

National Notes

Tuition up on Prairies...

OTTAWA (CUP) — Tuition will probably go up next year on two prairie universities, according to student union executives at the University of Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

"It looks like there will be a 10-15 per cent increase in tuition and that would probably force a decline in enrolment," Steve Ashton, president of the U of M students union said.

The increase would be a result of the six per cent increase in operating grants from the provincial government, only half of what the university requested, said Ashton. Inflation, running around nine per cent, will mean the increase is in fact a cut, said Ashton, who is also a member of the budget committee.

University of Saskatchewan students will face a 7 to 10 per cent increase next year, the fourth increase in as many years, said Cindy Devine, students union vice-president. Fees have already jumped 30 per cent in the last three years, she said, with a corresponding increase in services.

... and up more in Maritimes

HALIFAX (CUP) — Maritime students face a possible 40-50 per cent tuition hike next year, according to the cutbacks committee of the Student Union of Nova Scotia (SUNS).

The committee based its conclusion on a recent decision by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) to link tuition levels to the increase in cost of living.

"The proposals made by the MPHEC are in keeping with the apparent government premise of switching additional education costs over to the students," said Jim Healey, student union president at St. Francis Xavier University.

The MPHEC recommended a 9.5 per cent increase in operating grants to universities, while Healey estimates 11.5 per cent is required to compensate for the effects of inflation. The shortfall, according to Healey, would be met through the increased tuition.

Students fight differential fees

HALIFAX (CUP) — Dalhousie students are refusing to sit back and let the provincial government institute differential fees for foreign students.

The Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students has prepared a brief asking the government to establish a policy of foreign students. "This ad-hoc approach is bad," said Tom Keating of DAGS. "They need a comprehensive and coherent policy."

"Our opposition stems from the fact that these fees will serve neither financial nor political purposes, will provide minimal benefits at best and will involve significant costs not only to foreign students but to the residents and students of Nova Scotia," reads the DAGS brief.

"To impose differential fees would result in a severe loss of prestige for the province in the eyes of the international community at a time when the provincial government should be moving to establish contacts with various governments around the globe in an effort to improve the provincial economy," the brief continues.

GFC exec considers housing alternatives

by Keith Krause

The Housing and Food Services Committee (HFSC) of General Faculties Council (GFC) released recommendations for student housing rental rate increases yesterday.

The report was released to GFC Executive at their bimonthly meeting.

The increases range from a high of 11.6% in some Michener Park units to a low of 6% for an unfurnished four person unit in HUB. Rates in Lister Hall residences will rise by 9.8% for all units, if the recommendations are implemented.

Lister Hall rates are determined on a break-even budget, and "we have little or no control," said Mel Poole, chairman of the committee.

Chanchal Bhattacharya, GFC Executive student rep, questioned the wisdom of rent increases at a time when occupancy rates in Lister Hall are declining. He said many students can live on their own cheaper than they can live in res.

But the occupancy problem is "more attributable to factors other than cost," said Poole. He cited alcohol, vandalism, and tensions from living in close quarters as being part of a bigger lifestyle problem.

GFC Executive also voted to oppose the Alberta government's proposed amendments to the Universities Act. These changes would allow academic degrees to be granted by designated post-secondary institutions, a power now granted only to universities.

The Radiation protection issue was also referred to the Occupational Health and Safety Committee for further study.



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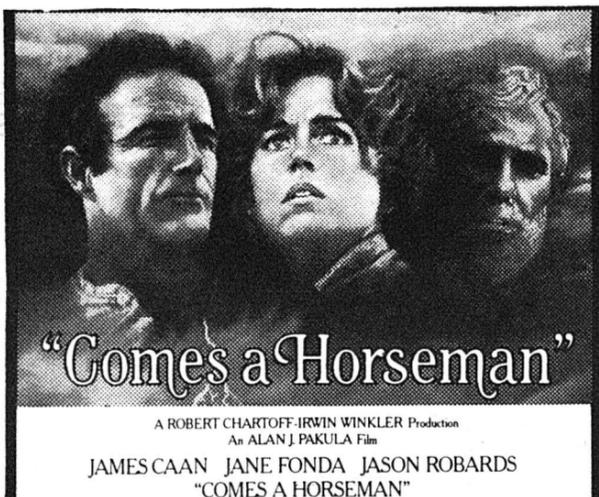
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