

EDITORIAL

Demand an end to differential fees

To discriminate.

According to my Webster's the term means "to make a difference in treatment or favor on a basis other than individual merit."

In our typical Canadian self-righteous fashion, when we hear the term it conjures up visions of South Africa or the southern United States. We choose not to think of our own checkered past in this respect and to ignore what is currently going on in our own political backyard.

Universities, unfortunately, are not immune to the practice of discrimination. With the exception of those in Newfoundland, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba, all Canadian universities discriminate against foreign students by charging what is referred to as a "differential fee".

What this means is that if you are a citizen of a country other than Canada and attend a Canadian university (excepting those in the provinces cited above) you must pay higher fees.

For example, if a student from Guyana or the U.S.A. is attending UNB for the first time (regardless of program), he/she must pay \$1430.00 tuition, \$1700.00 differential, and \$167.00 for health insurance.

A Canadian student attending UNB for the first time pays \$1400.00 tuition which includes insurance coverage. Some Canadian universities charge foreign students fees which are 13 times the rate charged Canadian students.

While the benefits Canada gains from foreign students attending our universities are too numerous to go into here (see page 3) they are, for the purposes of this argument, irrelevant. The act of charging a differential fee is a discriminatory one and must be terminated.

New Brunswick's, Nova Scotia's and Prince Edward Island's differential fees are set by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. By implication then, they have the power to discontinue this discriminatory practice.

UNB's Student Union and Administration must set aside their differences and work together to convince other Maritime universities to make representations to the MPHEC demanding a cessation to differential fees.

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Second issue of '86, and we were done a little early once more. Last week, the paper was all finished at 5 pm, a good forty five minutes before our mode of transport leaves for Hartland. This week, although I am admittedly writing this early, we will once again put the paper to bed with a lengthy margin of safety. Call me an optimist (or a dreamer), but I have this feeling we're getting better at this.

In the news this week; although our hero Knowlton won't be talking about it, we are;

Keith Keane was fired as manager of the College Hill Social Club. They haven't as yet announced any reason for firing him, "they" being the Board of Directors of the CHSC, to whom the manager is responsible to. Although, isn't the Board responsible, in turn, to the members of the CHSC, and shouldn't those people who hold memberships in the Club be made aware of the actions their Board is taking? Does that make sense? Only if you think normally, I suppose.

Tim MacKinnon, longtime Bruns staffer, has been elected interim Managing Editor by the Editorial Board and will, hopefully, be ratified by the staff at today's General Meeting. Despite rumours, he is not a communist-sympathizing, left-leaning, anarchist. He is, however, a person with a lot of experience in many departments of production of the Bruns.

CHSR-FM is 25 years old. Happy Birthday and all that nonsense. Now that the sentimental part is over, let's get down to brass tacks. Fredericton's only alternative will be holding an Open House on January the 22nd. I would imagine this means members of that Industrial Strength Radio Station will guide you through their agonizingly interesting offices and studios. The home of Radio that's Not Funny has some of the best equipment east of Montréal, and I'm sure some masochists out there would love to spend their afternoon looking at desks, knobs, switches, and meters. Good times to be had by all, I'm sure. (in memory of Unca Max)

But enough of the truth, stay tuned for the cotton-candy version.

CHSR-FM has planned an Open House for the 22nd of this month. From 10 am to 4 pm, members will be on hand to show all interested how the station operates and the equipment used in broadcasting over their frequency of 97.9 FM. That's Wednesday, 22 January, 10 am - 4 pm, at the studios and offices of CHSR-FM on the 3rd floor of the Student Union Building's office wing.

In the news section this week, you can read about a coming lecture by a Right-to-Life activist. It's being sponsored by the UNB SU's VP-Academic, Mike Bennett, and the Academic Commission, which Bennett chairs. When Morgentaler came to UNB, there was speculation that this represented the Student Union's views on the

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