

Free tuition, student salaries in Newfoundland

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld.—Students at Memorial University will receive almost completely free education, Premier Joey Smallwood announced Tuesday.

Tuition at the university up to and including the fifth year will be free the fall of 1966, Mr. Smallwood told more than 2,000 Memorial students.

The government scheme will cost \$1,600,000 in 1966, he said.

Plans to pay a "salary" to students at the university starting in 1966 to help finance their education are also nearly final, said Mr. Smallwood.

Students from St. John's would

receive \$50 a month, while those from outside the city would obtain \$100 a month. It will cost \$2,000,000 if all students are covered next year.

Another plan to be started in the fall of 1966, is an increase in yearly grants to education students from \$600 to \$800, he said.

In previous plans, only free tuition was provided on a graduated scale with first-year students receiving benefits this year and second-year students next year.

"The government will now pay all tuition starting next fall," he said.

"There is a possibility only

first-year students will receive the salary next fall, with other years coming in a graduated scale," he said.

Plans are not yet complete, he said.

"We're pretty sure we know where the money is to come from," said Mr. Smallwood, who explained there would not be any new or increased taxation in connection with the new plans.

The government is in no way attempting to control the university, said Mr. Smallwood. "We pray no clumsy hands will ever throttle the academic spirit of this university."

The education of Newfound-

landers should not be retarded by "a lack of mere money." If anyone ever wants to go to university and doesn't, "don't blame me," said the premier.

Salaries for faculty members might also be increased, but "what the university does is their business."

"The government will do all in its power to meet any proposal they have to make," said Mr. Smallwood.

About 4,000 students are expected to attend Memorial next fall. This is an increase of 500 students.

It is foreseeable when Memorial will have 10,000 students and a

faculty of 500, said Mr. Smallwood.

"This university will be the real pride of all Canada and all North America and the reason is it is the only university in the Western hemisphere with free tuition and salaries for students to boot."

The premier called the special meeting of students to make his announcement.

"We approve of the decision and rejoice in it," said Rex Murphy, president of the Memorial Council of Students.

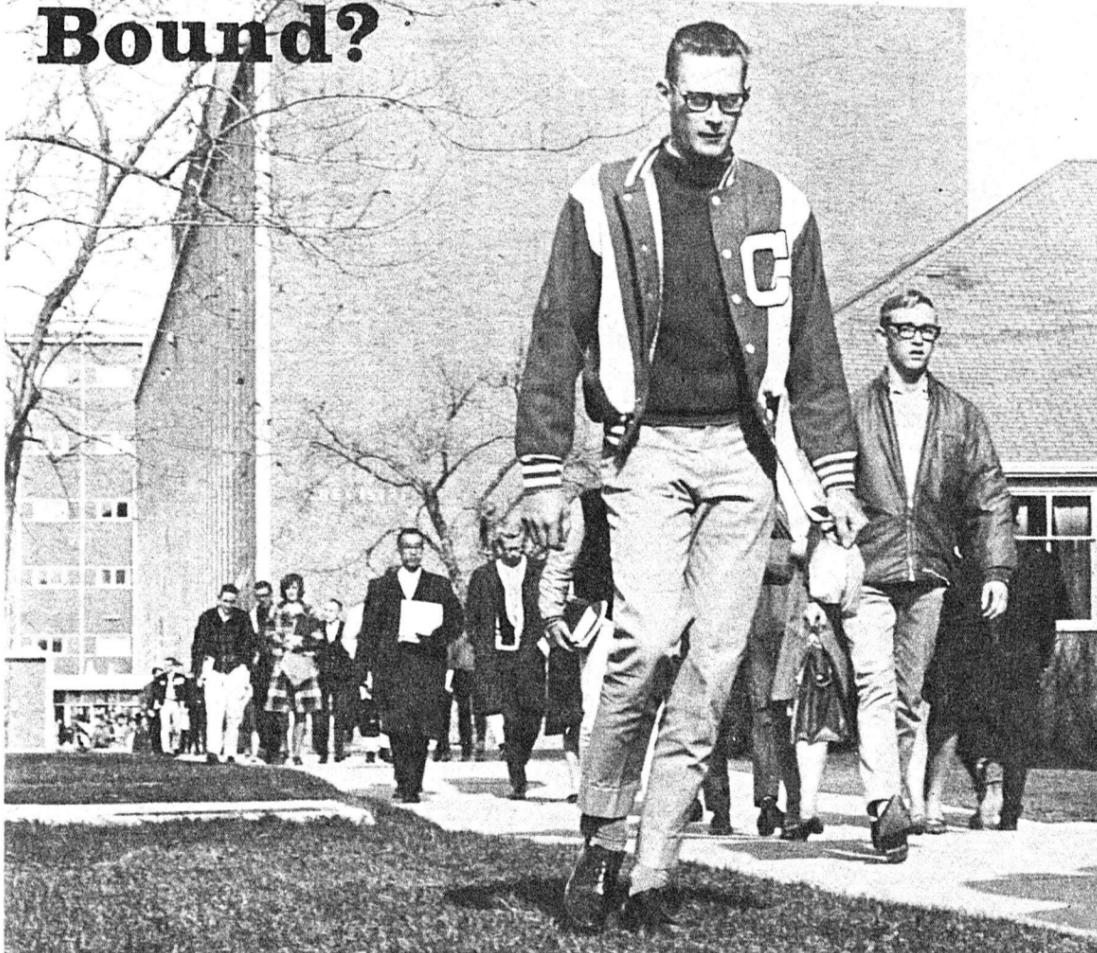
"We feel it is in total accord with the universal accessibility policies of the Canadian Union of Students."

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Price cool to Bladen recommendations

In a personal reaction to Wednesday's Bladen Commission report students' union president Richard Price said, "Students and the commission seem to be moving in the same direction but have chosen different means of approaching the goal of equality of educational opportunity."

Price opposed the Bladen Commission's recommendation not to eliminate tuition. He said it would provide high school students "a further incentive to continue their education," if post-secondary ed-

ucation were free of fees.

Price also reacted to the commission's idea of who should share the costs of university education. He agreed costs should be borne by those who benefit, that is the students and society, but he disagreed that parents should be depended upon.

Asked Price, "Why should parents pay twice; once through taxes for post-secondary education and secondly by gifts or loans to help finance the education of their children?"

The suggestion that society must

invest more in education if it is to benefit from "the full intellectual resources of Canadians," was approved by Price.

"However," he said "this investment should be for technical institutes, agriculture and nursing schools as well as universities."

The students' union president hinted that the official council reaction to the report will probably be released on Oct. 27.

At that time it will be forwarded to the provincial Minister of Education as a part of National Student Day.

Bladen report supports fees

But federal aid, bursaries, free grad studies advocated

OTTAWA (CUP)—The Bladen Commission report is in favor of "free education" for graduate students.

For undergraduates, it recommends that the provinces more than double existing bursary schemes.

The Bladen Commission is a non-governmental group set up by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC).

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Headed by Dean Bladen of the University of Toronto, it released its long-awaited report in Ottawa Wednesday.

Undergraduate fees are expected to remain at an average of \$500, according to the report, because operating grants to universities should be increased two-and-a-half fold immediately.

"The graduate student should be fully, or almost fully, supported" by grants of at least \$2,000 to "attract into the graduate schools enough students of high calibre to meet the needs of universities, government and business."

No such attempt to influence enrolment is recommended for the undergraduate level, however.

The report makes no judgment as to desirable levels of undergraduate enrolment.

It takes the AUCC prediction as "the best estimate we have of the rising demand" of students for undergraduate education.

To allow this demand to be met, the report recommends that governments give priority to capital grants and bursaries, and "in the interest of social justice resist the popular pressure for the abolition of fees."

Defining "free education" to include tuition, expenses and foregone earnings, the report suggests that its projected enrolments can be achieved without free education, and expresses anxiety that greater demands would not meet with success.

These projections predict that the present rate of 9.2 students per 1,000 population in the 19 to 24 age group will rise to 13.2 by 1970 and 15.7 by 1975.

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Bladen report at a glance

OTTAWA (CUP)—The major recommendations of the Bladen Commission on the financing of higher education are:

- An increase of federal per capita operating grants to universities from \$2 to \$5, effective this academic year, with a \$1 increase each succeeding year.
- A doubling of student aid, with more emphasis on bursaries than loans.
- Provincial governments should "resist the popular pressure for the abolition of fees."
- Graduate students should be given "generous support to pay all their expenses."
- Government scholarships based on merit should be limited to \$250.
- Federal capital grants of \$5 per capita, to meet 50 per cent of the capital costs of universities "excluding residences and student activity buildings."
- Provinces should establish "grants commissions" with strong academic representation, to divide all operating and capital grants among universities and advise the government.
- All federal funds to higher education should be distributed under provincial control.
- One minister of the federal cabinet should be assigned to coordinate all federal assistance to universities.