

Food prices, residence fees, going up in fall

By ALISON KING

Inflation and government budget restraints will not make students feel any more financially at ease next year. A price rise in some areas was inevitable, however.

Negotiations are still going on with Saga Foods, the food caterers for the University. Their contract has to be renewed annually. According to Dr. Anderson, President of UNB, since food prices are going to have to go up next year, it is a foregone

conclusion that residence fees are going to have to be raised also, although at the moment by how much is necessarily "a matter for speculation".

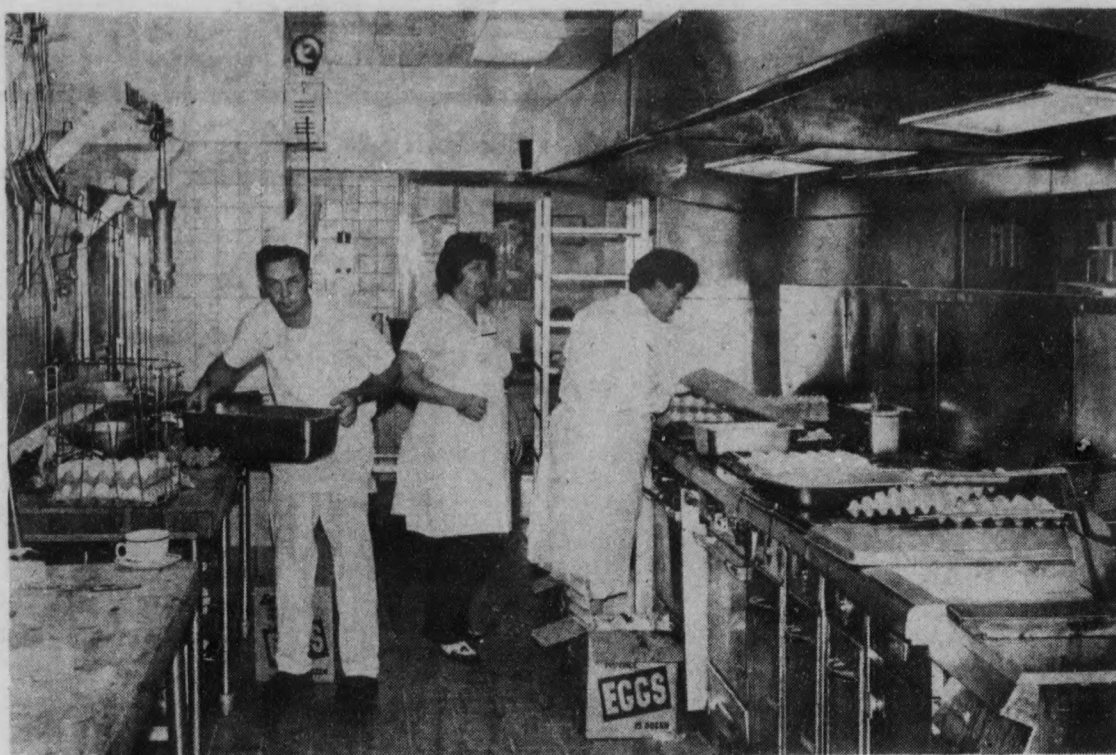
It is the responsibility of the Maritime Province Higher Education Commission to allocate money to the three provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and P.E.I., but the Commission has first to be informed of the global amount of money that the three governments are prepared to spend. They are expected to reach a decision early next week probably Monday or Tuesday. Until then, Anderson says "We can merely speculate. We are going to have to take a close look at the budget and get it balanced properly. We cannot budget for a deficit; that is forbidden by the Commission. Naturally I hope that tuition fees won't go up too much. All I know is they won't be decreased."

Anderson said also that to his knowledge there had been a recommendation from the Ontario Council of Universities that tuition fees be raised by 25 percent, and that no bursaries should be granted. At the moment the tuition fees make up 15.5 percent of the total cost of educating each student.

The University has four sources of revenue:

- a) the government grant
- b) tuition fees
- c) a small endowment
- d) the revenue from the residences.

Incidentally the residences are supposed to pay for themselves,



Negotiations between Saga Foods and the university administration will probably result in an increase in residence fees next year.

and at the moment this is far from being the case. They have a deficit of \$300,000 per annum, said

Anderson.

Speculation therefore can be the only order of the day until next

week, but in this speculation lies the certainty of price increases in residence fees at least.

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New Democrats support aid issue

The New Brunswick New Democratic Party wishes to add its name to the list of organizations supporting the demands of the students of New Brunswick for a more equitable student aid program. J. Albert Richardson leader of the New Brunswick NDP, urges all other community organizations to voice their support for the students in order to force the Hatfield government, which has become insensitive to the needs of the people, to respond in a more equitable manner to the students' demands.

The NDP leader strongly denounces the actions of the Hatfield government in evicting the students from the Centennial Building in Fredericton late Sunday afternoon without any consideration for the well-being of the students.

Richardson also charges that the Hatfield government is fighting inflation on the backs of low income earners. By refusing to alter the student aid program, the Hatfield government is discouraging or denying a university

education for the children of average or low income families.

The NDP wishes to express strong disapproval with the Hatfield government's decision to put economic priorities ahead of the social needs of the people thus denying to the most disadvantaged groups the right to a university education.

"The economic arguments put forth by the government", says J. Albert Richardson, "are invalid

since Newfoundland, the poorest province in Canada, has a student aid program far superior to that of New Brunswick."

The NDP urges the provincial government to bring the New Brunswick student aid program more in line with that of the other provinces of Canada, and condemns the harsh treatment accorded to the students struggling for a more equitable student aid program.

New constitution to require three SRC meetings a month

Students' Representative Council decided to make at least three meetings per month mandatory during the academic year, excluding December.

This is to be effected when the new constitution is ratified. The present constitution states that at

least two meetings per month must be held.

President Jim Smith said two meetings per month were sufficient except when pressing problems came up. However, others said meetings were excessively long and council business was often delayed over the two week period.

Arts Representative Chris Pratt said Council had two meetings per month as a general rule since Smith became president and council would not have to call special meetings if there was at least three regular meetings per month. Further, he said, the length of meetings would be cut.

Disciplinary committee meets

The Student Disciplinary Committee had its first meeting January 29.

One of its first motions was the fining of the three girls involved with the ringing of fire alarms at Dalhousie University.

The girls will be allowed to pay the \$50.00 fine in installments. The first installment is due February 15th and the fine must be fully paid by May 1st.

Past action by the SDC includes a \$25 fine for ballot stuffing.

Applications ~

Applications are being accepted for the position of Assistant Comptroller for the Student Representative Council until Friday, March 12, 1976.

Applicants must either be in second or third year and be full-time students at the university.

Applications should be addressed to the U.N.B. S.R.C. Comptroller, Room 126, Student Union Building.

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