

Campus Childcare issue finally looked into

by Jeffery Czopor

In 1979 the Task Force on the Status of Women, formulated in 1976 by President John Anderson to address the multiple needs of women, made a total of 93 recommendations, one being a proposal for a daycare facility on campus. However, as such issues are often handled, it was placed on the back burner and is only now being revived due to the efforts of the Student Union.

Focusing on "Work-Environment Priorities," studies of campus child care concerns were conducted in Fredericton and Saint John. The results displayed that there is an essential need to "create suitable facilities, to provide both regularly scheduled child care and drop-in babysitting [students, faculty, librarians, staff, administrators] are in class, working at the library....." They also stated that a "data bank" should be formed of emergency babysitters who

will be able to come to the child's home in the case of sickness or school closing.

In 1983, an eight-person Committee on the Status of Women was established. The role of the committee is to review progress in advocating the actual recommendations of the Task Force Report. Although the daycare issue proved high on their list of priorities, their pleas have proved ineffective for a number of years now.

There are those who feel

that the lack of overall concern for getting the program off the ground is only another disregarding of the immediate needs of women. The fact that most women are in charge of the children over the course of the day makes it considerably more difficult to attend university if they have to worry about the costly burden of child care as well. Also, this has been looked as a disadvantage to women professors who are not excused from finding care for

the children. Whether the single-parent student or professor be female or male, child care facilities would be well appreciated by all.

It is also important to mention that the study found that many universities in Canada had already implemented programs and proves that UNB is definitely "behind the times." However, although the Student Union's proposal is just in the works, it appears that after 13 long years something may now be done.

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Press Release

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"With the recent cuts to the New Brunswick Student Aid Program, we have to question whether our government is providing a first-class education or an upper-class education," says Canadian Federation of Students provincial Chairperson Tony Norrad.

At the General Meeting of

the Progressive Conservative Party in 1989, Brian Mulroney said that his government would "carry its fair share of the burden to ensure that all young Canadians receive a first-class education as they confront a world-class challenge."

Yet, what has taken place since? An unpopular 3 per cent tax on student loans was imposed and the future looks bleak for federal transfer payments needed for post-secondary education. In 1992-93 fiscal year, transfer payments to New Brunswick for education will be reduced by \$20.8 million. In the past five years, the federal government has already cut \$3.2 billion from transfer

payments for post-secondary education.

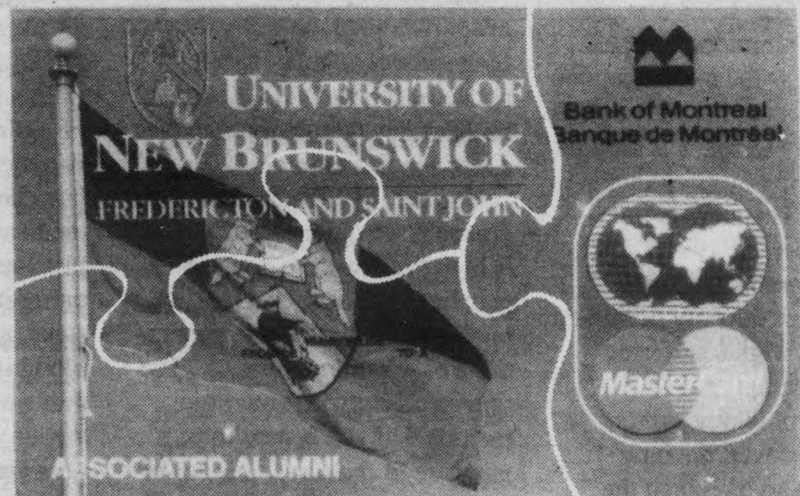
If we stay at the current rate of reduction that will mean virtually no transfer payments for post-secondary education in the province by 1995-96. Who will make up the difference? In New Brunswick, eighty per cent of the funding for post-secondary institutions come from federal transfer payments. Who will make up the difference?

The Canadian Federation of Students - New Brunswick represents over 16,000 university and college students across the province. For more information contact: Tony Norrad, chairperson, at 364-2231.

It's Here!



From left to right: Andrew Dobson, U.N.B.S.J. Student Union President; Dr. Robin Armstrong, U.N.B. President; Greg Lutes, U.N.B.F. Student Union President; Fred McElman, President Associated Alumni; Rebecca Watson, Bank of Montreal Representative & U.N.B. Alumnae; Michelle Clark, Alumni Affairs.



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