

## It's going to get worse before it gets better

Things are going to get worse before they get any better as the old saying goes.

University officials say the \$1-million deficit they are experiencing this year is putting the university in "jeopardy";

In the midst of this "jeopardy", students may find themselves paying a higher tuition when they return next September. Any move to raise tuition will, no doubt, meet with a great deal of opposition.

However the question is how much of an increase?

The student can't really bitch about what might be termed a "reasonable" increase. After all, the cost

of living is going up all the time and the student can't really claim exemption from this fact of life. He, like the rest of the population, has to cough up the extra bread.

Yet the situation as it stands now deals with another aspect of finance. Attendance is dropping and many believe this will be the trend until we reach a plateau. Our costs are going up and our clientele is dropping. How can UNB provide a quality service with this financial setback?

Will the governments increase their grants to the universities? Are we going to lower our entrance requirements just to get X number of heads?

Should we lower, instead of increase, the quality of our education? Does anyone want to buy a second-hand university?

Sure, other universities may be experiencing a decline in attendance and they may find it necessary to increase their tuition fees.

But New Brunswick is a poor province - another old saying.

Don't we as Canadians deserve the same educational opportunities as our western neighbours? Should we remain as "backward" as our fellow Canadians think we are?

Take a look at tuition fees for 1972-73 at some universities across Canada. (Figures based on a two

semester arts program)

UPEI, \$550; University of Alberta, \$400; Acadia University, \$635; University of Victoria, \$428; University of Western Ontario, \$532.50; Sir George Williams University, \$450; University of Saskatchewan, \$410-\$425; Memorial University, \$500; University of Manitoba, \$425, St. Francis Xavier University, \$648; University of New Brunswick, \$612.

How much of an increase can the students of this province stand? What additional money will the government be bringing forward?

There are lots of questions to this issue, but the important one is - where will we find the answers?

## FEEDBACKFEEDBAC FEEDBACKFEEDBACFEEDBACK

Dear Sir:

I would like to make a few comments on "Sex and the College Girl" which appeared in the September 22nd edition of The Brunswickan. I was amazed at the content of the article. In a few short, simple words, it shocked me to death. Don't misunderstand me. One of the first sentences that jumped out at me was "The possibility of pregnancy is too great and too shocking to let it upset your year." The statement is relevant, but it immediately gave me the impression that as soon as you walked onto the University grounds you should go on the Pill! What a put down. We, the

female population, do have a head on our shoulders, and most of us have enough marbles in our brains to avoid the situation, or in any case know where certain circumstances can lead us to, and know how to react accordingly.

"You will be faced with the problem or situation demanding your decision on the matter of having sexual intercourse." Understand yourself. If you do understand yourself or at least know what you want, or don't want then I do not feel that the Pill is a solution or an answer.

Coming to a University for the first time, is a fantastic way to meet new people and build new relationships. At some

point during the school year you may indeed be faced with a situation which demands an immediate decision as a girl, on whether or not to have sexual intercourse. If you are the kind of individual who is willing to take the chance, or who does not care about the possibilities for personal reasons, of pregnancy, then your response may be, "Fine with me", but if you are not ready for sexual intercourse, and you come forth and say it, but most importantly you mean it, then again the problem is settled.

I think that most girls are approached by worried parents prior to attending a University, and receive "an important

lecture, or rather strong suggestions and opinions" on the matter of sex and the college girl. But we were not told to take the Pill, we were told to use our heads, NOT a prescription!

It is up to the individuals involved, which includes the guys as well as the girls, to understand their feelings, their desires, and limitations, and also to understand their partners thoughts, before they reach the crucial point where an immediate decision is required. Think it out yourself, and most importantly understand yourself.

Live your University life the way in which you are the happiest, and understand yourself and your feelings about sexual involvement. As Judy says at the end of her article, "There is so much you can do for yourself. For all of us. EXACTLY!"

Karen Lank,  
First year.

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter now because I wish to point out a situation which I find intolerable and which should not be allowed to continue.

Being an off-campus student I have had occasion to eat meals in the S.U.B. Coffee Shop and Cafeteria. Between April and September of this year the Saga Foods management has seen fit to raise its prices from 10 to 15 percent. Why the sudden increase? Granted the cost of living has been going up but surely it has not spiralled upwards so rapidly as to warrant price hikes of this size.

Possibly the quality and

quantity of the food have been increased and Saga Foods wants to offset that cost. However, having sampled a good cross-section of what the Cafeteria offers, I would discount the former as being a valid reason. As to the quantity, I was told by a cashier when I inquired about the increased prices that it was the company's policy to "decrease portions and increase cost". I believe that that speaks for itself.

This situation leaves one little doubt as to what Saga Foods thinks of us: we are an easy "mark". I could hope that the company would decrease its prices of its own accord but I see little chance of that. As a result I suggest that the S.R.C., which has already done commendable work in the problem of student housing, takes a long look at the problem of student nourishment taking into account not only the price but also the quality of the food sold on campus.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Stewart

Dear Sir:

This evening I saw something I have come to associate with UNB over the past 3 years that I have been here. I'm from Harrison House, and lo and behold when I came back from classes today there were five men working. I think you could call it that, on our back porch - the Resident Fellows patio - scraping bubbles out of the porch surface. This job of resurfacing the porch was started last Sept. and finished only late this summer. However here they are,

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