

University expenditures require closer scrutiny

Remember the promises we had from our student governors last spring? Briefly put, they told us an expenditure of \$92,000 on a house for the President was the cheapest deal they could get us. We were told no more expenditures would be necessary.

Well according to Dr. Anderson, more than the house has needed repairs. Evidently the president's office wasn't good enough. And the carpet that was just put in there two years ago by then President Dineen wasn't good enough.

Evidently the president believes the financial crisis of just a year ago has vanished.

But wait just a second.

Wasn't the administration estimating a deficit of two to three million dollars for this year? Haven't expenditures been cut back in student services, not to mention professors, books, and sports? There isn't a person on this campus who hasn't been affected one way or another by these cutbacks.

Why then the \$20,000 expenditures in light of our financial situation? Could not these funds be better used for scholarships or the like?

Since his arrival at UNB, President Anderson has made many statements to the effect that there is no financial crisis here. Perhaps our problems are not of crisis proportions. Perhaps the president is right in what he says.

But there can be no denying the fact that we don't have money to squander. And \$10,000 for an office at this point in the university's life seems terribly out of place.

We have paid for a \$92,000 house for him to live in. We have paid for his family's rooms for three months or more in the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel. We have paid to re-landscape his rather large yard. We have paid to

have his residence re-painted. We have paid for a completely new office in the Old Arts Building.

We have paid maintenance men to repair his boat. And what's more, it seems we will continue to pay for even more things.

We can find no logical and sound reason for these expenditures.

Our quarrel is not only with the president. As you may have noted in our front page story, the funds for these expenditures were set aside by the university - some of them even before he got here. Our point is that many of these

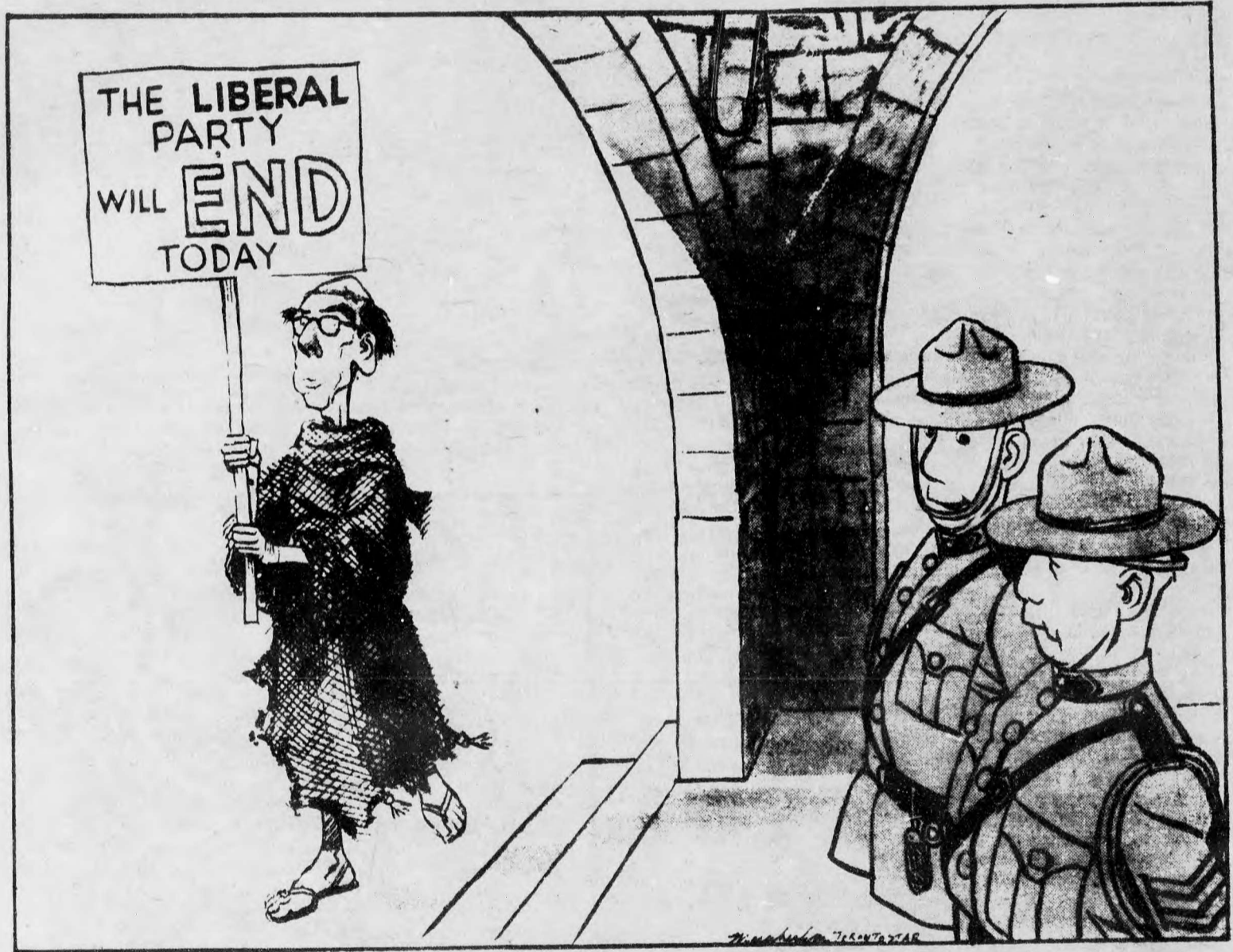
expenditures are unnecessary. Certainly the president must carry his share of the blame; but the governors and other university officials who allocated the money in these instances must also recognize their responsibilities in this matter.

The so-called leaders of the student body - the student governors, senators, and councillors - should make the opinion of all students known on this matter. Why should we pay for admittance to varsity sports, for example, when this kind of waste can occur?

The Alumni, who have taken it upon themselves to donate large sums of money to UNB, should re-think their contributions. Perhaps they should look closer at where the university spends its money.

The taxpayers of this province - who raised objections to Prime Minister Trudeau's \$24,000 renovations - should direct their attentions to something closer to home.

The time has long past to object to this sort of thing. We must all do our utmost to stop it.



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