

## Unions Inevitable

Unions, the saviors and "voices" of the average working man, have undoubtedly brought numerous advantages to the labor force in the past half-century. As students, however, we are concerned about three recent UNB faculty groups' applications to the labour relations board for unionization. While collective bargaining may be great for industries and services, we seriously question whether the academic environment is an appropriate place for unionization.

While students presently enjoy a fairly informal relationship with the faculty of the university, unions are notoriously known for their introduction of formal, highly structured communication channels. The high quality, vocal faculty representation may result in student opinions being openly ignored. "Labor relations" may replace "education" as the key principle of our university. In effect, this means that while now, at least, students can protest poor professors, complain about unfair occurrences, and hope that they are heard, in the future we may be hushed up, such matters are protected from investigation by union security clauses.

Red tape, certainly in abundance here already, would triple, if the three unions do come onto campus. If certain library or administrative personnel are

included in the union, as presently suggested, well, we shudder at what might happen. Work-to-rule doesn't scare half as much as the thought of a strike. Certainly everyone could see time off from school, but not many would want their often well-planned and expensive educations to be surprisingly interrupted for an indefinite length of time. To be suspended in uncertain limbo while our educators bicker over whatever educators bicker over seems to us not only unfair, but unnecessary.

As well, unions always want one thing for those they represent, if nothing else, higher salaries. This indicates that the raising of tuition rates to an unknown high is predictable, for clearly the extra money must come from somewhere. Because of the economic condition of the present day, any large tuition hike will easily prevent many people from attending university which will discourage more potential students, and so on... a vicious circle. While we sympathize with the faculty, as their salaries definitely are among the lowest in Canada, they do receive many fringe benefits. We must look out for ourselves... after all, we already pay the highest tuition in the country, and must insist on the most value for our money. Sort of reminds you of grocery shopping, doesn't it?



## RCMP not so bad ...

We are sure you have all heard in the news lately the press is digging into and X?!\*ing all over the RCMP. We have all heard of the fuss raised over the Agence de Presse Libre Quebec (APLQ) break in, and now we are hearing of the various commissions formed to look into the "illegal" behavior of the RCMP (who by the way is just trying to protect our national security). As reporters we can see the press side of these events and the front-page story quality of the revelations

coming out of these commission meetings, but very few people are seeing the side of the RCMP.

This organization is trying to find out, and put a stop to, terrorist organizations that may threaten national security. Not only are they dealing with terrorist groups but they are also trying to limit foreign spy operations in Canada, and in doing so they pretty well have to adopt the same ways and means as the people they are dealing with.

Not only is the press using the RCMP to make news, but other organizations are complaining of being watched by strange men parked in cars across the street from their office buildings as well as wire tapping and are blaming it on the RCMP just to get their names in the paper and on TV.

We think it is time to put a stop to this. The commissions are investigating the reports of the alleged illegal acts and the completed reports will be tabled in the House of Commons and the

Federal Government will deal with this Federal Security force as they see fit. To us exposing the methods used by the RCMP is like telling a suspected felon that he is under surveillance and will be arrested at a certain place and time or telling the leaders of a drug ring that they will be subject to a raid at a certain place and time (foolish eh?). These are just our opinions and anyone wishing to respond to this editorial can do so by writing to FBI care of the Brunswickan.