

## Plan for universities needed, says Murrell

by Gordon Loane  
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A University of New Brunswick economist thinks the McKenna government should develop a new comprehensive re-structuring plan for New Brunswick universities.

David Murrell was reacting to the news that funding for post-secondary education would be reduced by three million dollars in each of the next three years.

"There is a danger in cutting money just from the top without a plan and a re-structuring of universities," he said. "Without a plan, inefficiencies will still remain in the system and tuition will continue to go up."

It all means that with the provincial government cuts, students will continue to be asked to supply a disproportionate amount of the funds, according to Murrell.

"It also means fewer students will go to university and that's bad news for all

of us," he said. If fewer students come to university, the number of full time professors employed will continue to drop and those retiring will not be replaced, Murrell feels.

"More part-time instructors will make their way onto campus as the administration tries to economize," he said. "We just cannot go on like we did in the 1960's and 1970's."

Murrell feels the government should develop a plan calling for the introduction of more co-op programs at New Brunswick universities. "I feel the government should list the Departments and have them institute co-op programs to integrate students into the work place."

The economist has some advice to

offer to UNB Administrators as well — he suggests integrating programs to cut costs. "I think Education faculty programs in Saint John and Fredericton should be integrated. There would be some efficiencies for doing that," he said.

Murrell also thinks re-structuring will make it harder on the unions on campus, and that professors may have to sacrifice to keep tuition fees lower. "Down the road there is going to have to be an acceptance of salary caps," he said. He points to professors in other jurisdictions that are faring much worse. "In Alberta and Ontario, for example, tenured professors have been asked to find jobs elsewhere."



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## CHSR FunDrive a success

by Cynthia Kirkby  
Co-News Editor

Community support for CHSR's FunDrive is greater than usual this year, according to Station Manager Jeff Whipple. "It's almost like [listeners] were waiting for FunDrive to start."

According to Whipple, at the halfway point, more than half of the \$5,000 goal had been pledged. "At this point, we're ahead of last year in terms of dollars raised. Hopefully we'll break the barrier." Money raised goes towards equipment maintenance.

This year, fewer listeners are phoning in their pledges, but more are "walking in and paying on the spot." This could be due to the "Loonie Table" and the "Little room of big prizes," both of which reward donors according to the amount of the pledge. "That's what the gifts are there for — to entice people to pay. It's always nice

to give these things away to our listeners."

A big contributor to this year's fund-raising was Pink Floyd. "The Wall was amazing," Whipple said. Due to an overwhelming response, the movie will have a second midnight showing, tonight at the Plaza Cinemas. "Advance sales are going really well again," he reported.

"We did 'The Wall' five years ago at MacLaggan Hall. It was shown during the biggest snow storm of the year, and still 100 people showed up, so we had an inkling it'd be a success."

"We wanted the Rocky Horror Picture Show, but they wouldn't let us do it. It's been banned since people threw eggs at the screen in Tilley Hall. They had to replace the screen."

Whipple is urging listeners to pledge: "It's an opportunity for people in the community to show our volunteers how much they appreciate them." This year's FunDrive ends on Sunday.



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