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Brunswick Government to change the loan formula for student assistance. The existing plan calls for a student to borrow \$1,100 before qualifying for a \$700 bursary and then a further \$300 loan portion. The AFS has requested the \$1,100 ceiling be lowered to \$900 but has indicated it believes the government has plans to raise the ceiling to \$1,400.

Anderson said the tuition increase—the first in seven years—was necessary for a balanced 1975-76 budget. Tuition after the 1968-69 hike, he said, had represented 30.1 percent of UNB's operating revenue. Last year tuition paid an estimated 15.6 percent of the cost of operating the institution and without an increase, would have covered 13.5 percent in

1975 according to projections. Inflation—what the Board termed economic cost trends—had forced the increase but Anderson said the student wasn't being called upon to shoulder a greater part of the operating costs. The increase, he said, will only provide an estimated 14.8 percent of needed revenue—still eight tenths of a percentage point down from this

year. Anderson said the reason why graduate students' tuitions were consistently lower was because they provided "a very valuable service" through their teaching function. In addition, they contribute to the academic development of an institution, he said. A combination of relatively low fellowship rates and low tuition made UNB competitive with other universities in attracting post-graduates, said Anderson.

The tuition proposal was passed "almost unanimously" said Anderson but the residence fees were target for a "long and very active debate." Residences—like the UNB Bookstore—are termed ancillary enterprises in the budget and are planned as break-even operations. Residences, however, have operated since 1967-68 with deficits ranging from \$99,733 to \$280,776. Last year's deficit totalled \$207,807 and without a raise in rates was expected to plummet to \$375,000 by the end of 1975.

The magnitude of this drop, said UNB finance and administration vice president James O'Sullivan, was due to the accumulated increase in costs due to inflation. Anderson said costs had risen 18-19 percent as a whole and cited jumps of 17 percent in food service costs, 38 percent for janitorial services, 35 percent for supplies and 28 percent for equipment. There is also a total of \$6 million in mortgages on university residences.

The aim of the residence fee increases, he said, is to hold next year's projected deficit to \$300,000.

The President said the Board was "concerned residences were running down" and had increased the budgetary maintenance allotment by \$80,000. This was necessary to bring the buildings up to suitable standards. He said there would be no cutback in services such as those provided by maids since we've cut back as far as we can." Anderson said there could be no more cutbacks in services in the budget and that "there's nothing else we can do but

pick up nickles and dimes." Anderson said McGee House married quarters had had a smaller increase because that operation was operating at a break even level and occupants shouldn't have to subsidize other houses. Furthermore, he said, rates there should remain below similar off-campus accommodations.

The President said it was possible various singles' houses would be subsidizing those others with larger deficits but added that rates would probably still be lower than off-campus accommodations. He said students who want to live off campus would probably find fewer apartments as well as higher rents and other costs. This was related to the increasing competition with students by personnel being hired for such developments as Fredericton's new hospital, the preference of many landlords for full-year leases and soaring food costs.

Anderson said the Board's decision may result in decreased entrance into the residence system or even decreased enrolment. However, he said, "we're going to gamble that people will still want to live in residences. If we're wrong, we'll be caught with egg all over our faces."

He said UNB had a favorable position compared to other Maritime universities' residence rates. Last year UNB offered double rooms for \$1,025 compared to Dalhousie, St. Francis Xavier, St. Mary's, Acadia, Mount Allison and Mount St. Vincent which offered rates ranging from 1,042 to 1,207. The University of Prince Edward Island, Universite de Moncton and Saint Thomas University all had cheaper rates ranging from \$750 to \$950. St. FX has a fourteen-meal plan, St. Mary's and UNB offer 19 and all others give 21 meals per week. Rates for 1975 are expected to be raised at "most other institutions," said the Board.

Anderson said as long as the inflation continues fees will have to be increased periodically but he said he hoped the jump would not have to be

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towards the end of February. As well, the Senate decided that students should have more decision making input. They ordered faculties to put students on their various committees. It was learned that the SRC budget might be underspent by \$9000. The SRC was looking for clubs' constitutions. If they were not in, they would be de-ratified.

People became quite annoyed when Senate tried to shaft course evaluation, and John Anderson agreed that it was a bad move on their part. The Senate discrimination Sub-committee was not receiving enough input, it was learned, and Education Week suffered from a lack of participation. However, Computer Science Weekend came off okay, and the pre-meds were alive and well.

The yearbook was rescued by the SRC, but they are still short of staff and photos. Sue Manzer stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of The Brunswickan and Tom Benjamin took over. Chris Pratt replaced Dave Miller as station director of CHSR. The outgoing SRC executive gave their going away tearjerkers and Gordon Kennedy demanded an

apology from The Brunswickan for alleged misrepresentation.

The SRC began to have serious doubts about the wisdom of those in charge building the Aitken University Centre. However, we discovered that our new marking system was workable. Back on the negative side, no one seems particularly pleased with the student aid situation. Also, the second annual leadership conference suffered from a lack of attendance.

The defeated SRC Honorarium Report was going to be re-submitted in the near future on the new council. It seems some people were still scared of rip-offs.

Louis Robichaud gave a lecture on the political history of the Acadians and Warren McKenzie outlined his future plans for us all.

The SRC had the audacity to challenge the report that their budget was underspent by \$9000, and the issue never was cleared up. At last, but not least, it was found out that the UNB Temperance Union is alive and well, just like the rest of us here, so it seems. See you all next year and have a nice summer.

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