

Differential fees at McMaster

HAMILTON (CUP)—McMaster University's senate has voted overwhelmingly to implement differential fees for incoming visa students this September in ac-

cordance with Ontario government policy.

The university, one of only two in Ontario which refused to charge the fees when they were implemented

last September, lost \$151,000 in revenues this year because it didn't charge the fees. The senate decision was made after a fund drive—began last May in hopes that the fees could be avoided if the drive was successful—netted only \$25,000 of its \$170,000 goal.

The Jan. 11 senate vote must be approved by the university's board of governors before taking effect. The board will consider the senate vote at its meeting next month, and is expected to approve it.

The senate tabled a motion by student senator Steve Shallhorn asking the board of governors to express to the ministry of universities and colleges the university's reluctance to having differential fees and its continued opposition to the fees.

The differential fees will increase tuition costs for newly registered undergraduate visa students to \$1,500 and for newly registered graduate visa students to \$1,950. Visa students currently studying at McMaster and graduate visa students at McMaster advancing to doctoral studies will not be charged differential fees.

General Meeting of The Student Union

Agenda:

- 1) Acceptance of proposed amendments and revisions of the By-Laws of the Constitution of the Student Union.
- 2) Presidential and Vice-Presidential Report on the state of the Student Union.
- 3) Question and Answer period. Union Membership vs. Students Council

Time: 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

Date: Tues. Jan. 31st

Place: SUB Lobby

Note: Text of proposed amendments and revisions of the By-Laws available at the SUB Enquiry Desk. Also posted throughout the campus.

Restrictions placed on foreign students

VICTORIA (CUP)—Ottawa will allow provinces to place further restrictions on international students, federal Manpower and Immigration Minister Bud Cullen announced Jan. 17.

Cullen told a joint meeting of provincial education and manpower ministers that some provinces "might want to suggest that no student, whether they be destined to public or private institutions, be admitted to their province without their express approval." He said he would be "quite prepared to include such provisions in any immigration agreement with any province."

Quebec Education Minister Jacques-Yvan Morin, whose department is considering differential fees for international students, said "with respect to foreign students, Quebec is in general agreement with the federal government."

Differential fees for international students have been instituted in Ontario and Alberta.

Cullen said the new Immigration Act and its regulations, scheduled to become law April 1, are "an excellent example of how federal-

provincial collaboration can produce a mutually useful result." The new immigration legislation will require visa students to obtain special authorization before they arrive in Canada, "and once in Canada, they will not be able to change faculty or institution without the formal approval of an immigration officer."

"We hope that this will terminate the practice of foreign students shopping around among Canadian institutions," Cullen said. The "tighter immigration control" will also allow provinces to plan enrolments more effectively, he added. Cullen also stressed a "need to keep a close watch" on the number of foreign teachers being admitted to Canada, because of the rising number of unemployed education graduates.

The number of foreign university teachers admitted to Canada, according to Cullen's own statistics, has decreased in all provinces over the last four years. In 1973, a total of 792 immigrant teachers were admitted to Canada, while last year only 364 teachers were admitted.

25% Tuition increase nets UBC 1.4 million

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Five months ago, students at the University of British Columbia were hit with a 25 per cent increase in tuition fees.

Now the university administration has revealed a \$1.4 million windfall in UBC's operating budgets.

An administration spokesperson said the surplus, which the university plans to use for capital projects, came from an unexpectedly high investment profit and an Anti-Inflation Board rollback of university clerical and library workers' salaries.

In December, 1976, the AIB chopped to 15 per cent a 19 per cent wage increase settlement between the administration and the Association of University and College Employees. The spokesperson said the AIB rollback involved between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

"When these unexpected, if you like, windfalls occur, you have to devote them to non-recurring expenses." The money will be spent on capital projects such as renovation of facilities and equipment purchases.

He said that in addition to the AIB rollback and the unexpected investment income, there was a carry-over of \$200,000 from last year. But, he said, "with a yearly university budget of \$175 million, a small carry-over of a couple of hundred thousand dollars is insignificant."

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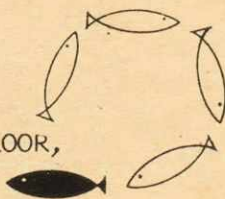
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