

Deans, dons defend residence subsidies

By CARLOTTA BULCOCK

The general consensus of the article written by J. David Miller on 22nd October, on the residence system, is that there needs to be some explanation for the loss and figures quoted in the article.

Dean of Men Bill Chernoff feels the residence system is important to a university and that there would be a substantial drop in enrolment and grants to the university would be less without it.

Chernoff feels that subsidies are a part of university. He noted that Arts students subsidize Science students. It is much cheaper to educate an Arts student than it is a Science student, yet, all pay the same undergraduate fees. He also feels that residences should be run as economically as possible, if, after that, there is not enough money, it should be subsidized.

The Dean feels that it is unfair to expect residence fees for eight months to pay a mortgage for 12 months and says one way to ease the strain is to make the summer

programme larger.

A question on the accuracy of the figures used by Miller was raised. Chernoff noted that some of the residences are billed for off campus services. For example, McConnell Hall is budgeted for and by the mens residence budget and is used for non residence functions. No money is charged for this. Also, the Health Centre is budgeted by the Women's Residence.

The Dean suggested that the budget for the men's residence be made available. He added that it would be interesting to see how the money was spent. He mentioned that up to this year, there was almost no accountability, but now there is more.

Chernoff made note of the fact that residence fees at this university are approximately \$100 above any other university in the Maritimes. One must note that this is based on the 29 week meal plan and the 31 week rooming plan. For example, residence in STU is substantially cheaper - \$1200.00

for a single and \$990.00 for a double. It costs \$54.71 per week for a single room and board in residence, as opposed to \$40.00 per week for an off campus student. For a double room and board in residence, it costs the student \$51.49 per week, and an off campus student \$38.00. In general, he notes, there is a difference of at least \$400 in living off campus and on campus.

In spite of the problems, Chernoff feels that the residence system here is great and is envied by many. Victoria, MacKenzie, Neville, Neill and Lady Beaverbrook Residences declined comment on the article. (Harrison House's response is in the form of a letter to the Editor in this week's Sound Off section.) Those declining comment did so feeling that it should come from the Dean's Office. Shane Cassidy, Chairperson of the Residence Rep. Council felt that The Brunswickan was making an effort to revive the rivalry between off campus and residence students. He also felt

that subsidies were a way of life in a university system.

Brian Cupples, Don of Aitken, feels that more use of the residences during the summer months must be accomplished. Cupples noted that 'this objective is being pursued by all those concerned with the problem'. He said that the mortgage 'unfortunately' is due for 12 months, while the residences are fully occupied for 7 1/2 months.

Cupples stated that 'He (Miller) attributes the problem to the amount of fees paid by regular session students, and to note that this amount is not sufficient to cover annual costs is not to confront the real problem'.

Dean J.P. Kidd, Dean of Women felt that \$800,000 was an 'absurd' amount for the system of Dons, Proctors and Residence Fellows to cost. She said that the real figure was closer to \$94,000. Miller has since stated that \$800,000 was a typographical error, and that it should have read \$80,000, being comprised of \$53,000 in direct

costs, and about \$30,000 in lost revenue, according to the university comptroller. Kidd said that residence income does not cover residence mortgage, and if services such as cleaning were dropped, there would be a 'hasten deterioration' and increase in the cost of maintenance, repair, replacement etc.

The Dean also noted that the summer income of the university is sporadic, and that the system of paying fees for eight months and mortgage for 12 months is unfortunate. However, Kidd feels that the 'trimester system is the 'ideal' thing. She also noted that Maggie Jean and Murray House have no mortgage.

Kidd feels that the article by Miller created an 'unfortunate attitude that residence students are living off of the off campus students'.

Ilsa Greenblatt, Don of McLeod House feels that if the university cuts back on services, there will be no capital gain. An example was

\$20,000 Union deficit probable

By JACK TRIFTS

"At the present time it looks as if a deficit budget will soon be a reality" said Peter Davidson, SRC Comptroller. Depending upon the amount of cutbacks authorized by council the deficit may be as high as \$20,000.

"The cause of the problem is simple," said Davidson. Increasing expenditures and fixed revenues.

If the present levels of expenditures are to be maintained student fees will have to increase \$5 to \$10. The decision is up to council said Davidson. The student body cannot keep the fees at the present level and have the benefits it is now receiving. "We are attempting to afford as many benefits as possible," said Davidson, "but the student body must realize that there is an end to everything."

Presently the Administrative Board is looking into the situation and is expected to advise council that fee increases are necessary if the present level of spending is to be maintained. The final decision however is in the hands of council.

Planned cutbacks in the current years budget will include:

Campus films	\$383
Campus police	384
Capital equipment	3000
Comptrollers fund	500
Entertainment office	500
Orientation	2500
Pub office	1200
Rap Room	760
Repairs and Maintenance of SRC sound system	200
Student Directory	1000
SRC conferences	1500
SRC sponsored speakers	2000
Travel office	1140

balance of this fund in the current year will be zero which will in essence mean that there will be no funds available for other needs outside the present budget without robbing other organizations.

Industrial Education Society launched

The steering committee for the Industrial Education Society met Monday evening. The meeting was called to chart a course for the new society.

It was decided that the aims would be to broaden understanding of industrial education, to open new channels of communication between members, and to provide fellowship and recreation for members.

Membership is open to Industrial Arts students, including students from Kenya under the KTTCC and KSTCC plans.

Notice of future meetings will be posted.

Planned increase in the current year's budget will include:	15067
AFS	\$350
Campus Services limited	50,000
Course evaluation	2,000
NUS	4,575
Student Handbook	5,000
Minimum increase in SRC funded organizations	5,000

This approximation of cutbacks and increases does not include the \$20,000 cutback in the SRC contingency fund. The budgeted

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Political clubs at UNB: reflecting party lines

By EDWARD BOWES

Three political clubs, the UNB Progressive Conservative Club, the UNB Student Movement and the UNB New Democratic Club are active on campus.

The Progressive Conservative Club is an affiliate of the New Brunswick Progressive Conservative Youth Federation. The objectives of the club are to promote a greater interest in politics; to actively assist in PC election campaigns and to promote social involvement between membership and the University community.

Keith Williamson is the president and there are about twenty active members on campus. Membership is open to UNB students who pay an annual fee of \$1.00.

The UNB Student Movement is a branch of the Canadian Student Movement which is the student wing of the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist).

Richard Brown, party organizer at UNB, is a part-time student, part-time worker. When asked

about membership at UNB he replied, "We do not discuss membership. It is not important. Policy is what is important."

Policy, according to "The Communist Party of Canada Documents," include "Preparation for the mass democratic anti-imperialist revolution," and "use the mass democratic method to: unite the people to struggle against the enemy and struggle against the enemy to unite the people."

The UNB New Democratic Club is an informal group of about twenty members. Chairperson at their meetings is Randy Boudreau. Club activities are mainly centred in the York-Sunbury riding assisting in NDP elections.

The club sponsors speakers and workshops on such topics as native rights.

Membership is mainly students, but is open to all who have an interest in the New Democratic Party.

The Brunswickan was unable to discover any club connected with the Liberal Party.

NDP issues statement on Kouchibouguac eviction

The executive of the New Brunswick New Democratic Party said last week in a press release that they "deplore the gestapo-like tactics employed in the eviction of the family of Jackie Vatour. The bulldozing of a family home before the eyes of those who have been forced from the premises is a violation of civilized human conduct".

Vatour, his wife and eight children were evicted last Friday

from their home in the Kouchibouguac National Park under a court order and the home was ordered destroyed.

He was the last of 230 residents whose properties have been expropriated since 1970 to make room for the park.

The commentary came at an informal getacquainted meeting of the newly elected Executive of the NBNDP held Nov. 6 in Fredericton.