

Fifty percent tuition increase

KELOWNA (CUP) — Students at Kelowna Okanagan College have been hit by massive tuition increases this fall. On the recommendation of newly appointed college principal Peter Williams, increases of 50 percent for vocational students and 25 for academic students have been instituted.

Student Association chairman Phil Link said, "The procedures were typical deplorable autocracy in action. The decision was made months ago in Victoria."

In the presentation for in-

creased fees, Principal Williams said; "The ministry has introduced into the calculations of operating grants for 1981-82 a factor representing a uniform level of fee income per student contact hour for all colleges."

"In order to achieve the level of revenue assumed by the ministry it would be necessary to increase fees by 29 percent. In fact, the proposed increases are only 25 percent in the case of academic and applied studies," said Williams.

Williams noted that the statement assumes a 50 percent

increase in vocational revenues which "therefore" necessitates that fee increase.

The calculation for setting an "equitable" level of tuition revenue indexed to contact hours was delivered last spring.

"The formula includes the British Columbia Institute of Technology and the Emily Carr College of Art which are on three to four year programs and totally apart from colleges," said Link.

"The province is using the guillotine approach to education funding and college boards are taking it lying down," said Link.



Son of FOS loses turnout

by Wes Oginski

Student Orientation Services (SORSE) had a miserable summer under their new identity.

In previous years, SORSE was known as FOS (Freshman Orientation Services). Last year the name changed, as did some of the programs' focus.

SORSE expected a heavy turnout for its summer sessions, but the response was unexpectedly low.

"It depends on how you define it," says Dawn Noyes, chairperson of SORSE. "In terms of leaders we had 92 ready to go. From the perspective of delegates we did poorly."

Noyes explains that the method of applying for the orientation program was hurt by the mail strike.

"Due to the mail strike, which is how we normally process delegates attendance, we were not able to get many applicants," says Noyes.

"I am not sure how to operate without a postal service," she adds.

Part of an alternate method of processing applicants included use of other student services, such as Hire-a-Student.

"We distributed other materials through other student offices," explains Noyes, "but we could have utilized other offices more effectively."

Even so, the program was gravely under cut. Many of the early seminars in the summer had to be cancelled and many potential leaders were never called on.

The number of delegates who actually attended is estimated between 1100 to 1200.

A fee is charged to attend these seminars. The unexpected low turnout hurt SORSE finances.

"We are trying to cut down our budget," she explains, "but it is difficult."

"Our funding is not guaranteed," Noyes says, "but the university and Students' Union have been very supportive."

She adds that studies indicate clear reasons for this support.

"Studies in the States about success in university and orientation have been done. They are quite clear in showing that orientation is beneficial with higher grade point averages and higher retention results."

"Universities are partial to students coming and staying," says Noyes. "It helps when they understand the system."

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