

Dropout Rate Report Undergo Intensive Study

Results of a two year study of drop out rates among university students show that 37.6% of all students entering university never complete their university degree program. This was one of the main findings of a report handed down by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, last week.

Of those not completing their degrees, it was disclosed that only 7.3% attributed their dropping out due to failure. Other factors are those which are of special interest to professional educators, for it is in these that they hope to find some solutions to this evermounting problem.

The University of New Brunswick did not provide a unique sampling. In fact, Mr. P. Burrows, local director of the DBS said, "UNB should be proud of the drop outs of their university. They are among the most typical drop outs in all of Canada, or the world, for that matter."

He also said that UNB drop outs were very co-operative in assisting the bureau in compiling their statistics. Mr. Burrows is himself a drop out of Marysville Poly-Technical Institute.

One interesting fact which came to light through the study was that Registration week has furnished a high percentage of drop-outs. It was felt that this may have been the result of the tension generated during this period.

Professor D. C. Blue, University Registrar expressed deep concern over the findings of the report. He said "In future years, I hope that something may be done to minimize the number of

neurotic individuals on campus. My department is currently looking into the possibility of providing students with the services of a qualified psychiatrist to help them get through registration."

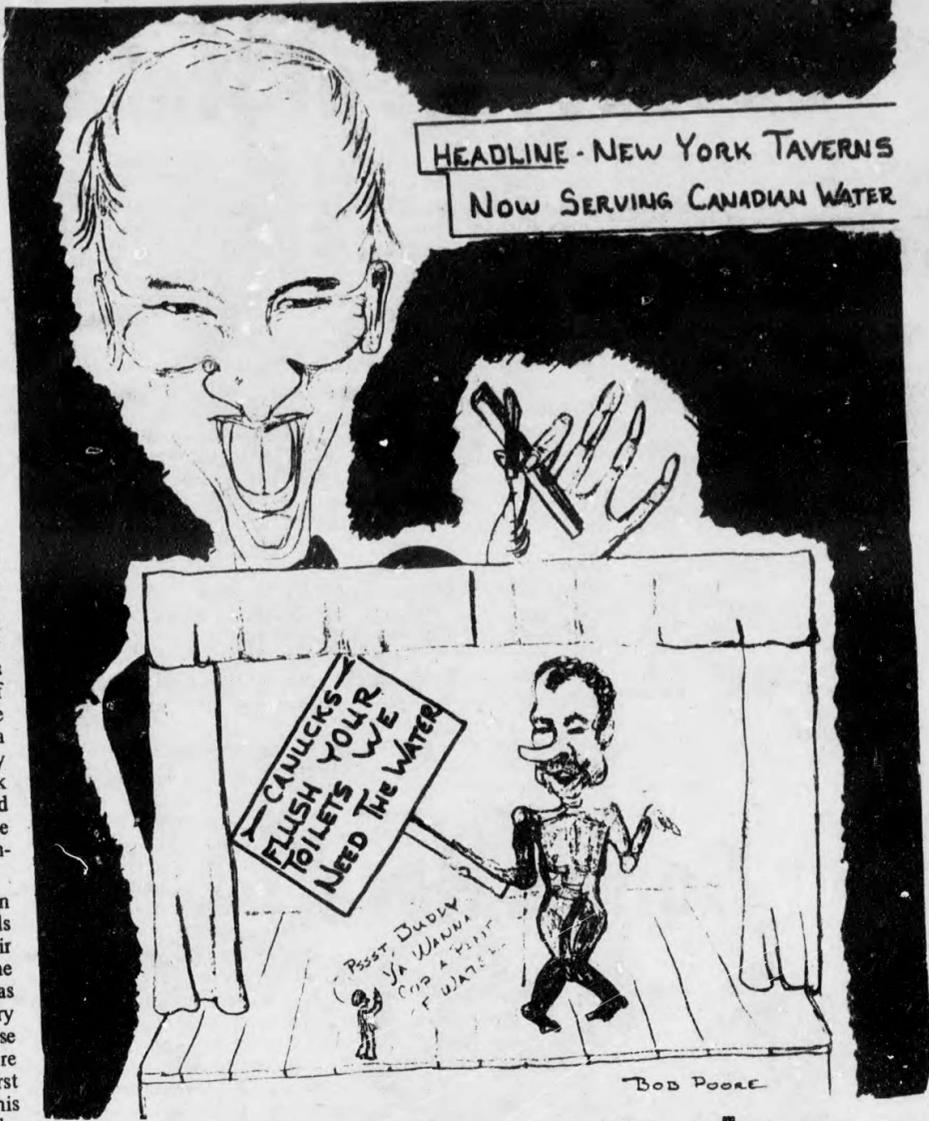
He seemed optimistic that this service might be available for registration in September.

Many other changes can be expected in the overall organization of the University, once the findings of the survey have been properly examined by the University Administration. Debby Lyons and Gordon Church, two of the Student Senators, have been asked to serve on a committee being organized by the Board of Governors to look into the situation. It is hoped that the committee will have some concrete recommendations to make

by February 1, next year. In the meantime, some individuals on campus have begun their own programs to remedy the situation. The post-Christmas period was found to be a very troublesome period for those students in first year, who are away from home for the first time. In order to ease this situation, Miss Lil Copp, of the men's infirmary, and Mrs. G. L. MacKenzie, of the Women's have agreed to present more of a mother-like image to the freshmen, with the hope that this might see them through.

University President James O. Dineen could not be reached for comment, but his secretary said that she was certain he would have some comment to make.

Mr. Burrows said that his office was open to the student body and any questions or comment that they might wish to make.



\$5 Million From Students

KINGSTON (CUP) — Federal finance minister Edgar Benson said Saturday that he expects to rake in an extra five million dollars from students under his new tax proposals.

Student fellowships, scholarships, bursaries, and research grants, tax-exempt under current legislation, would be taxed under proposals in Benson's white paper on tax reform which was tabled in the Commons last fall.

Benson was speaking at a symposium on the tax paper told at Queen's University.

Benson justified the tax increases by arguing that some students who get scholarships, bursaries and grants also have "substantial" outside income and should pay taxes on their total incomes "like other Canadians."

The finance minister also rejected a suggestion that students be allowed to deduct

interest on student-aid loans. It was hard to determine whether the money was really borrowed to finance education, or to invest in the stock market, he said.

Benson said certain "reasonable expenses — such as tuition, books, reasonable travel expenses, and if it's necessary to hire an assistant to do research work" — would remain tax-deductible expenses for students.



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