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## Another hike in tuition fees

By Allan Carter

A report that was released on Thursday states that the Maritime Province Higher Education Commission is recommending total funding of \$372,506,000 from the three Maritime provinces for operating assistance in 1990-91.

This represents a total increase of 7.8% over the funding approved for the current fiscal year. The increase is made up of a 4.9% increase to maintain the existing base in light of inflation, and 2.0% to compensate for changes in the system and enrollment growth.

If the recommendation is followed it would imply a year-over-year increase of 6.7% for New Brunswick, 6.9% for Prince Edward Island, and 8.9% for Nova Scotia.

According to a CHSR report at noon on Thursday, UNB President James Downey feels that the MPHEC report is realistic given financial restraint that must be practiced by the government.

Downey says tuition will be going up next year, it's just

a question of how much. Foreign students can expect no change in the \$1700 additional fee they must pay to attend UNB.

In general, he believes budgeting will be very tight in all aspects at UNB even though UNB is in better shape than many other universities.

James Gill, UNB Student Union's Vice President of University Affairs is disappointed that the MPHEC did not recommend the same development as they did last year. He foresees tuition increasing to an additional \$100-\$150 for UNB students.

But he is confident that the New Brunswick government will meet the recommendation. He also added that "this is small potatoes compared to what will happen if Bill C-33 comes through."

Bill C-33 will basically cut the amount of money that the federal government will send to the provinces in the form of transfer payments to both health care and post-secondary education.

Gary Clarke, Chairperson for CFSNB, says CFS is very

disappointed that the MPHEC did not recommend to the Maritime provinces the removal of differential (additional) fees for foreign students.

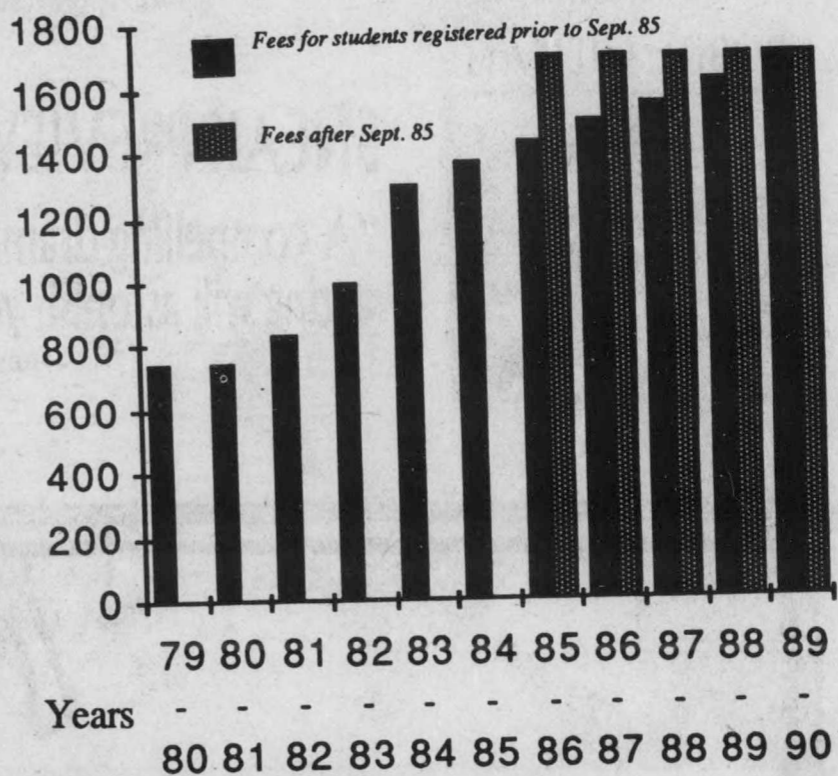
CFS-NB is also fearful that the funding recommendations made will not be sufficient to prevent major tuition fee increase over the next three or four years.

Without sufficient financial aid programs CFS-NB feels increased tuition fees will be a barrier to accessibility to universities for students, which Clarke feels will result in an "elite student population."

The MPHEC Financial report plan also includes forecasts of future enrollment rates that are expected to continue to rise, despite the continued decline in population in the 18-24 year old group.

But, Downey says that the trend at UNB to restrict enrollment in certain faculties will continue because of lack of resources. Nevertheless, it is very evident that tuition will once more increase for students at UNB.

### \$ Differential Fees For Foreign Students



## Wrestling team in highway accident

By Brunswickan Staff Writer

Last Friday afternoon, 13 members of the UNB Black Bears wrestling team, including Coach George Multamaki were in an accident outside Quebec in St. Foy on their way to the Queen's Open in Kingston, Ontario.

Apparently Multamaki was driving the speed limit during bad weather conditions and the van they were traveling in slipped off the road. The van, which is a complete write off, definitely rolled and Pat Zwicker, co-captain, was thrown from the van and cracked a vertebrae.

The team spent the night in a hotel in Quebec and later visited Zwicker, who was in the hospital. After Zwicker was

released from the hospital on Saturday afternoon the team returned to UNB.

Donald Ryan, co-captain, feels that Zwicker's injury will put a strain on the rest of the team. Zwicker, a 6 year veteran of the team, will see a specialist to find out how serious the injury is.

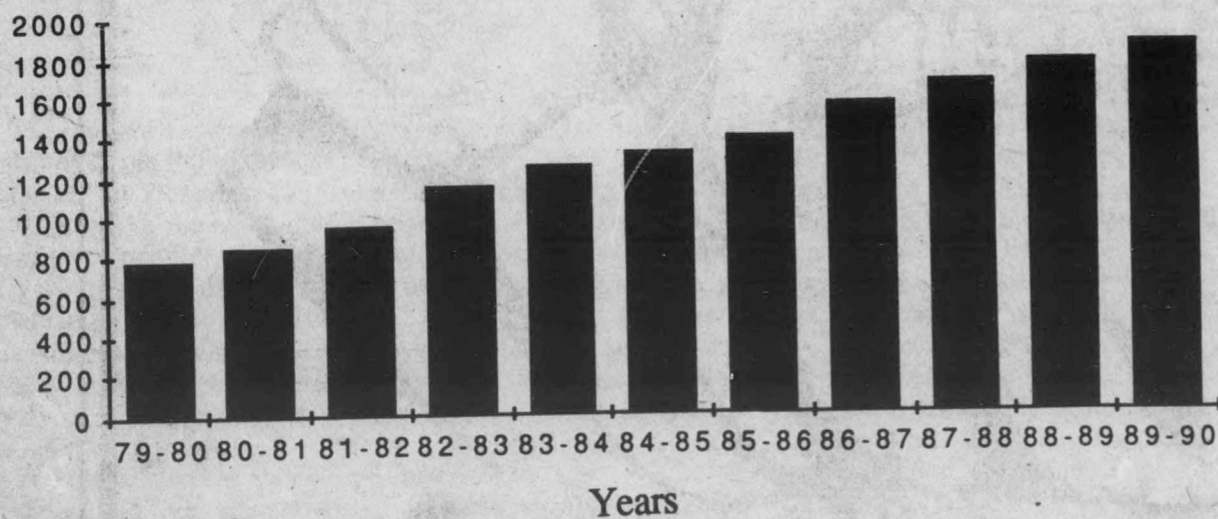
Multamaki says that they were lucky no one else was hurt as bad or worse than Zwicker.

Ironically, Zwicker was still struggling with an injury received during the soccer season.

The team's next meet is the UNB Open, to be held in the LB Gym January 27. However, some team members are expected to compete in the NB Open, which will be held tomorrow.

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Student Fees Over the Last Decade



The above graph shows the continuing rise of student tuition fees for undergraduates at U.N.B. for the last decade. The other graph (top of page - right) shows the increase of differential (additional) tuition fees for foreign students in the last decade. All information for the graphs was obtained from the U.N.B. Business Office.

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