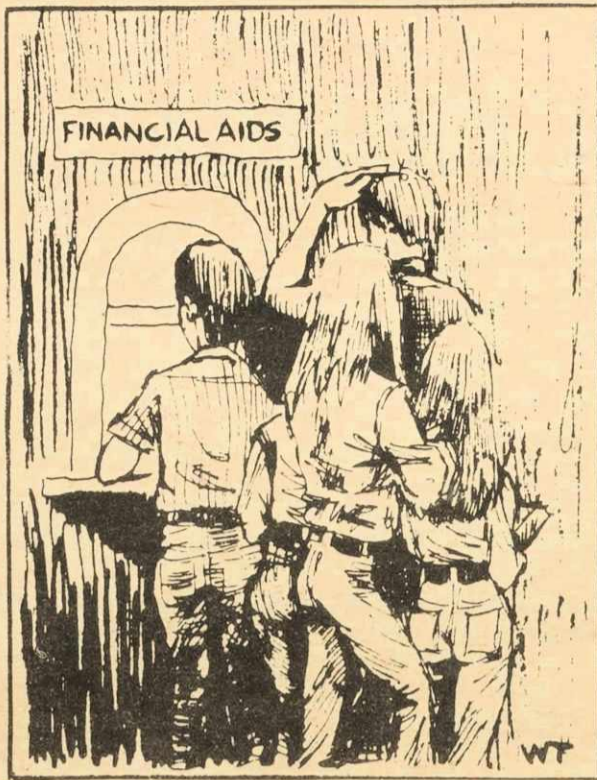


Students vs. Student Aid



SACKVILLE, N.B. [CUP] major Atlantic universities and colleges at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton.

The first objective of the proposed Atlantic Association of Student Unions will be to get improvements in the Student Aid Program.

At the conference five resolutions concerning the student aid program were passed.

The Atlantic region wants independent status to be granted to students 18 years of age instead of the present 21 in most Atlantic provinces. They want the bursary portion of each award to be increased in relation to the loan portion of each award to help cover increased tuition, residence and book costs.

They also want all applications for aid filed before July 15 to be answered by September 1 so students have time to file appeals before the school term starts.

The association also wants student aid to be made available to part time students, at present no aid is offered, and they want all loans to remain interest free for a year after graduation.

The motions for changes in the student aid program are similar to those made by the National Union of Students and the Ontario Federation of Students.

The UNB will act as a clearing house for student aid information for the Atlantic provinces and will distribute an analysis of the information they receive to the next meeting of the Atlantic Student Association.

The conference also decided that all institutions should implement course evaluation with an exchange of new ideas about the evaluations to take place.

Delegates at the conference stressed that much more could be accomplished

if Atlantic institutions kept in touch with each other since there are problems and issues exclusive to the Atlantic provinces that a separate organization representing a common view point can lobby more effectively around.

Nursery Rhymes Revisited

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"...People have this incredible mythology about wolves -- Little Red Riding Hood, Three Little Pigs, Peter the Wolf -- which is one reason why they're interesting. The personality of the wolves is characterized as being cunning and savage and nasty and that they blow your house down and things like that..."

"...The most distinguishing feature between a domestic dog and a wild dog, which is what a wolf really is, is the incredible timidity of these animals. They are extremely shy, and you can spook them very easily and people who go into parts of British Columbia or Alaska or Ontario rarely see them because they are so shy."

They are the words of **DR. JOHN C. FENTRESS**, chairman of the Department of Psychology at Dalhousie University, who for the last 10 years has been studying the behaviour of wolves as part of his psychology research.

This week, Dr. Fentress's pack of 10 wolves made the long road and air journey from the University of Oregon, in Eugene, Ore., to Halifax and thence to a specially constructed nine-acre pen in Shubenacadie Wildlife Park.

Dr. Fentress, a leading expert in the study of animal behaviour, has been associated with wolves at Cambridge University -- where he took his doctorate in ethology and obtained his first wolf cub from

Whipsnade Zoo in London, at Rochester, New York, and at the University of Oregon. At Oregon his pack grew to its present number.

The wolves were accompanied on their journey by Jeanette Ryon, animal keeper at the University of Oregon Bio-Social Centre. Miss Ryon stayed in the cargo hold with the wolves on the plane. She has looked after them for the past five years.

The arrival of the wolves at Shubenacadie after a 12-hour road trip from Eugene, Ore., to Vancouver and 16 hours on an Air Canada freighter to Halifax, marked the end of just over a year of long but fruitful negotiations involving Dr. Fentress, the university, its Psychology Department, the Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forests and, latterly, Air Canada. "There has been enormous co-operation all round," says Dr. Fentress.

The provincial government, through the Department of Lands and Forests, offered the university 50 acres of land in the wildlife park to use, and the university provided the funds to fence in -- the maximum security fashion -- about nine acres.

The wolves' new home consists at the moment of the nine-acre fenced area, with three holding pens of about 50 feet square. "This gives them plenty of room to romp around and we can look at them in a semi-natural environment, and can use the small holding pens for various develop-

mental studies and closer observations," says Dr. Fentress.

Dr. Fentress and research associates will remain with the wolves for a few days at the park until they settle down in their new surroundings. On hand to meet the animals were a number of Dr. Fentress's Dalhousie colleagues and students, among them biology and psychology student Heather Parr, who transferred to Dalhousie from Oregon to remain with the wolves she has helped to look after for the last three years. Miss Parr, a skilled photographer, has filing cabinets full of pictures, films, slides and tape recordings relating to the development of the wolves.

Dr. Fentress's research revolves around what is sometimes described as the nature-nurture issue: To what extent is an animal's behaviour a product of its genetic heritage, to what extent is it a product of the environment in which it lives, how do we, as humans, fit in, how are we similar to and different from other complicated creatures, and why? "I think it is legitimate to look

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