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OPINION

Differentials from one standpoint

by MELYNDA JARRATT

Denise Young is a twenty-
 two-year-old Arts graduate
 from the tiny Caribbean coun-
 try of Trinidad-Tobago, with a
 population of less than one and
 a half-million. She has been
 living and studying in Canada
 for five years and after gradua-
 tion this term is looking for-
 ward to returning to her coun-
 try, her friends and family.
 Denise had plenty to say about
 differential fees and this is only
 a small part of what she said.

"Some Canadians think
 foreign students should pay
 taxes because Canadians pay
 taxes and foreign students reat-



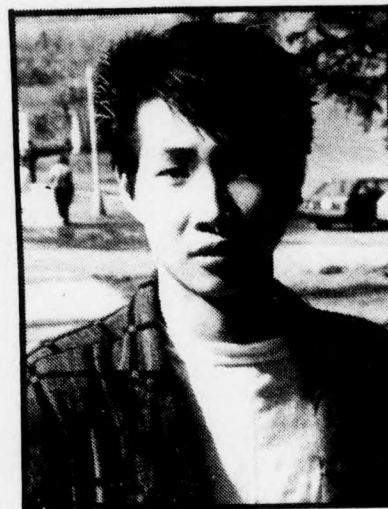
the benefits. I understand that
 point of view, but when dif-
 ferential fees amount to 125%
 more than the tuition paid by
 Canadian students. I have to
 say that it is a ridiculous situa-

tion. When tourists come
 down to the Caribbean we
 don't charge them 125% more!
 People don't realize how much
 foreign students pay to attend
 school and live in Canada
 every year - at the very least
 the figure is in the 10,000
 dollar range per individual.
 And another very important
 aspect of the presence of
 foreigners here at Canadian
 universities which is almost
 always overlooked is the good
 reputation which foreign post-
 graduate students give to their
 university community.
 Canada reaps the benefits of
 foreigners' work and the
 university gains prestige from
 their successes."

by MELYNDA JARRATT

Sam Shiu is a twenty-five-
 year-old Business student from
 Hong Kong. He is graduating
 this year with honours from
 the Business Faculty and will
 soon be leaving our university
 to continue his education at
 another institution. This is
 what he had to say about Dif-
 ferential fees, an issue which
 has the foreign students com-
 munity of Canada up in arms.

"The tax argument is indeed
 wrong because foreign
 students do pay tax. People can
 think about the question: "Do
 Canadians pay tax when they
 are students?" Even if they do
 they actually claim it back.
 The money flow from foreign
 students exceeds the billion
 dollar level each year and this



also helps economic prosperity
 in numerous cities. In Toronto,
 for example, one can see that
 foreign students pack up the
 theatres, restaurants, and
 practically every money-

spending place which provides
 employment opportunities for
 Canadians.

There is a common
 misunderstanding among
 Canadian students that all
 foreign students are wealthy,
 and that simply is not true.
 The average background of
 foreign students is middle-class
 and if they are not lucky
 enough to get a scholarship or
 their government's support,
 their parents must pay for the
 whole thing which in some
 cases can cause incredible
 hardships. And as students, we
 are not allowed to work in the
 summertime so if you cannot
 afford to go back home you
 must stay in Canada to either
 go to school or travel around
 the country."

Thanks extended to Jim O'Sullivan

Since this is the final issue of the Brunswickan for this year, I realize that
 there are some acknowledgements which should be made in regard to the
 final results of the summer residence fee hikes set by the Board of Govern-
 nors.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Jim O'Sullivan V.P. of Finance rental prices
 increased 13 not 30 percent as originally planned; so summer students will
 pay 170 dollars a month instead of 195. Appreciation is also extended to Mr.
 Timothy Lethbridge, student representative of the Board of Governors who
 presented a very strong case on the students behalf, and thank you to the
 Board of Governors themselves for their change of heart.

Most importantly I'd like to thank the students involved who took the
 time to sign petitions which were circulating or write personal letters of
 protest themselves. This small victory just goes to show how a little bit of
 student input can go a long way!!

Stay involved with your University's issues and policies!!

By LAURA LEE MACLEAN