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Newfies' free ride comes to a stop

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld. (CUP)—Free tuition advocates have lost an example—and some Memorial University students will pay tuition fees this year.

Since October, 1965, all Memorial students received free tuition and those in upper years living allowances. Now, all students must complete a means test.

The announcement was part of an austerity budget which raised sales tax, gas and cigarette prices and put an extra tax on liquor. The university's operating budget, however, went up \$5 million.

The government claims lack of money will keep no student out of university and Dr. R. W. Rowe, minister of education, said, "If 100 per cent of the students need assistance, 100 per cent will get it."

Students council at Memorial claims the means test is a cover-up for virtual elimination of the two-year old program.

The council originally objected only to the means test, claiming a fair test would cost more to administer than free tuition.

The students are taking no action now, but will prepare briefs.

John Frecker, council president, says if no action is taken on the briefs, the students will consider withholding their fees or boycotting classes.

The free tuition and allowance scheme cost the government \$2.5 million last year. Implementation of the means test is expected to lower expenses to \$2 million.

Frecker said, "The government is using the university as a political football. The premier announced free tuition a month before the last federal election."

"People said then that he was buying votes. Now it looks as if they were right. The university is being used."

The announcement of free tuition was made at a special ceremony, the notice of the means test was given much less fanfare.

Free tuition and living allowances have been left untouched at the Trades College and Fisheries College.

And, on top of it all, increased taxes means the student now pay 11 cents for a coke.



LOST IN THE CROWD—The Pozo Seco Singers performed Tuesday and Wednesday on this campus and drew astronomical crowds. Tuesday was free night for the frosh and the lineup extended from one end of S.U.B. to the other. Were they treated royally? You bet, baby!