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Despite student protests, Dalhousie went ahead with tuition increases.

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Board passes tuition hikes

by Judy Reid

The only surprise was that nine members voted against raising tuition fees instead of the usual four or five.

Just before 6 pm Wednesday evening, the Dalhousie Board of Governors accepted a proposal for students to pay an extra 10 per cent in tuition fees. With the exception of students enrolled in Arts or Commerce programs, students will also be paying an additional \$500 to \$1,000 phased in over three years beginning in September, 1994. International students will be expected to pay an extra \$1,000 on top of program fees and the provincial government's foreign student fee.

Before voting, one member pleaded that no one on the board was playing the villain. "It's not the University's fault. It's not anybody's fault," he said. "These are tough times."

Before the meeting, more than 100

students gathered not in protest, but to attend the wake of the unknown student who could no longer attend Dalhousie.

"Some people see it as representing students who can't afford to come to Dal," said Lilli Ju from the Dalhousie Student Union. "But I see it as more than that." Ju cited program cuts, tuition hikes and bad loan systems as some of the many reasons why students would not be able to attend university.

The increasing cost of education was not the only issue raised. The Budget Advisory Committee, which drafted the differential fee and tuition increase proposal, had been meeting for a year without a single student taking part in the decision making.

"Those who pay should have a say!" chanted students on the way to the Board of Governors meeting.

"We must be consulted on Dalhousie's future," said DSU president Jefferson Rappell, "because we are Dalhousie's future."

Board member Professor Norman Pereira agreed. "There is no sound reason why students should not be part of a process that so directly affects their lives," he said. "I would even rather see a salary freeze than a tuition increase."

Student tuition fees makes up 17 per cent of the cost of education. A couple of board members compared it to the 80 per cent that American students paid, and suggested that students should be thankful. Students and board members were reminded several times that 25 per cent of the fee increases will go toward student aid.

With tuition fees increased yet again, students are left to wonder about their future at Dalhousie.

"I am a single parent and I can barely get by now," said Bart Gilbert, a computer science student. "I can't see myself returning with tuition hikes. I just can't."

Loan holdups annoy students

by Marie MacPherson and Ryan Stanley

The first week of Nova Scotia's new student loan system has left many students frustrated.

Students expecting to receive their loans on January 12 were told that the money might be up to a week late.

For the first time a private bank, not the provincial government, is administering the Nova Scotia Student Loan Program. The program, which handles some \$40 million in loans to Nova Scotia university students, was awarded to the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC) in a cost-saving measure announced in December. Several banks had bid for the contract from the province.

The changeover has been far from smooth, and many students feel confused by the new process introduced by the CIBC.

Lisa Wamboldt received her loan papers in the mail January 13, a day later than she'd been told. When she took the forms to the CIBC student loan office in the SUB, after getting them signed in the Registrar's Office, they told her the forms had to be sent to the CIBC head office in Ontario and the money would be in her bank account in a week.

"It would have been nice if we'd been warned at some point before," said the third-year English student. "I'm going to be curious to see if the money is in there on Wednesday when they said."

Peter Conlin met the same problem.

"I got this notice in November saying my funds will be available at my institution on January 12," said the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design student. "I got my form that day and it wasn't until then that I realized I had to file with CIBC."

Under the old system, students took their loan papers directly to their local bank branch and usually got their money in less than two days.

"It's not a catastrophe but I've been broke for the past week," said Conlin. "It would have been simple

to send a letter saying you have to file with CIBC."

Bank officials blamed students' predicaments on the provincial government. "I think the confusion came in because the province had indicated to students that they would be able to pick up their loan agreements on January 12," said Dal's CIBC loan representative April Jenkins. "The province didn't deliver."

Other officials downplayed the delay.

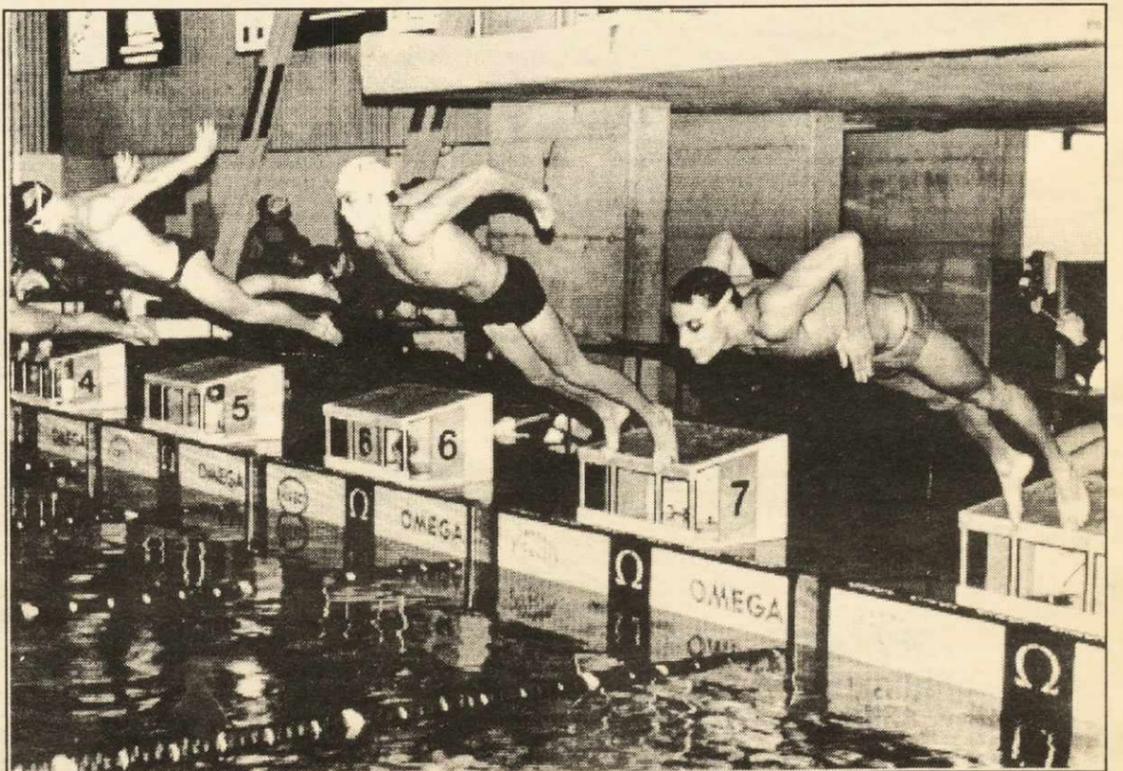
"These are issues that are fairly typical with a new process in a business environment," said Emmi Drodge, a spokesperson from CIBC's head office. She said a new computer system was responsible for much of the holdup.

Not all students are convinced the problems can be brushed off so easily.

"If they tell you that the money is going to be there on a certain day," said one student, "it should be there on that day."

1994-95 TUITION FEES

FACULTY PROGRAM	1993-4	1994-95
Arts and Social Sciences	\$2,655	\$2,920
Science	2,780	3,225
Education	2,680	3,115
Engineering	2,900	3,325
Social Work	2,680	3,115
Nursing, Recreation, Physical and Health Education, HSA	3,010	3,480
Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, HCD	3,010	3,645
Occupational Therapy	2,680	2,950
B Comm, CPA	3,115	3,760
Law (full time)	3,465	4,145
Medicine (MD)	660	895
Medicine (Post grad, interns)	3,465	4,145
Dentistry (DDS)	2,900	3,360
Dental Hygiene		
Graduate Studies:		
Masters		Undergraduate fee +133
Doctorate		Undergraduate fee +266
Thesis Only (full and part-time)		700



Can anyone see the wires? These swimmers are captured in mid-air Sunday at a swim meet between Dalhousie and UNB. For more information see page nine.

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