

# UNB heading for serious trouble

When one first begins to read the study that was put out by the Academic and Campus Planning Committee they see that U.N.B. is heading for serious trouble due to the declining enrollments and cutbacks in government grants. These are real and true concerns that affect us all. The committee has attempted to deal with these problems and are outlined in the draft study. The S.R.C. executive take issue with a great number of the statements that are made and also with the recommendations made. The study itself is very inconsistent in that it approaches the problem two faced.

In the first part of the paper, great detail has been taken in order to show the reader exactly where the university is going as far as enrollments are concerned. The graphs show a steady decline in most faculties in general. Also mentioned is the student/faculty ratio. At the present time U.N.B.

has a 10.9 student/faculty ratio (table 3.2 page 4). The committee suggests a 13.0 student/faculty ratio (page 5).

The study stated that in order to have a 13.1 student/faculty ratio at U.N.B. then there must be a decrease in teaching staff of 87 by 1982. Also they state that the university move to eliminate or consolidate those courses having an enrollment of less than six (6) students.

Having these recommendations in mind and the constant reference to the gloomy economic situation one is surprised at some of the other recommendations. They suggest a full time Psychiatrist be made available, the development of a Department of Geography, and many other things that would aid in depletion of the university funds. They talk at first of the crisis that we are facing and then turn around and suggest very extravagant projects.

There seems to be no cohesion to the study.

One very important item is that not mentioned is the possibility of tuition hikes. It seems normal that when a university is low on funds then a rise in tuition is the first thing the administration looks at as a source of income. There seems to be a very conscious effort on behalf of the committee to leave out the issue of possible tuition hikes.

On page three of the draft study the committee lists a number of priorities that the university executive should consider. In bold print in the second column it states:

"The University has accepted the responsibility of producing graduates at the Bachelors and in some cases, at the graduate levels in a variety of "professional" fields primarily to meet the legitimate demands of industry and the related professions. Strong pro-

grams in these disciplines must be maintained as priority objectives.

One can read quite a bit into this statement. It is pointed out through out the study that the hard science disciplines such as engineering, forestry, etc. . . will be more favorable looked at than the liberal arts will be. Thus we must concern ourselves with the future of the arts department.

The study fails to point out the fact that we should have "education for the sake of education", and that we must not rely heavily on the demands of private institutions in order that we may survive. The role of the university as stated in the study must not be seen as a reflection of the whole university body being faculty, administration and students.

The fundamental problem with the study is that it reflects the total compliance in which the administration has given to the

government and its unacceptable funding of grants. It would seem in the long run that the administration is caught in a uncomfortable situation. Rather than using their position as a strong lobbying body and insist on the right of proper funding by the government they have accepted the government grants without an argument. Rather than a long continual argument between students, faculty and administration over the study the whole university body should stand together as a solidified front and attempt to make the government aware of our situation. Only through solidarity will we be able to make our demands known.

There are no easy answers and a lot of work and research has to be done in the near future. The students have to be heard and the constructive criticisms and suggestions must be put forth through a student committee.

## Student rep council minutes

### S.R.C. MINUTES NOVEMBER 20th 1978 S.U.B. 6:35 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Berube, Blue, Cronshaw, Doherty, Elderkin, Farnham, Fripp, Gorman, Grude, Hamilton, Hardwick, McDevitt, MacMillan, Meyer, Moffatt, Roussie, Wawer, Worrell, Young.

**ABSENT:** Bunting, Fullerton, Loo Murchie, Wentworth.

#### CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES:

**UNDER NEW BUSINESS:** Meyer suggested an alternative for the allocation of funds where people would earmark their recommended allocation. Change vote on to earmark, also the spelling of Bud Collin be corrected to read Bud Collen.

**MOTION 1:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the meeting of November 13th be accepted as amended. Berube □ Worrell 16 □ 0 □ 2. Members from the Folk Collective were present at the meeting. Blair Moffatt stressed the importance of the functioning of the Folk Collective. A discussion arose pertaining to the allotment of funds to this club.

**MOTION 2:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Constitution Committee be asked to examine the problems inherent in funding for the College Hill Folk Collective and make recommendations in regards to resolving this situation. Berube □ Moffatt 18 □ 0 □ 0.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT**  
Berube leaves 7:18 p.m.  
Farnham leaves 7:22 p.m.

**MOTION 3:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the eligibility requirement for the President's salary be waived until the seating of the new Council.  
Worrell □ Fripp 11 □ 0 □ 5  
Berube re-enters 7:25 p.m.  
Farnham re-enters 7:26 p.m.

**MOTION 4:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT \$28.00 be paid to NUS as the final payment for the travel pool to the joint NUS □ AOSC Conference held on October 12th - 15th at the University of Western Ontario.  
Worrell □ Berube 12 □ 0 □ 6

The Senate Student's Services Committee will be having a meeting on November 21st from 11:30 to 1:30. This meeting will be proposing guidelines for the Orientation Chairman and discussing the counselling sources students use when handling problems. There is possibility that Fredericton transit may be going on strike in the near future which could adversely affect a number of students at U.N.B. Any ideas to help alleviate this problem should be appreciated. It should also be noted that the SUB Office does initiate a service that may be utilized by students year round.  
Meyer leaves 7:40 p.m.  
Meyer re-enters 7:42 p.m.  
Meyer leaves 7:43 p.m.

**MOTION 5:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Judy Bunting and Peter Fullerton be appointed to sit on the Activity Awards Committee, further that the Chairman be a non-voting member.  
McDevitt □ Fripp 9 □ 1 □ 6  
Meyer re-enters 7:45 p.m.

#### VICE PRESIDENT EXTERNAL REPORT

Claire Fripp is the Chief Returning Officer for this years elections.

**MOTION 6:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Spring Elections be held on January 31st 1979.  
Fripp □ Berube 15 □ 2 □ 1 □

**MOTION 7:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new council be seated on February 12th 1979.  
Fripp □ Berube 15 □ 0 □ 3

#### VICE PRESIDENT INTERNAL REPORT

Blair gave a summary of the content discussed at the Leadership Conference held Sunday, November 19th, 1978.

the validity and value of the various medias available at UNB were discussed at length. These involved CHVW\* CHSR Yearbook and the Brunswickan.  
Farnham leaves 8:03 p.m.  
Hardwick leaves 8:05 p.m.  
Cronshaw leaves 8:12 p.m.  
Young leaves 8:12 p.m.

Other areas that were discussed involved the Blanket Liquor License, the Draft Study of the Future of the University, the Residence System, and non-alcoholic events. Concerning the Residence System, the point that upperclassmen or freshmen should be given preference in the residence system was discussed.

The proposal of a dinner for Foreign Students was discussed.  
Grude Leaves 8:34 p.m.

**MOTION —:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the constitutions of the Home Economics, Chemical Engineers, mechanical Engineers, Sociology and Malasian Clubs be accepted.  
Moffatt □ Berube 13 □ 0 □ 0

#### COMPTROLLERS REPORT

There will be no administrative board meeting this week. The Student Directory is expected to arrive this week.

#### NEW BUSINESS NOTICE OF MOTION

**MOTION 1:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law XI Section 15 be amended so as to read: The following members of the Council shall be

elected.

a) at the Spring Election, The V.P. Internal, The V.P. External, Two reps. at large.  
b) at the Fall Election, The President, The Comptroller, One rep at large.  
Further that this By-Law take effect after February 13, 1979.  
Berube □ Moffatt

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

**MOTION 2:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law XIV be amended to read:  
a) The Fall Election be held on or before the 3rd Wednesday in November.  
b) The Spring Election be held on or before the 3rd Wednesday in February.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

**MOTION 3:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the SRC take steps to put in place a way for people to earmark \$10.00 of their yearly student fee to the SRC constituted organization of their choice; Campus Medias and general student service organization being exempt.  
Meyer □ Blue

There will be no SRC meeting next week and the next meeting will be December 4th at 10:30 a.m.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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