

# No financial aid possible, girl must leave university

Last weekend a girl walked through the front gates of the UNB campus for the last time. No fuss attended her departure: no noise, no march, no protestors lining the wayside. In fact it was as though she were leaving on a three-day vacation, except that she won't be back. Why did she go? She was forced — not physically: no one told her to go, but she was forced all the same; by you and I, by the people upstairs and the people outside.

This girl was a second year Arts student. Last year she was able to pay her way through university by means of a Canada Student Loan, so when she found herself short again this year she once more applied for a loan — and was refused. The powers-that-be turned her down as they have many others in recent months. Her father was in no way assisting this girl but apparently this made no difference.

Next she knocked on the door of this university — only

to have it closed gently (but firmly) in her face. At the Financial Aid and Awards office she was eventually refused her plea for help.

As a further blow, she was informed by the office of the Registrar that if she did not register immediately she would not be able to do so at a later date, even if she did procure the necessary funds. So she did. She paid her registration

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fee and her residence fee — and kept on looking. No luck. Every road led to rules and "unfortunate" circumstances that barred her way.

Last week she ran out of doors to knock on and people to see: she went home and the educational community lost another valuable member.

Now what do we do? Is this what all the efforts toward keeping people in school lead to? Has this (or any other) university become so over-

crowded that it can afford to turn away someone who has, for a year, labored towards a degree? Who can say what this girl may have been able to offer? Can someone turn themselves into a God and decide the worthiness of another?

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