

Tuition fee increases finalised at 10% for 76-77

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Tuition and residence fee hikes were settled upon for next year at a closed session of the university board of governors last Tuesday.

Tuition fees will be increased by slightly over 10 percent to \$740 from \$672 last year. The basic fee for single courses will rise from \$132 to \$148 effective on the Fredericton campus with intercession beginning May 3 and on the Saint John campus with the spring session commencing April 19.

This information was released by the UNB public relations office the morning following the meeting.

The release also stated residence fees would increase by \$250 per student, putting a double room at \$1550 and a single at \$1650.

Rent for McGee House apartments will rise by eight percent. The increases reflect rising operating costs and the effect of a severely constrained operating grant from the provincial government, the release states.

For the coming year the maximum increase in total government grants to the university will be 6.6 percent, which president John Anderson claims is one of, if not the, lowest in the country.

However, the increases in fees will not cover the cut in government grants, according to UNB comptroller S.S. Mullin. He said \$84,000 would be needed to keep the university operating on the same level as 1975-76 in an interview Thursday.

Mullin said the increases were arrived at after making provision for increases which "must be made." These included salaries and increased costs for fuel and electric power. This figure takes into account a projected five percent increase in enrollment next year.

However, Mullin said this figure did not take into account price increases, which means UNB may be "several hundred thousand dollars short in purchasing power." Depending on inflation, this figure could range between \$500,000 and \$800,000.

Mullin said cuts would be made in the "non-people area" first, such as lab supplies and books, and faculty and enrollment cuts would be the last to be considered.

Mullin reiterated earlier statements that if similar constraints were made in the 1977-78 academic year, "The effect on us would be very drastic indeed."

Every budget in the university would undergo a "very severe scrutiny," he said.

Mullin said budgetary problems at the Saint John campus would be even worse than at Fredericton. Their budget is only one tenth that of the Fredericton campus, he explained, and, "The smaller your budget, the less flexibility you have." "The budgetary effect on the Saint John campus will be quite severe," the comptroller said, although he said neither campus would be in good financial condition.

Mullin said that, as a result of the Deutsch report, the two campuses have separate budgets, meaning that all fees collected at Saint John will be spent at that campus and vice versa. The same applies for government grants.

The increase in residence fees, said Mullin, kept within the policy of reducing or maintaining the present deficit of the residence system.

The increase will only "slightly reduce the deficit," Mullin explained that the residence system generally shows a "small surplus" on ordinary expenditures, "but mortgages cause debts."

Mullin said fees would have to be increased an extra \$150 to eliminate the deficit.

Mullin claimed the fee increases were made "only with the greatest reluctance," and "a lot of heartache."

Concerning the 1977-78 year, "We have no idea. This is where our worry is," said Mullin.

Anderson said in the press release, "I hope and urge that the government's student aid program will be adjusted so that these fee increases do not adversely affect students from low income families."

"I hope that we will be able to maintain essential teaching services for the coming year," he continued.

"However, we will be slipping behind in 1976-77, and that situation will become much more severe if a satisfactory level of government assistance is not provided for future years," he added.

"The most disturbing fact is that we do not know where we stand for 1977-78 and beyond. In previous years, universities in New Brunswick could plan two to three years ahead. This year we did not learn what our provincial government grant would be until March 1st, and we have no indication of the level of support to be available for 1977-78."

"The Board must attach the greatest urgency to establishing the financial outlook for future years, so that we will know if more severe cutbacks will be required in 1977-78, or we can plan to restore the budget cuts we have made, and to carry forward the academic programs and services we now have, and those which the future will require."

"It has taken many years to bring the Province's universities to their present stage of development, and we must not abandon the efforts made over the past decade to achieve the range and quality of educational opportunities which a modern society expects and needs," Anderson added.

The government maintained in

this year's provincial budget speech that restraint is needed in order to ensure future economic well-being, but university officials rejected this, saying a university program takes time to develop and cannot simply be cut.

Executive assistant to New Brunswick Premier Richard Hatfield said Thursday that changes may result from the committee to look into student aid problems after the recent student demonstration. Particularly, provision might be made for "desperate cases."

Hackett said whether or not present constraints would be long or short term depended on the economy's response to anti-inflation measures. "Hopefully they'll be short term," he said.



UNB Comptroller S.S. Mullin told The Brunswickan that as a result of budget restraints that cutbacks would be first made in "non-people" areas.

SRC Statistics

According to statistics compiled and released by a member of the Students Representative Council, at least some councillors do not appear to be doing their jobs which they were elected for.

The following list should give a fairly accurate indication of who is trying to, at least, follow activities and do a conscientious job.

Number of abstentions

Berube (Bus)	1
Bleakney (Rep at large)	4
Donovan (Arts)	13
Davidson (Comptroller)	4
Davis (Nursing)	2
Downing (For)	3
Field (Phy Ed)	3
Kennedy (V-Pres)	5
Kibaki (Educ)	2
Morrison (Science)	4
Patrick (rep at large)	4
Patriquen (sc)	5
Porter (Educ)	7
Pratt (Arts)	2
Sanderson (C.S.)	0
Semple (Eng)	5
D. Smith (Eng)	22
J. Smith (Pres)	3
Roach (Law)	3
Wawer (rep at large)	3
Whalen (educ)	3

Honoraria question dominates SRC meeting

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Honoraria for different student union organization was the major topic for the last Students' Representative Council meeting.

A revision of the schedule passed last week was settled upon, although not all councillors and members of campus organizations were pleased with the result.

Most of the debate centered around the proposed weekly honorarium for The Brunswickan editor. Council previously passed an honorarium of \$60 per week up to a maximum of \$1500 for the position, but, as recommended by an ad hoc committee chaired by former comptroller Wenceslaus Batanyita this was reduced to \$50 per week up to a maximum of \$1250.

This would put the total to \$100 less than the comptroller's honorarium taking away what was a major objection by some councillors to the honoraria structure.

However, some councillors were still not pleased.

Councillor Allan Patrick, also station director of College Hill Student Radio, was annoyed that the director's honorarium remained constant, yet The Brunswickan editor's was substantially raised. The director's honorarium was raised \$50 to \$550 as a result of the Batanyita report. Patrick said the two jobs were formerly considered equal. The motion to increase the station director's honorarium said it would be reconsidered when CHSR is taken to off campus students.

However, outgoing Brunswickan Editor-in-Chief said the editor received substantially more than the station director in the 1969-1970 academic year. Time and responsibility for the editor has "drastically changed," said Benjamin. To make honoraria for the two positions equal is "simply not equitable," he claimed.

However, councillor Chris Pratt said the editor's chair should not be a "salaried position." "I would ask for the defeat of this motion," he said. Councillor Mike Bleakney

agreed, saying the honorarium should not be "an automatic payment every week." Pratt is the immediate past director of CHSR and Bleakney will be on the executive next year.

CHSR members on council were accused of conflict of interest in voting to increase their own honoraria. However, this was dismissed by Patrick. This was part of a six page report he read to council. Later in an interview, he said he "came into both positions (on council and with CHSR) honestly and with no ulterior motives as to manipulation of one for the benefit of the other." Further, he said, "It was a mere coincidence that I came to hold both seats this year, and I think that all it represents is my growing interest in student affairs."

The yearbook staff received a boost in honoraria, but they were not satisfied with the result. The yearbook editor is to receive \$300 plus \$100 if the book is delivered on time, a rare occurrence in the past few years.

OYER, OYER, OYER; Let it be known to all persons that Sally Patricia Goldberg was born on the twenty-first day of March at 3:07 in the afternoon in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

Let it also be known that she had the weight of seven pounds and six ounces and the measurement of nineteen and one-quarter inches and was delivered under the hand of Doctor Donald Morgan.



Signed by the proud parents:

Howard Peter Goldberg
Party of the first part

Elizabeth (Beth) Logan
Goldberg
Party of the second part