

Gov't grant does not mean stable tuition

New Brunswick institutions will receive provincial operating grant increases averaging 8.6 per cent according to a press release from the Maritime Higher Education Commission. These recommendations provide only for an increase in the government assistance portion of institutional budgets for existing levels of activity and the Commission states that institutions will probably find it necessary to increase tuition fees according to the cost of living increase.

Prince Edward Island also received a substantial grant increase, receiving 8.8 per cent from the provincial government but Nova Scotia institutions received only 5.5 per cent of the Commissions recommended 8.75. The commission is an advisory body to the Council of Maritime Premiers who decide how much the government will contribute to the operating funds of the Maritime institutions.

The 1979/80 provincial government contributions to operating

assistance are, in millions of dollars, as follows: Nova Scotia - 88.7 million as compared to 84.1 given last year; Prince Edward Island - 11.3 as compared to last years 10.1 million.

The provinces of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island have accepted the commissions recommended level of assistance but Nova Scotia which received only 5.5 per cent of the Commissions recommended 8.75 per cent increase have not, and further discussions are pending.

The approved 1979/80 provin-

cial contributions are according to a new regional funding formula that has been approved by the Council of Maritime Premiers. Under the new arrangement each province provides the grants to the other two provinces in respect of any its students enrolled in programmes in these provinces that are not offered in the province of residence. For the past two years the provinces have been sharing the cost of post secondary education according to population modified by varying participation rates.



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"I told you I was a nice guy" said the Premier. Seriously, thank you Premier Hatfield for the government grant.

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