

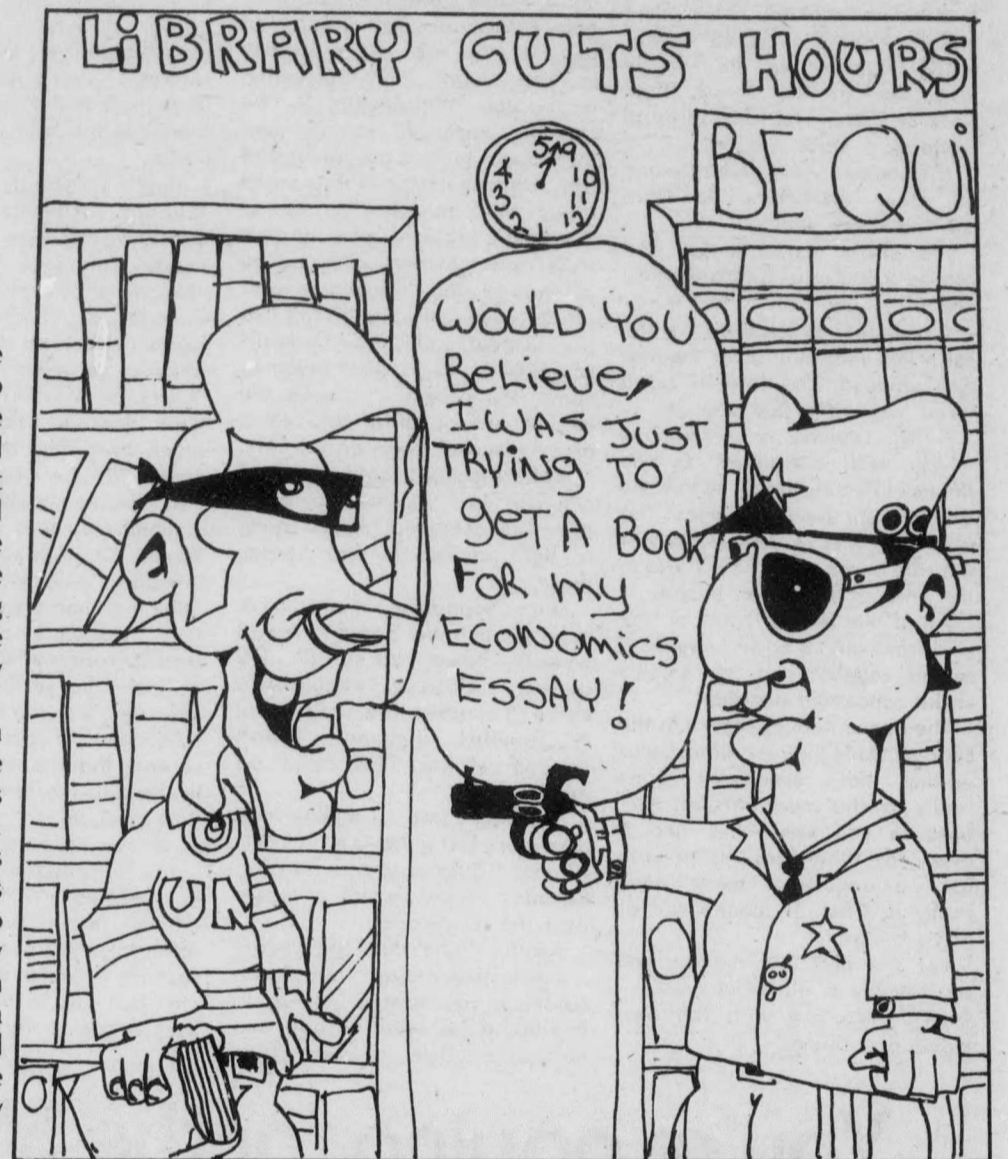
Students gunn for the library

Lately the University of New Brunswick has been suffering under the stress of especially hard financial times. We have witnessed cutbacks in all areas of the University life. One of the most ludicrous, we feel, is the cutback in the University Library hours. Presently the Library is open until 10:30 on weekdays, from 1:00 to 5:30 on Saturdays and 2:30 to 10:30 on Sundays. The study halls are open until midnight on weekdays, 1:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 1:00 p.m. to midnight on Sundays. On weekdays the Library officially closes at 11:00 p.m. but the lights go out for 30 seconds at 10:30 and the students rarely stay past this.

We ask this: why couldn't the library remain open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekends and until 11:30 weeknights? Couldn't the study halls remain open from 8:30 until midnight

every night? Whoever started the present hours may be surprised to note this but the library would be well used in the new hours listed above. If you are a consistent visitor to the library, you will notice many of the faces are the same day after day. These people either have poor studying facilities at home or are in dire need of the facilities the library offers.

The primary function of a University is to educate, and the primary resource of the ones being educated is the library. With cutbacks in the library hours this resource of the students is being limited. It seems ironic to us that in a University the library is the first place to feel the pinch of hard times. Many people rate a university on the quality and service offered by its library. The administration of UNB obviously does not share this opinion.



1,2,3,4 what are we fighting for

Well, we're off to the races. Yay students, demonstration time is here again. Thought you were finished with that in the sixties, didn't you? Yes, Virginia - there are still students who care.

We hope you students out there do. Some people have been working pretty hard lately to arrange things for all of us. Yup, tuition increase, residence increases and further campus cutbacks will not go by without a fight - from some of us anyway.

The time is now the walrus said ... just how many of you students can afford higher fees in either residence or in tuition? Not many I bet. And funny enough we here at da ol Bruns figure we all have a right to an education. Maybe we're wrong. Hatfield would get a good laugh about it anyway - he thinks university should be elitist.

Bullrouke. Education should be within the price-range of everyone - it has been in the past but the possibility of it continuing that way is rapidly dwindling. And, my dears, this is NOT right.

The National Coalition of Students comprised of reps from here, UNBSJ, Mt. Allison and STU, have been working their pretty little buns off in the past few weeks to try to arrange something

which will prevent this most despicable fee hike. Petitions are presently circulating around campus which are to be compiled with those from the above mentioned universities and offered as proof to the Council of Maritime Premiers that we, the New Brunswick students will not, and actually cannot, stand any more money being squeezed from our all-too-limited financial situations.

Please, please, please sign the petition. It is not a commitment - you are simply offering your signature in lieu of actually telling the buggers how mad you are at their decision.

Even the administration here is supporting us. Lovely Dr. John has offered his full support to the SRC and the national coalition. (with the stipulation, of course, that 5000 students don't park themselves outside administrative buildings). So we're not really talking about reviving sixties doctrine where students automatically yelled and demonstrated at anyone with the title or smell of administration.

The people who can help us are the people who have screwed us - the council of maritime premiers. It's up to them to give a larger increase to NB universities and it's

up to us to insure (or at least try damn hard) that they do so.

Wednesday the CMP will be meeting in Edmunston. Steve Berube, our spanking new SRC president is going to be there, as is Sue Shalala, our vocal VP External. Although they haven't received permission to speak to the council, they are going anyway and according to Steve, they are going to talk to those premiers whether they like it or not.

Now these guys aren't doing this out of boredom, they are doing it because they are worried about people like you and us as well as themselves. We sort of feel here that they very least we can do is support them.

Info will be available in form of a pamphlet to inform those of you who haven't been reading this rag exactly what is happening with university funding and why tuition increases are expected to happen.

This is going to be an ongoing battle, but it can't be fought alone. Please take into consideration that not only are we talking about tuition increases of projected 100-150 but we're also speaking of residence increases and further cutbacks on campus. Tuition is bad but the others, in

a way, are worse. Residence increases mean less people in residences which means less revenue for the university which means even higher tuition next year. Cutbacks mean that equipment, professors, books, and many, many other things are going to be unavailable next year. There's been complaints this year about cutbacks such as the decreased library hours - wait till next year. It will be worse - promise.

We're not asking people to carry placards - that went out 10 years years ago - but we are asking that people support this issue. It's not for us alone, but for the students. It's you and us that will be affected - we're all in the same boat, so to say. So, if you will excuse the pun - let the NBS and the SRC be your paddle. In other words, support them! It can be done. Nova Scotia students demonstrated last year to protest tuition increases and yes ... WON! Ten years ago UNB went on a similar campaign in conjunction with the other New Brunswick universities and yes ... WON!

It can be done, but not by two or three people. Offer your support and gird your loins. The fight is on! Long live New Brunswick students!