

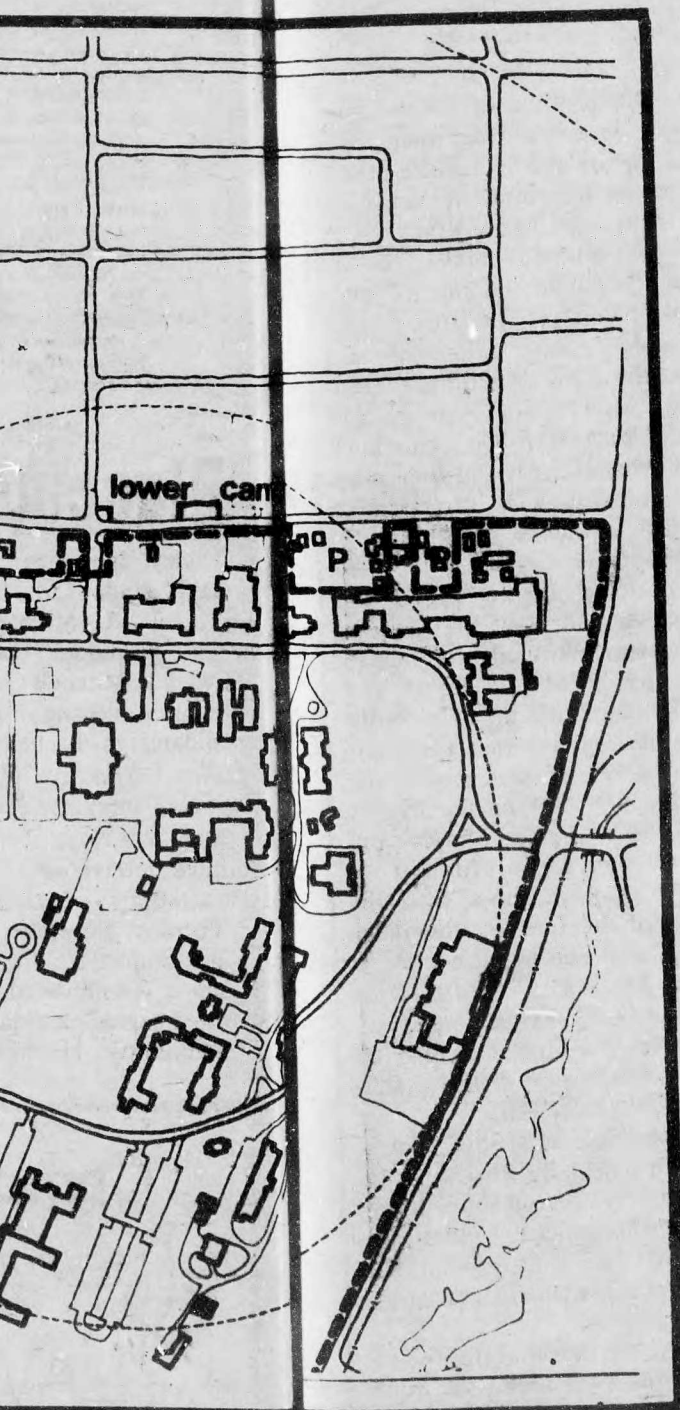
# Uniproperty

province and the going to the city. This means the receive approximately \$390,000 from the university each year.

"It would be disastrous," said Dr. Pacey. In order for the university to foot the bill, he said, it would be necessary to obtain a grant from the provincial government, which would be "taking it from one pocket and putting it in another."

He felt that the university did not realize all the advantages from the university. He said, rather than taking money from the university, the city attempt to get it from the provincial government.

Should UNB should the cost be shifted to the student form of a fee hike? "There's a chance of that," said Pacey, "students are another source of income."



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Dr. Macaulay took a similar view of the proposed tax, "There's no way we could raise it." He did say, however, that raising tuition fees was "the last possible approach to do it, in my opinion," but later admitted, "You could consider the possibility that it might be reflected in student fees."

"I can see both sides of this picture," said Macaulay, "they have a large land area for which they have no return. That's a problem for them. The taxes are a problem for us." He said that the outcome of the city's proposal depends on the attitude of the provincial government.

Meanwhile, Mayor J.W. Bird insists that the proposal to remove the property tax exemption from the university be seen in context with the other items in the city's brief. He explained that the city has to provide many services, such as good roads, fire and police protection, but receives a disproportionate amount in taxes due to the amount of property owned by the university, the federal and provincial governments, all of it tax exempt.

He added that the city was paying property taxes to the government on its own civic properties.

Bird readily admits that the city receives many benefits from the university and says he's not knocking it in any way; he merely feels that it should be considered as an industry, which derives benefits from the city while also contributing to it. Industries, of course, have to pay taxes, but there aren't

many of them in Fredericton to provide the city with this revenue. Therefore, he feels that the tax exemptions should be removed from any properties where they now exist. However, he is of the opinion that all property taxes should be diminished, and would apply this to the university.

He sees the university and the city as forming a community together, and doesn't feel it is fair to conjecture what would happen to one if the other were not present. He said that while the city has an obligation to provide the university with services, it is doing a "fairly good job of trying to accommodate the existence of the university."

Bird said he believes Pacey understands that the city "is not taking dead on at the university", and added that civic relations between the city and the university "have never been better." While admitting it was "just obvious" that the university did not at the present time have the funds to pay property taxes, he said this could either come in the form of grants from the provincial government or from the higher education commission.

For the moment, the question of whether UNB shall be taxed remains with the Task Force on Municipal Structure and Financing, as part of the brief.

The Task Force will consider the contents of the document and will submit a report to the government, possibly by the end of November. The government may reject the brief, or accept it in whole or in part.

*Assessment of UNB property. This is the amount we'll be taxed on if the city's proposal goes through. The city would take 78 cents per \$100 assessment.*

	Land	Building	Total
Math Building, 810 Albert St.	\$ -	\$ 20,904	\$ 20,900
Parking Lot, 800 Albert St.	16,000	-	16,000
Vacant Lot, 763 King's College Rd.	1,427	-	1,430
Vacant Lot, near Regent at Montgomery	260,000	-	260,000
Vacant Lot, Regent at Montgomery	7,000	-	7,000
Vacant Lot near Regent at Priestman	78,715	-	78,720
Forest Ranger School- 5 Bldgs., land	90,400	484,020	574,420
Forest Ranger School Bldg.	-	25,000	25,000
Parking Lot, 685 Windsor Street.	4,000	-	4,000
Parking Lot, 530 Windsor St.	12,270	-	12,270
Parking Lot, 552 Windsor St.	4,000	-	4,000
Biology and Geology Bldg.	4,281	6,756	11,040
Parking Lot, 690 Windsor St.	4,000	-	4,000
Parking Lot, 708 Windsor St.	4,000	-	4,000
Parking Lot, 712 Windsor St.	6,000	-	6,000
Parking Lot, 558 Windsor St.	4,000	-	4,000
Parking Lot, 566 Windsor St.	4,000	-	4,000

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