

# Student Union fees go up six dollars if decision accepted

by Cathy McDonald

Dalhousie student fees will go up \$6 if last Sunday's student council vote is ratified at a general meeting. The general meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, where all students have a vote.

The \$6 is down from a \$12.50 hike previously under consideration by council. Full-time students will pay \$65 each, while part-time students pay \$13.50, up a dollar from last year.

Budget slashes eliminated CKDU financing and payments into a Student Union fund for capital expenditures.

Students are asked to approve a fee hike that reflects some increases in services, inflationary costs, and the elimination of the student radio. An increase in fees and a decrease in services is only to be expected as prices go up, said Scott MacLeod, Student Union Treasurer.

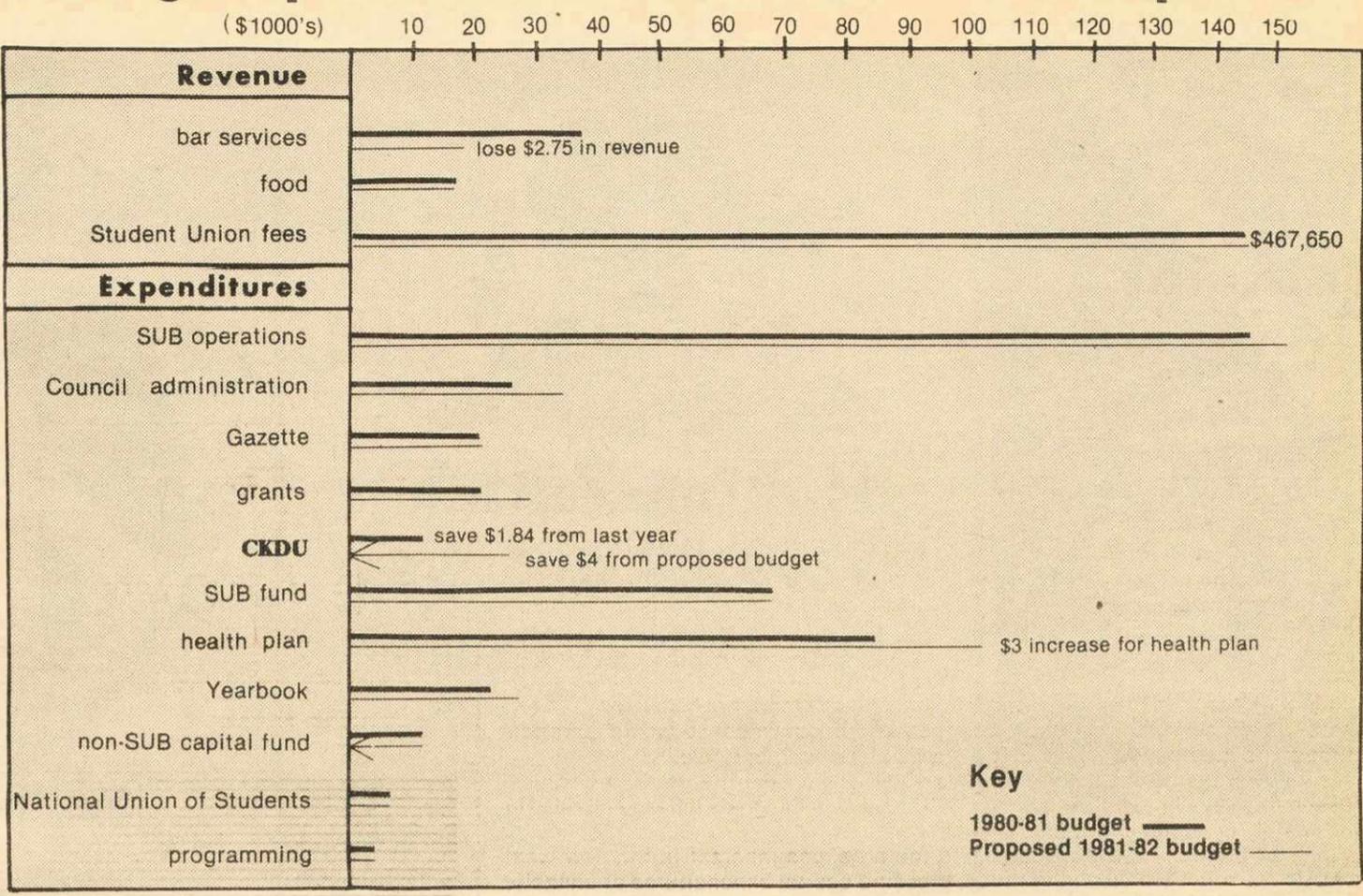
The budget reflects three major alterations over last year. Bar services will only bring in a projected \$19,000 instead of \$38,500 of last year, necessitating about \$2.75 more per student to make up lost revenue. Low attendance at entertainment events is also responsible for \$5,000 or about 70¢ per student allocated to programming, previously on a break-even budget.

New grant allocations to the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society, to graduation and an increase in the Law society grant, totalled approximately a \$1 increase per student towards the grant budget. The health plan referendum approved a \$3 chunk to fees. A further increase of 70¢ per student went to the yearbook.

Council administration costs include executive and the student union manager salaries, plus general costs. A \$3,000 addition was for the newly created "communications" position, an appointment to improve communications between council and the student body, for a total of \$7860, or another \$1 per student.

Cutting CKDU financing represents a \$1.84 saving per student over last year. It cuts a total of \$4 from the projected \$12.50 fee increase as a \$13,000 sum was previously included for upgrading CKDU facilities.

The \$10,200 allocation for a fund for



capital expenditures outside the SUB was cut. A sufficient sum of \$40,000 has already accumulated, MacLeod said.

The Gazette will buy its own typesetting equipment with a loan from student council. This enabled a \$2,700 cut from the composing allocation of the Gazette's budget. The Gazette's overall allocation will remain about the same as last year.

Student fees at Dalhousie are among the highest in Canada. John Graham, Student Union manager said Dalhousie students enjoy the highest level of services in Nova Scotia, and pay the lowest fee for it.

"Our operation is very efficient" Graham said, referring to the running of the SUB which the DSU is in the process of buying from the Dalhousie Administration.

## GRAD WEEK EVENTS

May 13, 14, 15



Wednesday

### "Sail Away" Boat Cruise

\$4.00/person

### Pub Night Stages 57

Thursday

### Baccalaureate Service

Public Affairs Auditorium

### Champagne Reception

Green Room \$1.00

### Grad Night in the Grawood

### "S.S. Celebration" Ball

Friday \$15.00/couple  
\$8.00 single

Tickets on sale At the SUB 11:30-2:30

April 8, 9, 10, 15, 22.  
May 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

Please watch for a special information sheet on discounts around town. It will be available in the SUB during Exam Week.

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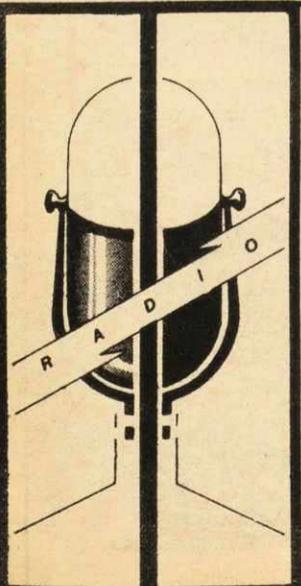
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**General Meeting Monday, April 13**

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