

And now... the straw that will break the student's back

It appears the inevitable has happened.

The provincial government's misguided and misdirected restraint program has succeeded in making it even more difficult for students to finance a post-secondary education.

The limited provincial grant to the University of New Brunswick is forcing the administration to consider cutting back on services and increase both tuition and residence fees to balance its budget.

This comes at a time when students can least afford an increase in educational costs. Already faced by a dismal employment situation, inaction on student aid proposal and an inflating economy students now have to cope with yet another increase in both tuition and residence fees.

The government deigned to raise the operating budget of this institution by only 6.6 per cent, while other provinces are increasing operating budgets from between 11 per cent (Alberta) to 14.4 per cent (Ontario).

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission recommended university grants to total \$53.5 million in New Brunswick. The government's response was to reduce this figure by \$4 million, \$2 million less than what Sister Catherine Wallace of the MPHEC calls a "survival level".

Obviously UNB will survive, but will it survive intact?

It appears that all remaining teaching personnel will be forced to drastically increase their classroom time next year. Cutbacks in services closure of buildings are also being consider-

ed in an effort to reduce operating expenses.

This week the university senate entertained a proposal which would have closed the Saint John campus. This proposal comes only months after the Deutsch commission recommended an expansion of the services and facilities on that campus.

The provincial government does not seem to realize the serious repercussions which may be caused by their educational hatchet job. Only 70 per cent of the university's operating budget comes from the provincial government. The remaining 30 per cent must be raised through tuition and other means. But the government's grant is tied to the number of registered students. If the university is forced to increase tuition fees dramatically many students will simply not be able to

afford to attend this university next year. If enrollment drops because of increased tuition so will the grant from the provincial government, but the overhead of the university will not be lowered by a reduction in the number of students - at least not immediately.

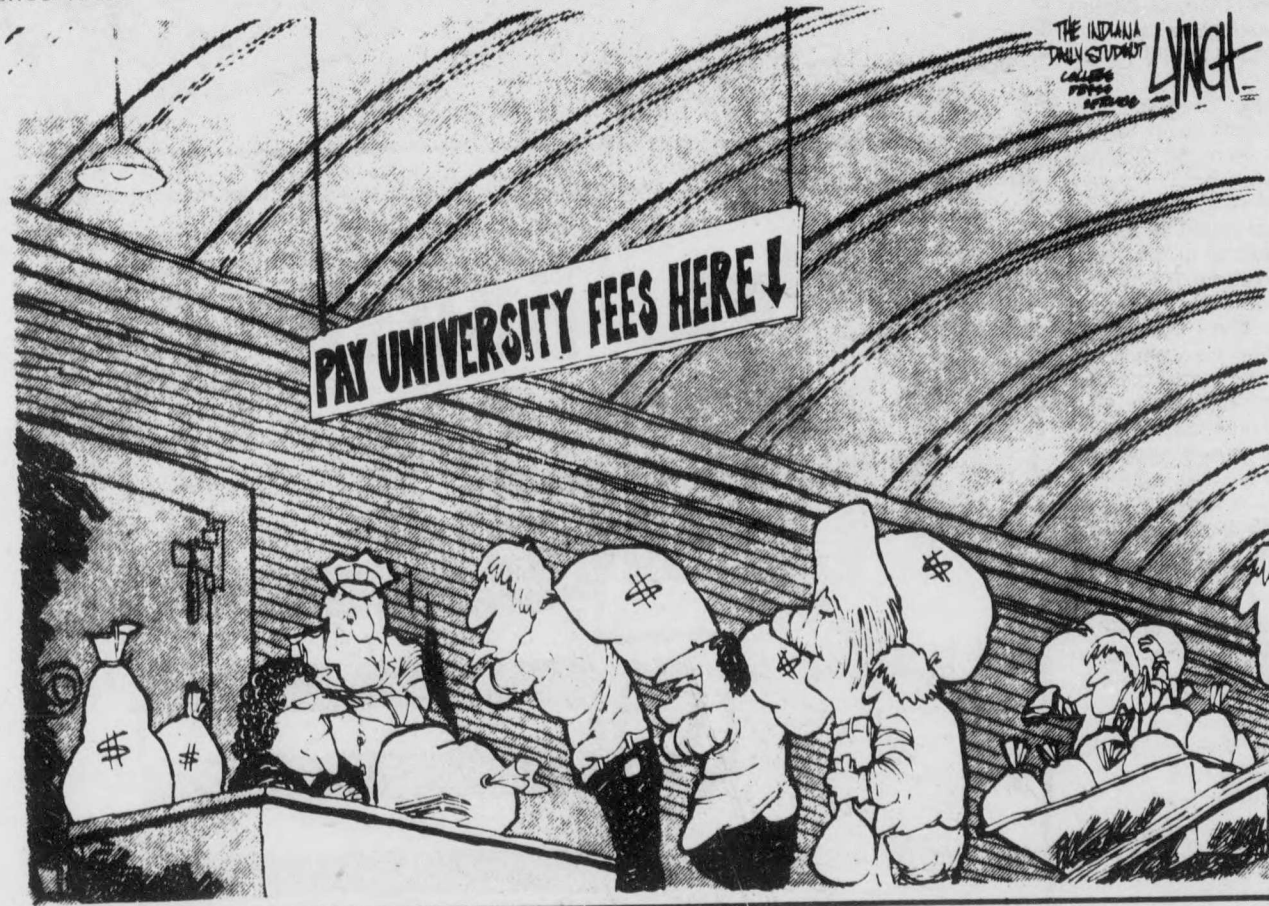
If the policies of the government continue in such a manner in the course of the next few years the university will return to the position of an elitist bastion of the upper classes.

The university administration has been placed in a precarious position by the actions of the provincial government. The administration gave little support to the demands of students during the student aid campaign, and now apparently it will try to justify substantial fee increases to students.

The administration can no longer be considered the ally of students. When we needed their support most no help was forthcoming. The administration inaction during the student aid campaign, open criticism of the occupation, and now, the attempt to finance the university to the detriment of all the individuals students reinforces the established fact that in the final analysis the administration lists students low in its system of priorities.

It is evident the administration will go to any lengths to perpetuate the status quo - even to the detriment of the student body.

We are not prepared to listen to talk of balancing a university budget by drastic fee increases and cutbacks of services. For once both the administration and students must combine their efforts to combat the provincial government's attack on the educational system of New Brunswick.



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Our provincial premier suicide has entered a new phase. The provincial restraint program to acquire an... So far this year the repressive aid program announcement of university calculated to force an... The university's response has not been favorable considering both a reduction in fees.

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