

Student board reps predicted no tuition hikes

By GERRY LASKEY

Before the April 7 Board of Governors meeting started, the Brunswickan representatives were informed in the lobby by university secretary, Dugald Blue, that the entire meeting was closed, even to the student press.

He said that almost the entire meeting would deal with budget, which is always closed. When told we were present due to student concern about tuition and other fees Blue said that especially those matters are closed to the public.



Chris Nagle

There had been rumours circulating that tuition would not be going up for political reasons. UNB's fees are already the highest in Canada. The fact that no hints at increases have been made and that Blue made the off-hand comment "Don't assume anything"

when a media representative mentioned the "inevitability" of a tuition increase, gave further strength to this idea. There had also been speculation that the government's grant to UNB had been "padded" somewhat.

The Brunswickan was able to get some pre-meeting response from the two UNB Fredericton student governors, Brian Forbes and Chris Nagle.

"I don't think it's (tuition) going to go up," said Forbes, "because it's the highest in the country now." Forbes added that only Mount Allison had fees as high as UNB and that "We'll price ourselves out of the market if there's any increase."

Forbes did say that he expected residence fees to go up, however. He cited increases in labour and food costs as reasons for this being probable. He said that it would be "unfair", on the other hand, if residence fees were raised simply to offset other cost increases, saying cutbacks should be made elsewhere if the budget didn't balance.

Chris Nagle, the other Fredericton campus student Board of Governors Representative, said, "Like anyone else, I'm against any kind of fee increases." Nagle added, "We're over charged now, we have the highest prices and the lowest services."

Nagle also speculated that some very detrimental cut-backs in student housing were considered. He said the university was considering dropping Victoria House, cutting back on dons and other measures. "If all this goes



Photo by Tom Evans

Four residence students' spokespersons made a formal presentation to the Board of Governors Thursday, April 7. They were responding to information they received only 24 hours prior calling for residence cutbacks totalling \$75,000. The representatives have until the May B.O.G. meeting to come up with alternate proposals.

through, you might as well not have a residence system," he said.

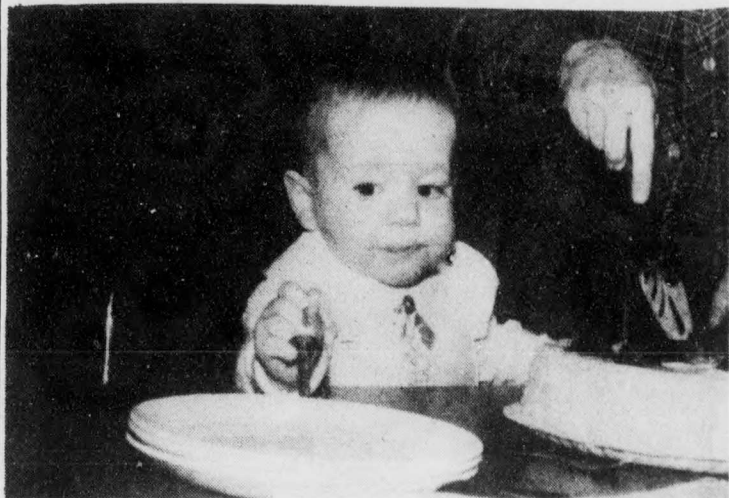
Commenting on the closing of the Board of Governors meeting, especially to students and their press, Nagle said, "I find that a little questionable. They should give more information to students in advance so their representatives could pick up the grass roots feeling better."

This was the situation as the meeting was about to start.

OYER, OYER, OYER; Let it be known to all persons that Sally Patricia Goldberg celebrated her first birthday on the twenty-first day of March in the afternoon, in the Year of our Lord,

nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Let it also be known that she had the weight of nineteen and one-half pounds and consumed much cake and ice cream at the event.



Signed by the proud parents:

Howard Peter Goldberg Elizabeth Logan Goldberg

Condon made SJ vice-president

Thomas J. Condon has been elected Vice-president of the University of New Brunswick, Saint John. The five-year appointment was announced last Thursday at a meeting of the UNB Board of Governors. The appointment will be effective July 1, 1977.

Dr. Condon will replace G. Forbes Elliot, a principal of UNBSJ since 1964; presently acting Vice-president.

Dr. Condon joined the UNB faculty in 1962 and was appointed Dean of Arts in 1970. In 1972 he

was responsible for the establishment of a four year arts program at the Saint John campus. He sees the future for UNBSJ as a time of consolidating. He intends to make the strengthening of recruitment activities a priority item, as he believes the growth in full-time enrolment is essential.

In the short-term, Dr. Condon intends to see what can be done to supply more housing near the campus available to students. He is also interested in future development of campus residences.

Dr. Condon will also assume the position of professor of history in the Division of Humanities at UNBSJ.

Included in the ten-member search committee for the Saint John Vice-presidency were UNBSJ faculty members Barry Beckett, Wayne Jollinear and Winnifred Bogards, student Randy Hatfield, and Philip W. Oland.

UNB President John Anderson chaired the committee and the other members were from the Fredericton faculty.



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