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Without it, you will have no classes next year. That would be bad.

Valcourt: It's got to come out

by Gordon Loane
Brunswickian News

Traditional budget secrecy at New Brunswick universities may be coming to an end.

Provincial Opposition Leader Bernard Valcourt wants the McKenna government to make universities, including UNB, more accountable for public funds received each year.

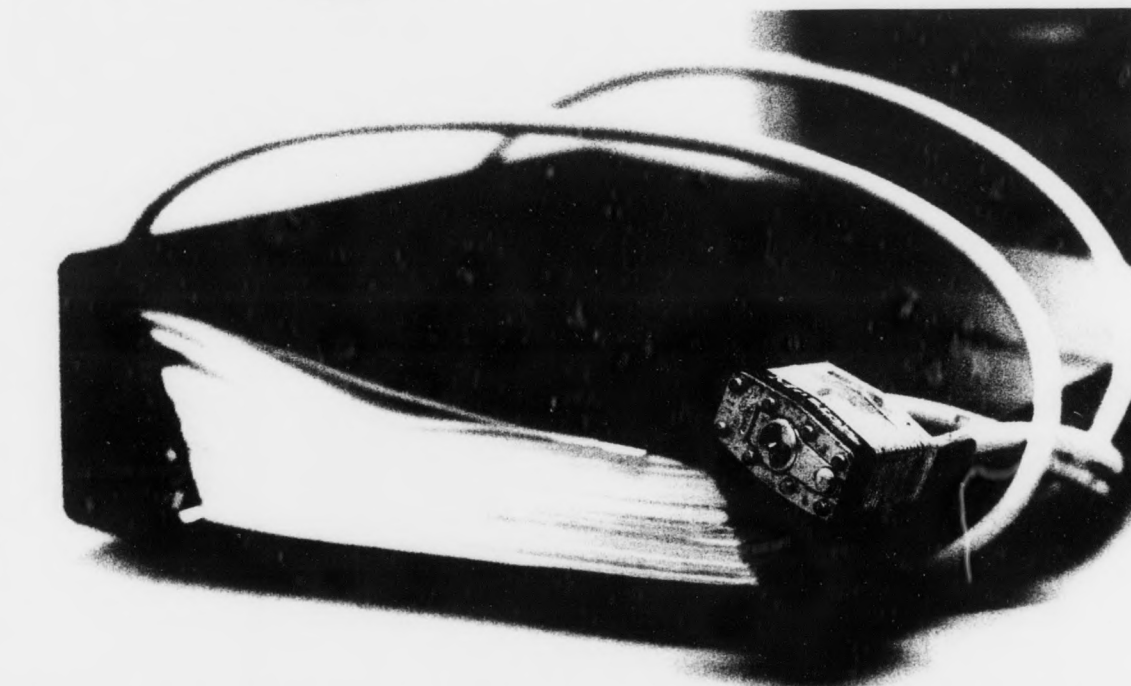
To that end, Valcourt wants the government to require university officials to appear before the Legislature's Public Accounts Committee.

The Committee, chaired by an opposition MLA, is composed of government and opposition members. Proceedings are open to the press and public.

Valcourt raised the matter on the floor of the Legislature this week with Advanced Education and Labour Minister, Roly MacIntyre.

"There is no question that with funding as limited as it is and with the transfer payments the way they are we need accountability for the funds that we are giving to universities," MacIntyre told the Legislature in reply to a question from Valcourt.

The Minister promised to consider Valcourt's suggestion. "I still agree with the Leader of the Opposition that it is time for a review of that area with



Does this look right to you? It does to the University.

Photo: Mike Dean

respect to funding and financing and who is accountable to whom," said MacIntyre.

"We are discussing that with them [universities] so we will see how we make out and I will be glad to report back," MacIntyre told the Legislature.

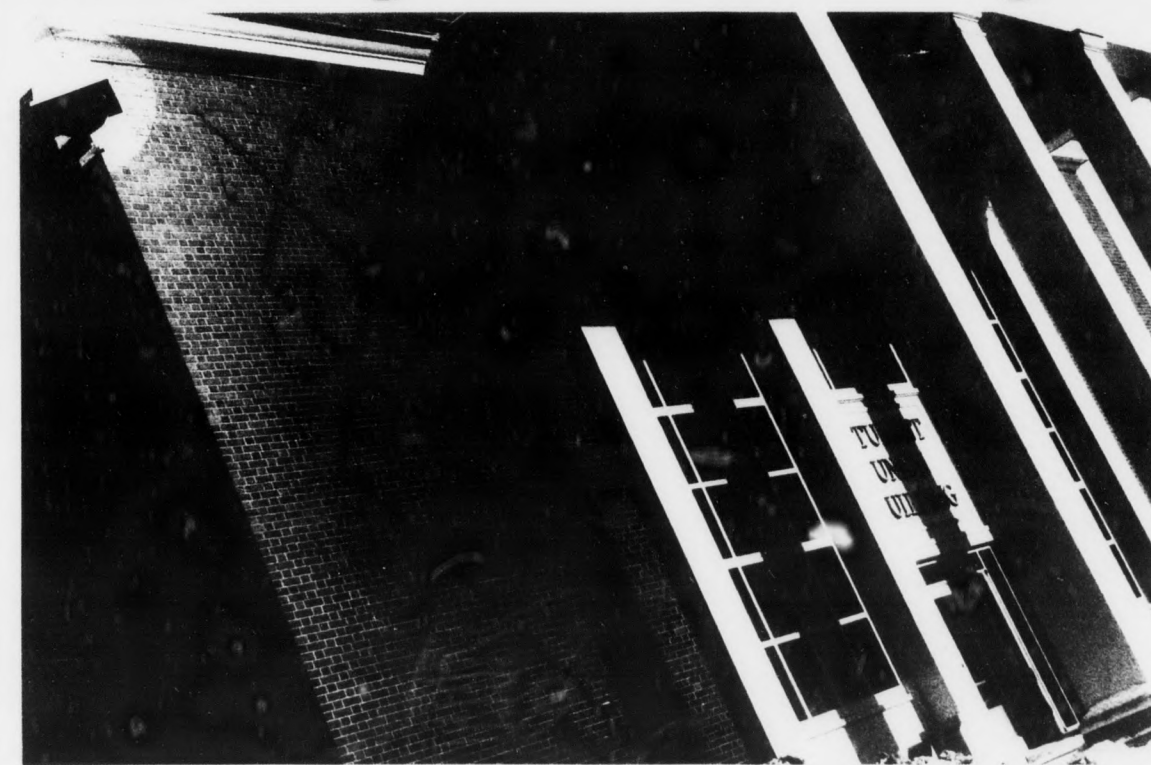
Valcourt was encouraged by the Minister's response. "We got no straight No and I think that is a plus," Valcourt told *The Brunswickian* in an interview this week. Valcourt is

serious about getting to the bottom of how universities spend public money.

"The fact remains that the universities... no member in this House can figure out - the Premier cannot, I cannot... how much the President is putting in his rose garden?" Valcourt said in the Legislature. "I do not think that is acceptable when so many public resources are going into the university system."

Valcourt told *The Brunswickian* he wants, among other things, the salaries of the President and other top administrators revealed as well. "This is about scrutinising the whole thing. It's got to come out, it's got to come in the public because I'm sure there are practices there that universities could improve a lot in terms of becoming more efficient, more cost conscious and I suspect there is a lot of fat."

Security has new "eye" on SUB



New camera pans across the yard.

Photo: Mike Dean

by Joe FitzPatrick
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Rick Peacock, Director of UNB Security, hopes a newly installed video camera will increase safety and security on campus.

The camera was installed during this past week. It is housed in a protective plastic dome and was designed to all-weather specifications.

The installation was not the direct result of any increase in problems outside the SUB.

"The SUB was a good starting point

because there is a lot of activity through the day and evening," he told *The Brunswickian* in an interview. "It allows us to take a big view of the core of the campus."

He did admit, however, that "there is fairly frequent vandalism outside the SUB."

"From a safety and security perspective it's a very beneficial tool," he said.

Peacock sees this as the first step to more cameras on campus.

Other sites he would like to have a camera include the other side of the

SUB. "It would give a view of the entire courtyard," he said.

The model installed is motorized, with tilt, pan, and zoom capabilities. The image is relayed to the Wu Centre via a fiber optic cable which was recently installed.

"We actually got the grant [for the camera] a year ago, but we waited until the fiber optic wire was in," he said. "We get a much better quality of image."

Peacock also indicated that the camera is hooked up to a VCR and could possibly serve to review incidents after complaints were received.

Evicted Neill House students launch appeals

Four students have launched appeals following their eviction from Neill House last month.

University Secretary Stephen Stroppe says UNB President Robin Armstrong has been made aware of the appeals. Armstrong must now decide among three options. The President can uphold the appeals, reject them or send them to the Board of Deans.

The four, whose names have not been released were evicted for what UNB's Dean of Residence John Craighead calls individual misconduct. The move followed incidents at Neill House on Friday, January 19, and Saturday January 20.

Meantime, an appeal has yet to be filed on the decision of Craighead to dissolve the House Committee at Neill House, according to the University Secretary.