

Aid problems may spark student strike soon

A very interesting meeting has been scheduled on this campus for Monday evening.

Interesting, because it has the potential to affect the many students on campus who are forced to finance their education through student loans.

The meeting was called to discuss the serious student aid problem in this province. Sponsored by the provincial caucus of the Atlantic Federation of Students, the meeting will center on a list of five demands drawn up by the AFS.

If anything, the demands are too conservative.

The demands include student input on policy-making bodies relating to student aid, an adjustment of the loan-bursary ratio, extension of the interest-free period, reduced financial contributions from students and an increased living expenses allotment, which would be indexed to the rate of inflation.

These demands did not arise from a spur-of-the-moment discussion of student aid problems. The demands arose through

discussions with both government and opposition members — discussions which had no results in favor of students.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting will be the possibility of a province-wide student strike to support the demands.

The condition of the economy at present is making it even harder than usual for students to finance higher education without student loans, yet the student loan scheme does not seem to take the

economic situation into account.

The costs of education are spiralling, but the amount of each individual loan is not increased in any way that will allow students a decent standard of living.

Increased tuition, rents and food costs are hitting students harder every year, although the government seems to manage to ignore the problem.

As well, summer jobs are becoming more and more difficult to obtain, and will be even more difficult to find next summer due to the removal of the Opportunities For Youth program. Yet students are still expected to both find a summer job and be able to save a substantial amount of money to finance their year of study.

It is time for students to make their feelings known to the provincial government, and conventional methods have had no effect to date.

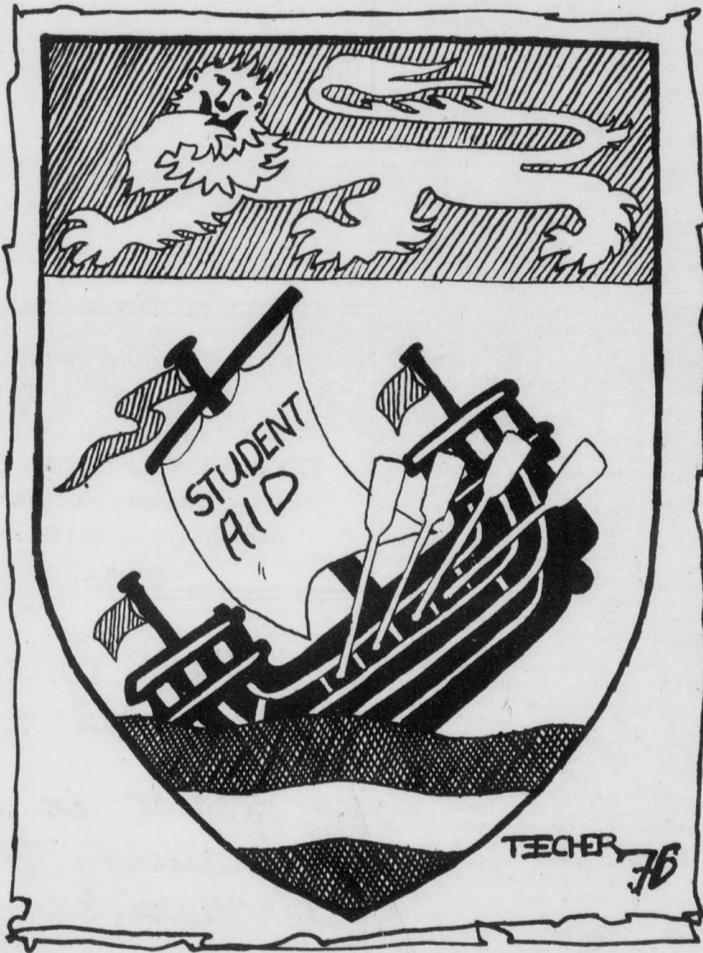
As usual UNB students have been unconcerned about student aid problems this year, while students at other New Brunswick universities are holding information seminars and rallies to discuss the problem.

It's hard to understand why students at this campus can be so unconcerned since a very high percentage of the student body here depends almost solely on student aid to finance their education.

Advances have been made in student aid in other provinces, but only through the hard work of student leaders with the support of all the students.

If students do not turn out in support of the demands for changes in provincial students aid, we can be sure no changes will be made this year or any other year in the near future.

If you are concerned about student aid, turn out to the meeting, so we can attempt to have at least some changes made before the government's plans for next year are finalized. It's your education that is at stake.



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