

Zoomer Views

Quality of Student Life

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Hi Zoomers! I believe I should start this column by introducing myself. My name is Danny Pitre and I'm a part time student in BBAI program and also a director at large for our zoomers executive. I feel as the only part time student representative in this organization that I should address the same concerns as any other part timer on campus.

Since C.A.M.P.U.S. has been presenting some issues to the Taskforce for quality of student life, I have spent some time asking some of my peers about their quality of life here. It seems that most mature and Part time students I meet have the same major complaints.

1-The cost of education, books and anything else associated with the university education is too much to bear.

2-The lack of smoking areas at U.N.B., the only indoor space for students is Carlton C-217A and it's too small for any comfort (only room for about 12 people).

3-Parking fees for part time students is the same as those for full time students even though we spend only about half the time on campus. (That's if we can find any parking space at all)

Now, I'll throw in a few personal peeves, like finding affordable housing close to U.N.B., as is, I found affordability across the river (approx. 1 hour 15 min. walk). There is also the problem of student loans for part timers that you have to start repaying as soon as you receive it. (in my case, all my money is tied up in paying other bills, thank you!) This list could go on and on, but lets get on to other matters.

Since the secretary for the zoomers office has not materialized yet, I will start holding office hours every Thursday, from 11:30 AM to 1 pm, starting on January 28. A more elaborate schedule is in the works, and speaking of schedules, I have a hectic one so I better go now.

P.S. A reminder to all concerned, we at C.A.M.P.U.S. are making decisions about your student life and we need your inputs, comments and opinions. So don't hesitate to drop in at Annex B, Rm 21 (the white building across from the UNB Bookstore) or call us at 453-3596 and we will get back to you A.S.A.P.

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