## **FAS sues Alberta**

EDMONTON (CUP)-The Federation of Alberta Students will be challenging the provincial government's differential tuition fees in court.

According to FAS executive officer Brian Mason, the federation will be taking Advanced Education Minister Bert Hohol and the U of Alberta Board of Governors to the Alberta Supreme Court, contesting the implementation of differential fees for visa students.

FAS believes that differential fees are in violation of Alberta's human rights legislation, Mason said.

"Differential fees hurt those who need them most," he said. "They reduce the opportunity for a broad educational exper-

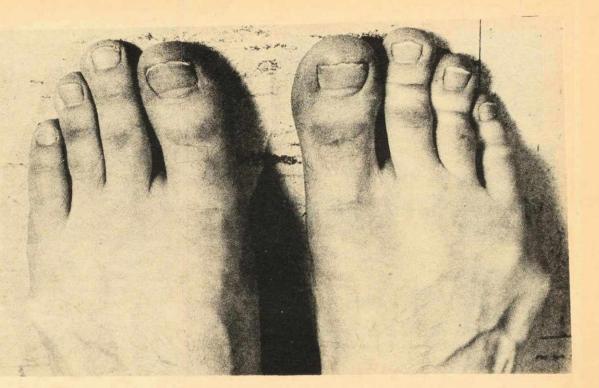
ience for our own students and are a blot on Alberta's international reputation.

FAS lawyers feel they have a "50-50 chance of winning", Mason added.

FAS's legal position will be that the provincial Universities Act did not give the minister of advanced education and the board of governors the authority to institute the fee.

"We have exhausted every legitimate political channel so we are now trying the legal route," said Mason.

"The government has refused to either facts or public opinion. We have no choice but to try to force them to abandon this discriminatory and racially motivated policy," he added.



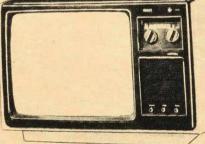
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