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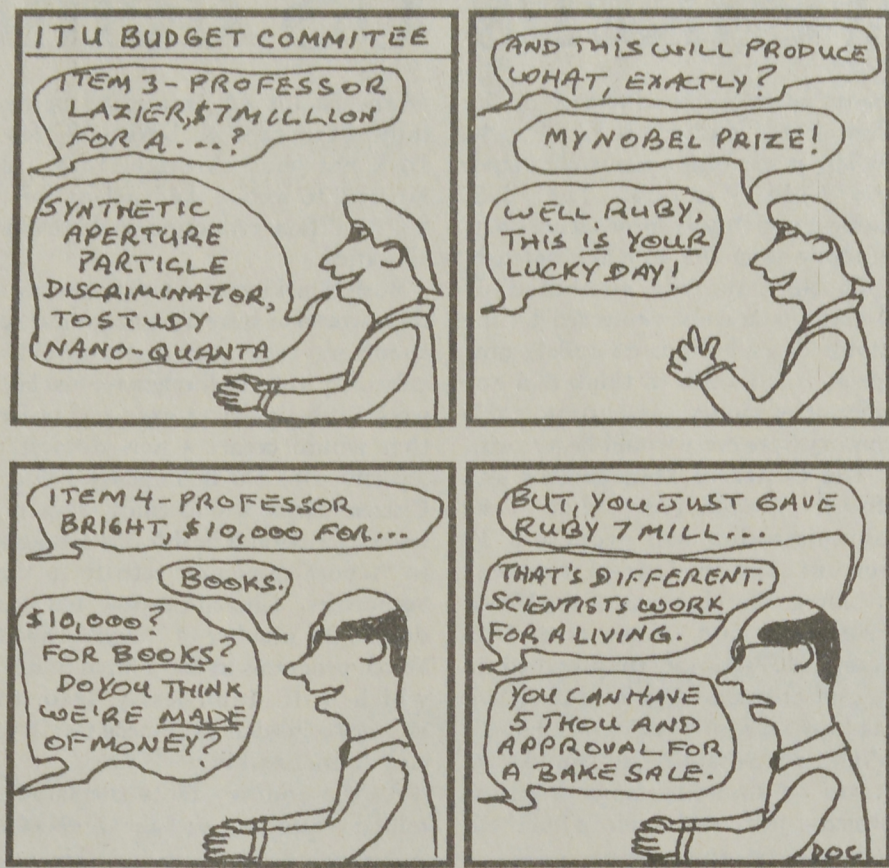
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elitist and capitalist. Universities are not meant to make money, they are here to teach, enlighten and make us more aware of ourselves and everything around us.

Universities exist because of students, because people with adept minds are not ready to stop learning, because there is so much more to learn than what's shipped out at the high school level.

Should money take precedence over reason, university will lose its soul. Without it's soul, the value of learning will be lost. Students learn what enriches their bank accounts instead of what enriches their minds. Uses as a tool for repression, education teaches us only to hate; experienced as a gift for insights, it teaches us only to love. Education must be freely shared, protected, and cherished because it enriches our lives. Can you put a price tag on self-empowerment?

STUDENT UNION ROUNDUP

by Kate Whitfield
VP Executive, UNBSU

Last week's SU Roundup column only scratched the surface on the issues surrounding tuition increases at UNB. The only thing that remains clear is that tuition can not continue to rise at the rate that it does.

Student should not be made to feel that they are paying more for less. A tuition increase each fall is met with a sense that less classes are being offered and labs are more crowded. Even if the UNB administration actions could be completely justified, students need to know why a decision was made and more importantly, where the money is going.

For instance, a large proportion of the operating budget is to pay for the salaries for Professors. In order for UNB to attract the best and compete as a national university, competitive salary packages must be offered. Students need to be made aware of this and the reasons why, instead of simply hearing at the end of the day that over half of the operating budget is for staff salaries. This becomes even more important when next year's budget includes more money for salaries and less to non-salary items.

It is not uncommon to hear students say that they do not mind paying more if they saw a drastic improvement in services. Targeted funds might be the answer through the introduction of supplementary fees (obviously, only accepted by the UNBSU if tied to a commitment to not increase tuition alongside). For example, a

supplementary fee that every student paid that was designated for technology would mean improved computer labs and audio-visual services.

The bottom line is that we have to change the attitude that one can just go to student's pockets to cover the shortfalls of government funding. Increases can only be justified if they are more comparable to other increases in cost. For instance, if the cost of living for the country increases by approximately 2.5% a year and for universities 3.5%, due to specialized equipment, then is a 8.5% increase in tuition even remotely comparable?

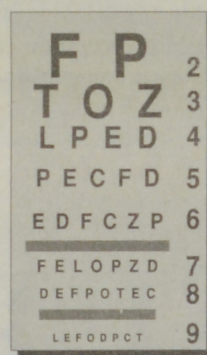
The 6th of February has been declared 'National Tuition Freeze Day.' The UNB Student Union does not support the idea of tuition freezes and will not be participating in the campaign. Tuition freezes jeopardize quality of education at universities and until we can guarantee that it will not here at UNB, we can not support this sort of campaign. This does not mean that we will not continue to fight by seeking student input as a means to determine a better path to take in our lobbying efforts.

A huge step forward with respect to improved university administration transparency is a presentation of the UNB's operating budget. The tentative date for UNB's VP Finance, Dan Murray, to make this presentation is Feb. 18th at 4:30pm in the Tilley auditorium. A step towards more student involvement and input into the university's operating budget. The Board of Governor's Finance committee will use input from this meeting when tuition for next year is determined. E-mail unbsu@unb.ca with comments.

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