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Student Union fees up \$6

by Cathy McDonald

Student union fees will rise six dollars to \$73 next year. After a remarkably short period of debate, council approved a budget for next year that will add one dollar to the five dollar increase already approved by students through two referenda votes this year.

Items already approved by students are a four dollar per student fee to join the Canadian Federation of Students, the new national student organization, and one dollar towards upgrading the equipment of the student radio station, CKDU.

Increases in honorarium for council executives, the creation of two new executive positions, a larger contingency fund for entertainment events, a CKDU research fund and a few other additions and budget increases account for one dollar in increased fees. This decision must be ratified by a general meeting of Dalhousie students to be scheduled within the next couple of weeks.

Council allocated \$5,000, amended from \$6,000, to research the possible future alternatives for CKDU. The figure was arbitrary, and will account for any professional fees or expense needed to construct a comprehensive study over the summer into means of developing CKDU as an AM or FM station.

Some councillors expressed reservations in approving funds for non-specific purposes. However, each expenditure would need separate approval, said student union president John Logan.

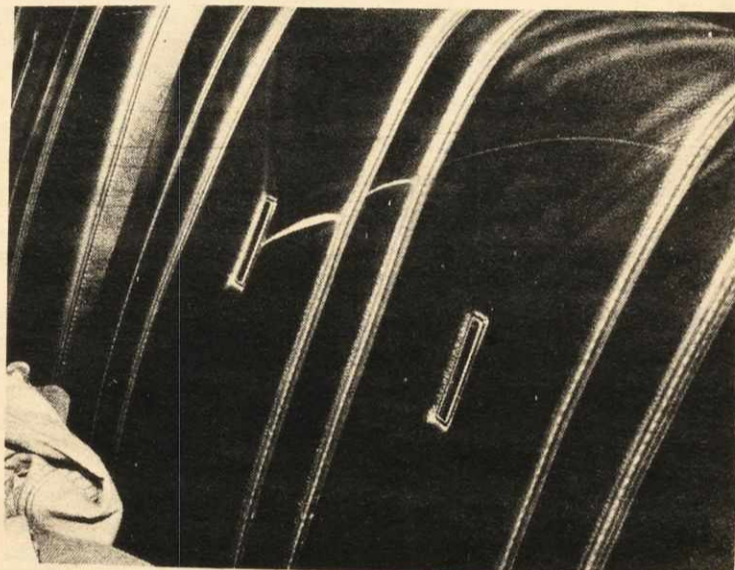
"It's a contingency fund," said Neil Erskine, CKDU station manager. "What isn't needed won't be used."

A motion to increase the station manager's salary by 35 per cent, to allow employment during the summer months to oversee the research study, was defeated. Honorarium for the regular school term will increase 15 per cent.

Provisions were made to increase the honorarium of the president 20 per cent to \$7,200 and the Vice President and Treasurer 13 per cent to \$6,800 each. Also provisions for two new executive positions with honoraria of \$1,500 was made. Job definitions for the two positions, Internal Vice President and External Vice President and all executive honoraria have yet to be ratified.

The contingency fund for entertainment events of \$5,000 will be used this year, according to Kevin Feindel, student union Treasurer. Although it was anticipated the year would break even, losses occurred over the student union sponsored play 'Of Mice and Men' and the last Super SUB account for the use of the fund. This compares quite favourably to the \$25,000 spent on entertainment last year, Feindel said.

Another play will be sponsored next year, Feindel thinks, and in case of any other unforeseen loss of revenue, the contingency fund was raised to \$7,000.



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This is the rip which got in the seat, which was in the security vehicle, which made Max Keeping a very, very angry Security Director.

Feminist and anti-feminist bash it out in Lethbridge

LETHBRIDGE (CUP) -- One of Canada's most famous feminists recently squared off against one of Canada's most famous anti-feminists in a debate about the women's movement, at the University of Lethbridge.

Doris Anderson, the current president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, and Barbara Amiel, a Maclean's columnist, agreed that the women's movement has opened up job opportunities and gained recognition for women.

But Anderson said there is still a long way for women to go, while Amiel argues that things have gone far enough.

Amiel began her speech by amicably calling her opponent a "swine". She said the "male conspiracy" interpretation of history is erroneous and added that women were baby factories for a millenia because the survival of society depended on it.

"There was no overt conspi-

racy -- patriarchy was simply the best way," said Amiel. She said guaranteeing women special privileges in the job market is "exchanging one injustice for another".

Amiel said several of the women's movement's demands were absurd, such as the 'desexing' of language and the wages-for-housewives proposal. She said housewives receive room, board, support and various forms of "pampering" for their services. She added that anti-discrimination laws could be applied to public washrooms.

She claimed young women no longer suffer discrimination in pay-scales as "unmarried women earn 99.2 per cent as much as unmarried men."

Amiel said that "you cannot hurry up change," and further legislation such as affirmative action only breeds resentment.

But Anderson charged that it is Amiel's brand of neo-conservative rhetoric that is

defeating the American Equal Rights Amendment.

She said current legislation is totally ineffective in procuring equal pay. "In ten cases there has not been one win. The Supreme Court has dropped the ball consistently," said Anderson. The status of women clause in Canada's new constitution will be a "tool for the courts" to reverse this situation, she said.

Government statistics show that, even in government work, women are consistently paid an average of \$5,000 less than their male counterparts, she said.

Legislation on women's job rights is not reverse discrimination, said Anderson. "They are breaking through a traditional advantage males have had."

Anderson's final barb: since the movement began, there have always been women who "sat on the fence" or said "things were better the way they were"...I don't remember the names of any of those women."