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NBCS fights on despite drawbacks

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

A meeting with Minister of Youth Jean Pierre Ouellette did not occur but the New Brunswick Coalition of Students continue with their efforts to prevent tuition and residence increases and campus cutbacks according to Susan Shalala, VP external.

Shalala said Ouellette failed to appear at a meeting arranged last week with SRC executive, Steve Berube, Susan Shalala and Albert King. He gave car trouble as his excuse for failing to appear according to King.

Other measures are being taken by both the NBCS and student councils from around New Brunswick according to Shalala and Berube. She said that petitions will be circulating the UNB campus

for the next few days, and that both Mt. Allison and St. Thomas University are also circulating petitions.

The petition states that the New Brunswick students want an increase in the operating grants given to New Brunswick universities by the Council of Maritime Premier. The Maritimes Higher Education commission gave a recommendation of 14 per cent to the council of Maritime Premiers, but universities received only 6.7 per cent of that in operating grants.

Presently Steve Berube, SRC president and Shalala (representing the NBCS) are trying to arrange a meeting with the CMP at their meeting next Wednesday. There they will present a brief on

student demands and offer the petitions signatures as proof that the New Brunswick students cannot put up with an increase in fees.

Shalala said that a pamphlet will soon be available to students which will explain the intricacies of university funding and the reason why, with the present 6.7 increase tuition fees will have to increase.

Shalala said students at St. Thomas university showed "great enthusiasm" for the campaign and said she hoped that UNB students will support it also.

Albert King - VP internal said that Ouellette has tentatively scheduled another meeting with the SRC executive within the next two weeks.



Pres supports fight

By SHEENAGH MURPHY

UNB President John Anderson has given his full support to the National Coalition of Students according to Susan Shalala VP external (SRC).

He did specify that his support would be given until the measures became too extravagant said Shalala who felt that extravagant referred to methods such as sit-ins and demonstrations.

In a meeting with Dr. Anderson last week, Shalala said Anderson gave her some ideas on how to fight impending tuition increases and cutbacks on campus. He suggested the Student Representative Council meet with the

Treasury Board in order to determine if the alteration and renovation non-space fund being granted to the university was as much as has been demanded. This fund, along with tuition and the operating grant compile the university's primary revenues.

According to Shalala, Anderson said if the total amount of the non-space fund was awarded to the university and if the NBCS was successful in getting at least a 1 per cent increase in the operating grant given to the university by the Council of Maritime Premiers, tuition fees would not go up. The CMP gave a 6.7 percent increase

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Its tough all over

By KATHRYN WAKELING

According to a weekend report in the Toronto Globe and Mail, Ryerson Polytechnical Institute are now next on the budgetary chopping board.

What has been proposed are the following:

11 p.m. on weekdays;
3 a.m. on Saturday
closed all day Sunday.
and this affects all the buildings on their campus. Reaction is not

favorable - ranging from two hundred students facing one of their senior administrators to personal letters on opposition to

administration's ideas. Unlike the University of New Brunswick's cutbacks Ryerson's cutbacks are affecting all the buildings that contain the computers and the labs, and as academic vice-president, Tom Sosa commented, "it would also affect our pub, the newspapers, dances, the radio station and our cultural groups...

Discrimination in the awards office?

By SHEENAGH MURPHY & RICK FOWLER

Third year law students were not considered for Fred Magee loans according to one third year law student. Preferring to remain

anonymous the student said that several students from third year law applied for the loan and were refused on the basis that "law students have more chance at getting jobs and better collateral

than most."

According to this student, associate dean Bird of the Law Faculty informed the Awards office that third year law students should not be eligible for loans for the above reasons. "I don't know where he got his information" said the student who said that while some law students were financially secure many were in even worse straits than other students in the university.

The student said that law students are often paid even less money than minimum wage during summer months when they are working and that in addition, third year students are required to take a two month bar admission course which costs another five or six hundred dollars. The student pointed out that not only was the extra money for the course an added drain on finances but two months which other students may spend working has to be spent in courses.

The student claims to have made \$65 a week during last summer and knew of individuals who were making as little as \$30. The low wage is due to the fact that working in that capacity is considered part of their training according to the source.

The individual said that law students were confronted with more financial troubles than most for other reasons. If there are no

jobs in the province where the student takes their bar admission and they have to go to another province then because of the different laws in the provinces, the students have to take the bar admissions in that particular province - thus more money again according to the source.

The student questioned the validity of the awards office taking the dean's advice as "the dean represents his own interest not the students".

Financial need does not seem to be a consideration when the loans are given according to the source who was in severe financial

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Bird denies allegations

By RICK FOWLER

Associate Dean of Law Richard Bird, stated that he had not said that he felt law students should not be eligible for the Fred Magee Loan.

Dean Bird stated "some of the third year law students put, for a reason, that they wanted the money to pay for their Bar Admission Course, and I don't feel that the University should fund that, as it is an event that happens outside the University and its curriculum."

Bird said that as he understood it, there had been a shortage of funds, and that who got the money was a question of priorities. In the case of law students, Bird said "I agree with the Board of Governors that a third year student has more resources than a first or second

year student. A third year student has a better chance of getting a loan from a commercial lending institution, as they can say, 'I've got a job coming up shortly, whereas a first or second year student would have to say that it was still two or three years down the road.'"

As to the question, is giving Fred Magee Loans to law students wrong, as one of the clauses stipulates that the receiver must be an undergraduate, Dean Bird said that the degree is called a Bachelor of Law, but it does require a previous degree, so it is comparable to a master's degree."

Dean Bird said he couldn't say for certain whether or not giving the loan to law students was a violation of Fred Magee's will, as he had never seen the term.

