

Library cutbacks

Won't affect most

By JOHN HAMILTON

The Harriet Irving Library, is being forced to cut-back on spending this year, and as part of these measures, will be reducing its periodical budget by \$30,000 said Dr. Gertrude Gunn, University Librarian.

Periodicals include newspapers, magazines, and journals, which are subscribed to annually. Because of higher costs and the dropping Canadian dollar, Gunn said, approximately one-eighth of all subscriptions will have increased prices this year.

All departments will be feeling the pinch, because of a Library Committee proposal to reduce each department's budget by approximately ten percent.

Periodicals dropped will be chosen in consultation with faculty members, with the least necessary publications going first. The decisions are being made now, because the library places the bulk of its order for next year in October.

Dr. Gunn says it's pretty well "a shot in the dark" to predict prices when ordering, for most prices have not been settled by the publisher or the agent when re-ordering time comes.

With about 9000 periodicals on standing orders, Gunn said the inflation rate for these is around 13.6 percent, compared to the Consumer Price Index rate of 8 percent.

Gunn also said that these financial restrictions have put the library in a "no-growth" situation, for both periodicals and books. Necessary titles will be purchased, but there is no money left over for new, perhaps better, publications, without cutting back in some other area.

The situation in other Canadian universities is much the same. Recently, UBC cancelled 1200 titles.

Will this situation affect us? No, not most undergraduates, said Gunn, as they use a limited number of basic "core" journals. Research workers and graduate students will be the ones most inconvenienced by the budget restrictions.



Library feels pinch

A single reply to those who have questioned the Harriet Irving Library's hours:

We were requested by the University's budgeting authorities to reduce our salary and wages budget for 1977/78 by contracting the Library's hours to those clearly justified by the number of users. We were also advised that our Security staff was to be reduced.

We studied our statistics carefully and found that few users were in the Library on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings and evenings, except during the examination months of December and April. Accordingly, we have cut our hours to eliminate these times of marginal and, therefore, costly use and to reduce the unwarranted consumption of high cost energy. The longer hours will be reinstated for December and April.

We were, of course, completely aware that this change would run counter to some students' habits of library use and be less convenient for some than the Library's extended hours. However, given that the Branch Libraries for Engineering and Science can provide quiet study writing space on Friday nights and Saturday mornings and that the Science Library is open on Sunday mornings (check your Library Handbook for times), the Library is still making provision for those few students wanting or needing to use library space during these periods.

Certainly a higher degree of organization will be necessary for students gathering materials for seminars, term papers and theses i.e. maximum use of the Library and its staff and services in the hours that the library is open.

Scholarly researchers in Britain, it may be noted, manage to do their research during the 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. day provided by the British Museum and the Public Records Office.

To sum up in the words of the Library Handbook:

"We regret that the financial exigencies of the University have compelled the Library to cut back in 1977/78 on the number of hours per week that it is open. However, we are confident that by organizing your time you will make the best possible use of the

many hours that the library is open."

The Library can't spend money it doesn't have.

Gertrude E. Gunn
University Librarian

CHVW-look ma,
we're on TV!

In the midst of our Wednesday night confusion (otherwise known as putting the paper together) the Bruns was visited by CHVW - the

campus's new television station. This station started out a few years ago in the form of a video

club, but now they have become an actual station - with the start of their own channel in a couple of weeks - Channel 5. In the past

years CHVW has been using channel 10. With the success of

their own station UNB will become the first university in Canada to

have their own station. Interest in the club has been high and the membership runs

now at about 15-20 people. They are divided into four separate groups for the covering of tape footage. These groups include, sports, news, special features, and

music. Basically footage gained right now is for the training of new members to get them prepared for video taping in the future. The

equipment is all UNB's, from faculties such as the student teachers, education dept. Their studio is in Marshal D'Avray.

SUB unprofitable-Saga speaks out

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

The Student Union Building has been unprofitable in the past according to Alan McQueen, District Manager of Saga Foods.

He said that on most campuses, the snack bars are subsidized by residences, but this is not the case at UNB. In addition, McQueen said that when there were vacancies in residences, the food concession is not taken into account. They still have to supply the same amount of food, although there may be wastage, and extra salaries for the extra cooks. This is to ensure the price is not raised.

McQueen also said the residences have other problems. For instance, an operation running 8 months a year is less efficient than one on a 12 month basis.

McQueen said that the contract drawn up between Saga and the SUB Board still causes Saga to sustain a loss. McQueen said that while the concession does get rebates, they do not involve a sizeable amount.

Saga gets rebates with a carbonated drink company and McCains Seabrook among others. McQueen says that this is a bone of contention as Saga has been accused of keeping the rebates back and using them for personal purposes.

As Saga operates all over campus, there have to be cooks in various locations. This involves an

other major expense on Saga's part.

The rising food costs and wage increases also contribute to expenses as the amount of sales remains constant.

The Brunswickan also interviewed Frank Gillette, director of Food Services at Saga. Gillette said that Saga was aiming for a zero profit this year. He stressed the fact that the minimal profit from the residences does not effect the SUB losses.

Gillette said that Saga is responsible for the dishes, cutlery, and similar things. He said last year alone, there was a 26 thousand dollar loss alone on theft and breakage.

In view of the many complaints about the food program of the concession, Gillette said the programs were determined by the food committee's. These committees have representatives from residences and such. There are also meetings of various reps such as deans, students, etc. to supplement the committee decisions.

Gillette said the University has access to Sagas statements and that Saga is not trying to hike anything.

He said that the rebated the concession have offset the cost of purchasing.

Gillette stressed Saga's interest

in students and their wants. He said the discontinuance of the 10 percent rebate to the SUB is one measure to ensure that SUB prices

remain low for the students.

Manager, Doug McFarland now spends his lunch hour in the cafeteria to assess student

reaction to Saga's menu.

Gillette concluded by saying that Saga has the students' interests at heart.

Psst! Need a loan?

By MAC BREWER

For students needing financial aid, the place to go is Room 119, Alumni Memorial Centre. The person to see, Mrs. Patricia Hallett will be present to answer any questions regarding student loans.

Mrs. Sue Wiesner will be interviewing applicants from October 12-26 for this fall's university loans.

These loans are for a maximum of \$300.00 and are open to all students in good academic standing and in financial need.

Students on academic probation are advised to ask that their application be reviewed in January, rather than this term. This will give them a chance to raise their grade point average, and increase their chances of receiving a loan.

Applications for loans are put before a loan committee. It is they who determine who receive the loans on the basis of financial need and academic standing.

There will be further interviews in the spring term, all of January

and the last two weeks in February. It should be noted, however, that students may consult Mrs. Hallett any time concerning financial problems.

The Awards office helps approximately 350 students each year with university loans. These loans carry an interest rate of approximately 4 percent.

The number of people receiving loans depends on both the number of applicants received and the number of repaid loans from the previous year. If all the previous years loans are paid, the office will have more working capital to distribute.

There are loan funds set aside for specific faculties but these are small and can only accommodate 2 or 3 people. Other applicants from the same faculty will be accommodated under the general loan fund.

Loan interviews in October are primarily for the Fred Magee Endowment Loan Fund which is

outlined on page 77 in the current UNB calendar. It provides the funds for approximately 3/4 of all loans given out.

Scholarships are also handled by the Awards Office and provide almost 80 percent of all the student scholarships on campus. They also maintain lists of outside agencies offering scholarship for university students.

Any interested student can drop into the office in the spring and fill out an undergraduate scholarship application form. This form will put your name in for any and all scholarships offered by the campus. These are sorted as to faculty and year, and judged once again on the basis of academic standing and financial need.

Prizes are also given out by the Awards Office. Prospective students for these awards are nominated by faculty members. They are awarded for specific criteria (as the highest in second year science for example). They are presented in the spring or fall session, usually at convocation.