

Editorial

CLAIM SRC FEE

April is income tax time. A new proposal thought up by the Alma Mater Society of the University of Victoria, just may get you your \$35 dollar SRC fee back, and any other increased fees that are mandatorily imposed by our blossoming student politicians.

At the present time, it appears as if the income Revenue Robber Barons do not allow for fees to be claimed. We feel there is a solid case for the claiming of fees.

First point to be considered is that all SRC fees collected on this campus are collected mandatorily. (We haven't yet progressed to the point of the voluntary union yet, regretable).

The SRC \$35 fee is mandatory, it is a union fee, because the SRC Act of Incorporate the University of New Brunswick Student "Union" is the title to our Incorporation papers.

"The objects of the union are:"

(b) to provide for the material, intellectual, cultural, professional and physical needs of the members and promote among members a sense of responsibility and cooperation."

(e) to co-ordinate, promote and direct the activities of the students of UNB, subject to the rules and regulation of the university.

Another interesting point is that Benson and his Boy-wonder Bandit Mandarins in Ottawa are suggesting a tax proposal on scholarships, bursaries and grants.

Now if this comes into effect, the SRC fees will have to be allowed as claims.

We urge any student to fill out this year's form claiming \$35 fee as legitimate union fees for a professional group, and create an awareness in Ottawa that we students are entitled to the refund.

It's at times like these, when a national student lobbying force like the defunct Canadian Union of Students could serve a useful purpose, bring pressure to bear, organized pressure, on the government to allow claims of the \$35 SRC fees.

There is a solid case for the claim, all we can do is try.

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Dear Editor:

Allow me to use your 'Letters to the Editor' column to express my thoughts on a situation which - in my opinion - is rapidly deteriorating, unless immediate steps are taken to remedy it.

As you may know, the campus is enriched by the presence of roughly 350 overseas students. I, for one, feel that they have a unique contribution to make to our campus life, and that they, in turn, can benefit greatly from association with Canadian students.

What is the situation at present? Although perhaps not all overseas students share my personal ideas, I strongly feel that 'not enough' has been done to improve Canadian and non-Canadian student relations. Firstly, overseas students are hardly ever asked to participate in annual campus events, such as 'Red and Black' (the irony of the name!), 'Winter Carnival', etc. There might have been participation in previous years, but this is certainly now lacking.

Secondly, I wish to ask the present overseas student organizations whether or not they have sufficiently tried to bring about favorable climate of understanding and what they have done to remedy the serious lack of co-operation, even among the national groups themselves.

Universities across Canada and US are demonstrating a responsible attitude towards their guests, and the hosts have gladly taken up the challenge by association and friendship among all overseas students. 'International Houses' have opened up their doors to students and the community at large. UNB - with one of the highest ratio of overseas students! - doesn't even have an office for international student bodies. Unfortunately, there are groups within and without the University who resent the 'foreigners' coming to UNB and who hamper any

sort of development in the arena of international understanding. How can anyone be so foolish and cling on to such provincial standards?

What I suggest, is a new Students' International Association. However qualified the members of the Executive are, they still have to cope with the apathy rate among Canadian and Overseas students. Besides, they are overburdened with other work. Whatever the cause of the short-circuit seems to be, I would suggest a meeting be held soon. SIA could accept recommendations made and ACT upon them. This meeting would decide on a fresh course of policies. Failing this, I would suggest that all national groups convene for a meeting to elect a representative sample of students to implant without hesitation the recommendations put forward by these students.

A large number of students have, in the past, devoted their talent, time, and effort to the vital task of promoting international understanding in a truly university atmosphere; they have done this often without even a token recognition. It would be a great disappointment (and insult) to them to have any of the national and international organizations fall into negligence.

Peace,
Will. C. van den Hoonard.

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