. At this meeting the students asked the CMP for larger operating grants for the various universities and community colleges around the Maritimes. The CMP said no! They said they would rather take money out of the present grant and use it to create jobs for students after they graduate.

With this policy the Premiers are abandoning the present rising costs of education to create new jobs for graduates. Where are the graduates going to come from when students find they can't afford to finish or even start post-secondary school.

If the cost of education rises too much, which it will without increased operating grants and substantially with lowered grants, the financial difficulties of getting one's self out of this institution will escalate to a point of impossibility.

The Maritimes has a history of education being a part of its economy. If these are representative of the Premiers' plans for economic development then New Brunswick is in a bad way.



## Sometimes you CAN beat the system !!

Remember reading the story of "David and Goliath" when you were in your younger days.

Well, now UNB has its own version of this story - Goliath is portrayed by the Administration (you know, the friendly people who are going to raise your tuition fees next year); David is played by persevering law student, Tom Evans.

It seems that Evans had a \$3200 research fellowship granted him last year. When it came time to collect the last installment of said grant, \$60 had been taken off for alleged unpaid parking fines.

This may sound very familiar to those of you who have had similar experiences with the system. But most of us just sit back and

quietly get screwed.

Not so with Mr. Evans. Armed with some legal knowledge and a lot of guts, he took on the boys with 'the power' and showed us all that even the almighty can take a fall.

According to Evans "the University unlawfully withheld \$60 from my research fellowship and after trying to resolve the matter with officials of the University and receiving a definite No, I had no other alternative but to take the matter to the courts."

He filed suit claiming 'breach of contract'. The university filed a counter-claim for \$300 in legal costs, in hopes to scare Mr. Evans off.

But he persevered and served subpoenas on UNB president John Anderson, vice president James O'Sullivan, comptroller S.S. Mullin, Registrar Brian Ingram and chairman of practical studies, Dale Hayes.

Immediately thereafter, Evans was contacted by the University's solicitor.

Previous to the issuance of the subpoenas, the university was under the impression that Evans would drop the matter.

However, now that they realized the seriousness of the situation, they decided to settle out of court.

Evans was given the sum of \$120 and the university through their solicitor agreed to disregard alleged parking violations. We at

the Brunswickan feel that Evans should be commended for proving that the administration can be beaten and that we students are all not easily taken.

We have another point to be brought forth at this time. Obviously the university would rather pay out substantially more money to high-priced solicitors to save face, than to settle a small matter of \$60 with a student. Is this logical?

We all know, of course, where this money comes from. Right - from our pockets.

We are all under the impression that a major purpose of the university is to serve students. In light of these matters, you have to wonder where we really stand.