

Association urges for funding increases

Press Release

The association representing Atlantic Canada's universities is concerned about their impact on post-secondary education of the federal government's proposed freeze on transfer payments to the provinces.

At its winter meeting, held at Memorial University in St. John's today, the Association of Atlantic Universities urged governments in the region to demonstrate their support for post-secondary education by increasing the levels of provincial funding to the region's 19 universities and colleges.

"The Association of Atlantic

Universities is very concerned about the federal government's plan to freeze Established Program Financing," said Dr. William Eliot, president of the University of Prince Edward Island and current president of AAU. "And while we understand the need to combat the national debt, we feel it is counter-productive to do so by cutting back in the area of higher education."

The AAU is concerned about the potential negative impact on the competitive position of the entire country if funding to higher education erodes. Said Dr. Eliot: "The Prime Minister has commented frequently

on the need for a system of education that makes us the equal of our competitors. This funding freeze has the potential to hamper seriously our ability to continue to deliver that level of education."

Dr. Eliot explained that the AAU holds the position that there will be a significant long-term social and economic cost associated with failing to provide quality higher education in the region and the country.

"The Atlantic region, in particular, needs highly trained and qualified young people if we are to meet the economic and development challenges of

the future and to accomplish this the AAU believes that the university programs available in this region must be maintained at the consistently high standard," said Dr. Eliot.

"The students of today are the scientists, the critics, the artists, the politicians of tomorrow. They must have an equality of opportunity to serve Canada to the best of their ability. The cost of providing them with a quality education in the present must be measured against the future gains to the region from having a highly educated, professional human resource base from which to draw."

The AAU is urging the provincial governments in the region to continue their significant contribution to the advancement of higher education. "A system of post-secondary education of national standard is a matter of paramount importance for each province in our region," said Dr. Eliot. "The federal budget requires the provinces to in-

crease their support of post-secondary education, if the growing needs of the institutions are to be met and their quality maintained. In light of this, the AAU is calling on the governments of the three Maritime provinces and Newfoundland to acknowledge the crucial importance of post-secondary education by meeting these needs."

Late last year, the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission recommended a funding increase of 7.8 percent for the Maritime region's universities. "We see this as the minimum necessary to continue to deliver the standard of education the region requires," said Dr. Eliot. "And, as a group, the members of the AAU have confidence that the governments of the Atlantic region will accept the challenge that the federal government has forced on them, and demonstrate through budgetary allocations the high value they place on post-secondary education."

Shamrocks against Muscular Dystrophy

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The University of New Brunswick will be joining the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Canada this week, in their fight against over 40 neuromuscular disorders.

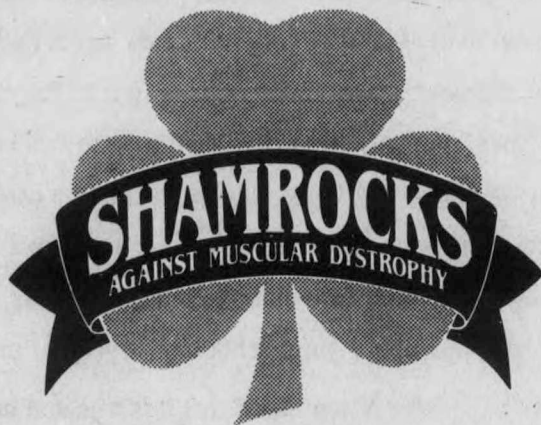
"Shamrocks Against Muscular Dystrophy" will be sold at the UNB Sub Cafeteria during the week leading up to St. Patrick's Day, March 12 to 17. When you purchase a Shamrock for \$1 donation, write your name in the allotted space and all Shamrocks will be displayed at the SUB throughout the week.

With your purchase of a Shamrock you not only join in the Irish festivities but you also get the opportunity to win a computer, monitor and software from TFE Industries, at the Manufacturer of the Atlantic Computer.

"We are quite excited about this Campaign and know it will really put everyone in the Irish party mood," said Gary Clarke, VP External.

The Campaign will end Saturday with a provincial Coed Volleyball Tournament being held at the Lady Beaverbrook Gym. The games start at 9 am and are being held by the NB Volleyball Association.

The money raised from the Shamrocks and the Volleyball Tournament will go toward research equipment and support for the numerous clients who require MDAC's services. A representative from the SRC and Volleyball NB will be presenting all monies raised during the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Labour Day Telethon.



Faculty of Arts to undertake spring registration

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The Faculty of Arts will undertake Official Spring Registration for the first time this year.

The purpose of this exercise is to afford the maximum amount of counselling to each student and to permit students to enquire about programmes and courses in depth.

If the student fills out the registration form correctly, and does not wish to make changes, then in September after payment of tuition fees, there will be no further action apart from delivering the form to the Registration table at the Aitken Centre.

Once the system becomes efficient, by paying tuition through the mail it should mean that students will go straight to class in September with no further action.

If any student wished to change a course it can be done

at registration or through the normal course change form system.

Registration forms with student records will be distributed by Arts 1000 tutors to those students taking that course and will be registered the week of March 19 - 23.

All other students may pick up their forms and examine timetables in Tilley Hall Room 102, 3 - 5 pm., March 19 - 23.

All students who will have completed at least 24 credits by April 1990 and can be considered as potential second year students for September, who have not taken Arts 1000 will pre-register in the week of March 19 - 23.

All students who will have completed at least 54 credits and are proceeding into third or fourth years will register the week of March 26 - 30, alphabetically:

MNOP will register

Monday, March 25 from 3 - 5

AB, QRST will register Tuesday, March 27 from 3 - 5

CDEF will register Wednesday, March 28 from 3 - 5

G, UVWXYZ will register Thursday, March 29 from 3 - 5

HJKL will register Friday, March 30 from 3 - 5

If there are any questions please contact the Associate Dean of Arts office in Tilley 22.

Students from other faculties may register for Arts courses in Tilley 102 the week of March 26 - 30 provided they possess the proper registration forms.

STU student fees may rise to \$80

by Allan Carter

The motion to raise St. Thomas University's student fees from \$64 to \$80 was tabled at a meeting on Wednesday.

Kelly Lamrock, VP General and Eric Giddins, SRC Comptroller wrote a letter this week concerning the issue which will be dealt with at a meeting on March 13.

In the letter it states that "the number of clubs and organizations on campus have grown immensely, and they will need more money to continue to provide their vital services to the student body."

Both media outlets, CHSR-FM and *The Aquinian* are mentioned as organizations that will need funding through this proposed raise in fees.

When asked if this motion has anything to do with the UNB Student Union, who has asked

the STU Student Union to increase funding at CHSR, Lamrock said "that it doesn't in anyway." Lamrock feels that the STU Student Union just has to expand.

Lamrock has been touring the STU campus in order to talk and discuss with students this proposal and says that so far "it has been a very pleasant and a welcomed surprise to see students ready to financially support their student council."

Lamrock was the only student at STU to run for the SU president position and will take over Irma Ferlatte's position, the present SU president, at the end of her term.

According to Lamrock, STU's student fees are \$26 below the Atlantic Canadian average and STU has not had a student fee increase in the last five years.

UNB student dies in car accident

by Murray Carew

Karen Ann Duffy, a fourth year education student at UNB died tragically in a car accident on Route 8 on her way home to Renous for the spring break.

Karen was in her last year at UNB, and would have graduated in March with a social studies major. Last fall she had completed her four month student teaching at the Doaktown High School.

Her sister, Lori Ann was seriously injured in the

accident. She is in her second year at UNB in Business Administration.

A memorial service is tentatively set for 4:00 p.m on March 15 in the Auditorium of D'Avary Hall.

As of now work is being done to set up a memorial scholarship in memory of Karen Duffy.

For further information on the meeting contact Professor Alan Sears in the Education Department.

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