

Atlantic fees go up

HALIFAX (CUP) — According to an unreleased report on educational funding in the Atlantic region, universities will be forced to increase tuition fees 15-25 per cent next September if they do not receive the 12.5 per cent increase in provincial funding they have requested. The report warns that the

government is likely to grant only a seven per cent increase in funding. The report, a product of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC), was issued to the provincial governments last December, but the governments have refused to make the report public.

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of all Carling O'Keefe beer products and wine products distributed by that company, and all cigarette and tobacco products controlled by Rothman's and its subsidiaries."

This section, encouraging the Rothman's/Carling O'Keefe boycott, was struck from the motion by Council.

Grude said he introduced the motion because both Carling O'Keefe and Rothman's are controlled by the Rothman's of South Africa group, and he felt that purchase of those companies' products would "encourage and support" the apartheid South African regime.

Kevan Warner, education rep, strongly objected to Grude's motion, arguing that it wasn't comprehensive and it also meant that Students' Council would be required to take a stand on all related issues.

"Besides which," Warner argued, "this issue does not directly affect students on this campus."

Procedural complications then began.

Ed. rep. Gary Hansen asked for a member of the Free South Africa Committee (FSAC) to speak to Council; a motion was passed allowing Rishee Thakur to address Council and he reiterated many of Grude's initial comments.

Med. rep. Bert Witt then proposed an amendment to the motion, adding the words "and to strongly condemn the violations of the Helsinki Agreement by the Russian government" to the motion.

Against objections, Speaker John Ferris ruled the amendment was in order in that it also pointed out an injustice.

The Speaker's ruling was challenged from the floor but upheld; Hansen then moved an amendment to add several other countries to the list of those strongly condemned.

The Speaker then suggested Council amend the motion to advocate a boycott of products from countries where any form of oppression is present.

At this point several councillors suggested the motion be tabled until after all other Council business had been handled.

Quorum was then called and upheld; a second challenge to the chair resulted in a vote rejecting the Speaker's ruling that the second amendment was acceptable to the intent of the original motion.

Witt then changed his amendment to delete the phrase of the original motion calling for a boycott of Rothman's and Carling O'Keefe products.

This amendment was carried nine to five, and the motion, amended, was carried 12 to three.

Grude then withdrew his motion calling for SU executive to investigate the possibility of boycotting Rothman's/Carling O'Keefe products from retail outlets under the jurisdiction of the Students' Union.

The only motion related to the boycott finally passed by Council was therefore one calling for members of the university community to exercise individual conscience in the purchase of South African goods or those from Canadian companies directly linked to South African corporations.

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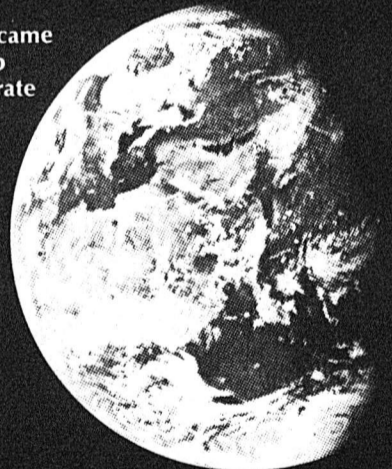
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