

Hard hit science students react

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Science students are not very happy with the news that tuition fees could rise by at least \$1,000 in their faculty next year if the university moves to adopt a per course fee system.

"It is just a little bit hard to swallow," said fourth year student Kelly Janssens, an Environmental Geo-Chemistry major whose program will be one of the most expensive in the Science faculty if the new system goes forward.

"Everyone hates more fees," she said, admitting she asked a room full of Science students this week just how they all feel about the new fee schedule under consideration.

"Everybody in the room just said it sucks," said Janssens.

At the same time, Janssens said Science students do understand that labs are expensive to operate and "we need various supplies or need to take field trips" while other students in other faculties may need items like books which are less expensive. Janssens does fear that the new per course fee system may exclude students from taking more courses simply because they cannot afford the cost.

She also said the university may find itself with less students registered next September.

"I don't think somebody will change their career goal from Science to Arts because of increased costs, but I think they might change from a university to a technical program for example."

Janssens pointed out that while tuition fees in Science may rise by about \$1,000 next September she doubts summer job funds will rise by that amount.

Geoff Black is Science representative on the UNB Student Council.

"The general consensus from Science students is that this is bad news," he told *The Brunswickan* this week.

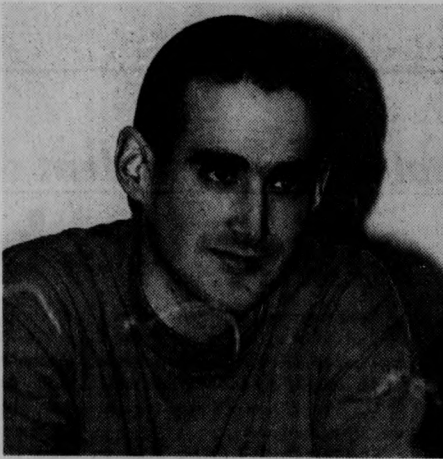
"In fact I was in the same room where Science students all said it sucks," he said.

Black feels there is a danger in raising tuition fees so much. "I remember when I first came to UNB and if I had to pay \$3,800 in tuition fees in first year I would not have been able to come to university."

"I also worry about how many people are going to leave the Science Faculty because it is such a dramatic increase in fees," he said.

Black thinks the university officials might want to phase in the new system and the resultant increase in fees over several years instead of all just at once.

"One thousand dollars is too large an increase all at once," he claimed. Black also wonders whether Science



Science representative Geoff Black

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students who wish to remain might not begin to stretch out their degree programs from four to say five or six years.

Black is also worried about accessibility issues and about the debt loads associated with obtaining a university degree.

He also asks whether the student loan system will be able to adequately provide for students faced with such a large increase in tuition fees.

One thing is certain from Black and Janssens, however. Like most students they are more than put out by the lack of student representation on the Task Force that prepared the new tuition fee system proposal.

Nominations close today

Few candidates for SU elections

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Unless a last minute flurry of nominations are filed with Chief Returning Officer Matt Tingley, there will be few candidates running for positions in the upcoming Spring student general elections.

So far only SUVP External Anthony Knight has declared for President. Business student Bob Prince, who resigned as SU Council Chair this week, will run for V-P External.

Both Knight and Prince have filed nomination papers for two open student seats on the University's Board of Governors.

Business student David Teskey and Kinesiology student Rochelle English have both decided to see re-election to Student Council.

Sarah Mullaly, current Arts Representative on Council, has decided

to seek one of five student seats on the Fredericton Senate.

No nominations have been filed yet for SU V-P University Affairs, V-P Finance and Administration or V-P Services.

On Student Council there are four seats each open in Arts and Engineering, three each in Business, Education and Science and two each in Computer Science, Forestry and Environmental Management and Student at Large. One seat is vacant in each of Nursing, Law, Kinesiology and a two year seat is available on the Fredericton Senate. There are two seats up for grabs on the Board of Governors.

Several student organizations have openings on Boards of Directors. One seat is available on the Board of the Student owned pub "The Cellar" and on the Publishing Board of *The Brunswickan*.

There are four seats open on the

Board of Governors of CHSR-FM Broadcasting Inc.

No candidates have stepped forward for Valedictorian at Spring Graduation. There are three openings: Ceremony A (for Kinesiology, Nursing and Education grads); Ceremony B (for Arts, Law and Computer Science grads); and Ceremony C (for Science, Engineering, Forestry and Environmental Management and Business grads).

Nominations close for all positions today at 4:30pm.

The Student Union Election will be held February 25th and 26th.

In conjunction with the Election, students will vote on a referendum question which will ask whether UNB's Varsity Football program should be revived.

A plebiscite will also be held seeking opinions on various services now being provided by the Student Union.

Did you know?

Every week, over 800 people are injured by their jewelry.

February originally had 30 days. Julius Caesar took one day for his month of July, and Augustus took one for, you guessed it, August.

At the equator, the Earth's rotation exceeds 1,000 miles per hour.

England's Queen Victoria, whose reign inaugurated an austere mood of conservatism (at least publicly), smoked marijuana to ease the pain of cramps.

Until the age of 6 or 7 months, a child can swallow and breathe at the same time.

The total face value of Monopoly money printed each year has exceeded the output of the US Treasury since 1976.

The average bat eats 600 insects per hour during feeding.

The lightest US President was James Madison, at under 100 pounds, who stood under 5' 4".

An armadillo always gives birth to four young of the same sex.

The word "hello" was created by Thomas Edison for use over the phone. This was over the objections of the telephone's creator Alexander Graham Bell, who preferred "Ahoy!"

Asparagus is not just a succulent veggie, it played a role in WWII spying. The presence of powerful chemical attractants called mercaptans convinced the United States to include sprigs in spy kits, with instructions to eat the delicacy (which is high in Vitamin A) and urinate into the ocean, thereby allowing the mercaptans to attract fish, making them easier to catch.

In 1987, UNB covered 96% of the cost of encaenia and convocation, spending \$97,564 and charging \$3,563. In 1996, UNB planned to cover only 45%, and spend only \$29,600 while generating \$36,200 in revenues.

During menstruation, the sensitivity of a woman's middle finger

is substantially reduced.

Since 1991, sales of artificial Christmas trees have exceeded those of real ones.

Over 76% of UNB's \$100,000,000 operating budget goes towards salaries and benefits.

UNB anticipates generating \$615,000 in fee differentials which have been charged to non-Canadian students. The total cost for the International Student Advisor's Office is \$132,052.

During WWII, the total production of the US auto industry was 139 automobiles because of their production of military ordinance. The Ford Motor company's output of military vehicles exceeded that of Italy.

There are fewer than 3,000 stars visible, even on the clearest of nights in an area devoid of pollution.

UNB spends \$32,300 on the production of the UNB

Undergraduate Calendar. This covers the cost of colour art (\$1,500) part-time assistance (\$4,300) and the printing of 19,000 copies (\$26,500).

Canada's membership in the G-7 (Group of 7 Leading Industrialized Countries) is the least powerful. With a Gross National Product of \$574.8 billion, it is far behind its nearest rival, the United Kingdom which has a GNP of \$1,042.7 billion. The United States GNP of \$6.3 trillion exceeds the total of the smallest 5 members (Germany \$2.0 trillion, France \$1.2, Italy, \$1.1, UK \$1.0, Canada \$.5). Japan, ranked second, comes in at \$3.9 trillion.

Elvis Presley had more than killer looks and hips from the devil, the King of Rock and Roll maintained an eighth degree black-belt in Karate.

An average of \$17,486 was spent by UNB Chancellors between 1988 and 1994. The current Chancellor, Frederik S. Eaton, O.C. BA, LL.D. has an expense account of \$10,000.

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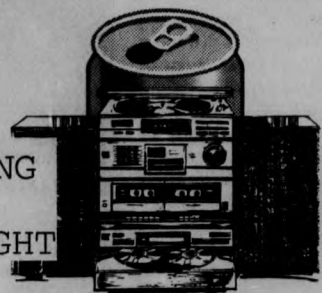
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for January is Darren Thompson, a 4th year Mechanical Engineering Student. Darren has worked very hard on many important issues including Social Issues, Winter Carnival, Senate Admissions Committee, CHSR Board, External Affairs Committee, proctor for Aitken House, President of the UNB Debating Society, EEF Advisory Board, and on top of all that he is the Engineering Rep on Student Council. Darren is a great asset to the union and the campus as well.

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