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## Tuition and then some

by Robert Putnam

Douglas Briand knew tuition had gone up, but he wasn't prepared for a \$2000 surprise on registration day. Briand discovered he would be charged an extra \$800 for a certain music course, in addition to his full-time fee.

Briand, a second year theatre student, wanted to enroll in an Applied Skill class 1100R offered through the music department. The class provides voice training important for students in theatre, and according to Briand the class is superior to what he can find in the theatre department.

When registering for the class Briand was told all non-music students must pay a surcharge of \$800. He could not afford the extra money and was forced to take his training at another institution in the city.

Mr. R. Byham, Chairman of the Music Department, confirmed the fee surcharge was correct. He explained the class provides individual instruction on any musical instrument or in voice consisting of one hour per week for a full two semesters at a cost to the university of \$30 per hour. With 26 weeks of instruction and the cost of juries

and examination he felt \$800 closely approximated the cost of the course. Byham also pointed out that students who did not require the course for their studies take advantage of the expensive training at no charge.

Professor Friedenber of the Education Department brought the matter before the Senate on September 13 where it was referred to the Committee on Academic Administration for study.

Both Byham and Robbie Shaw, Vice-President of Administration for Dalhousie, doubt the fee surcharge will be implemented this year. But it is too late for Briand and approximately 20 other students that Byham estimates declined to take the course after being informed of the surcharge.

Neil Erskine, Vice-President Academic of the Student Union, questioned the way the surcharge was implemented. He felt decisions this important should be made by the Board of Governors.

No mention is made in the calendar about a fee surcharge for Music class 1100R and there does not appear to be a clear administration policy to deal with these problems.

## Aid planned, student s

WINNIPEG (CUP) — The Manitoba government announced recently that it will increase student funding by 37 per cent this year.

The announcement comes in the wake of a 44 per cent jump in provincial student aid applications.

"We're naturally grateful because it certainly is a positive reaction to the tough economic times students face," said University of Manitoba Students' Union vice-president Jim Jones.

"Every Canadian province has experienced a dramatic rise in student aid applications," said provincial education minister Maureen Hemphill. "This is related to the

economy and the fact that more and more adults from all walks of life are taking advantage of post-secondary opportunities."

Students applying for student aid are eligible for a loan of up to \$1,860 and a bursary of \$2,860.

Jones said the maximum bursary available last year was \$1,860. He said the provincial government has added an additional \$1,000 emergency bursary for needy students.

There have been 3,400 applications for student aid at the University of Manitoba this year, according to the department of education — an increase of 843 over last year.

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