

Quebec differential fees hit English Canadians

MONTREAL (CUP)—Tuition fees in Quebec are going up for foreign students, and that includes English-speaking students from other provinces.

The education department has confirmed that it will cost international students 33 per cent more for Quebec university education next fall. Students already enrolled will continue to pay \$4,350 while all other pay \$5,800.

For now Canadian students pay an average of \$450 in tuition, but by 1985 anyone from outside Quebec may be charged \$1,000.

Dalhousie president Andrew

MacKay said in a press release that he is "disappointed that the Quebec government is planning an action that might hinder student mobility and that would be discriminatory against Canadians on the basis of language and place of residence."

MacKay, who is also president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC), says this action undermines the AUCC's philosophy on student mobility as outlined in their brief to the Royal Commission on the Economy.

Currently, no university in

Canada makes students from other provinces pay more. Now, deputy education minister Michele Fortin says Quebec wants "reciprocity" from English out-of-province students.

Quebec, where tuition fees have not been increased for 10 years, has the cheapest university education in Canada.

"The students should pay what they pay in their own province," said Fortin.

"Discrimination is not a factor. It would mean that an Ontario student who came here would pay what he pays in Ontario. It's not a big difference."

But university administrators, teachers and students, already angry over differential fees for international students, are furious.

Edward Stansbury, a vice-principal of McGill University, said "it strikes me ... an agreement of that kind would be discriminatory."

"It would be a complicated thing to administer and work out."

Stansbury doubted other provinces would want to be involved in such a reciprocal agreement.

Victor Sim, an official for the Canadian Association of University Teachers, said his organiza-

tion would not likely support such differential fees.

He said limiting differential tuition fees to English students "is more reprehensible" than the fee itself.

Students, already upset over charging international students 80 per cent more for university education than Canadians, say this particular proposal is just another step towards raising tuition fees for all university students.

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"As far as cutbacks go, we think it's going to be a lot worse," said Peter Wheeland, representing ANEQ (Association nationale des étudiant-es du Québec).

"When you send the major finance hatchet man into education, you've got to start worrying about what he's going to do."

Kings/Dalhousie dispute

by Bob Morrison

Negotiations between Dalhousie and King's student councils (DSU and KSU) about access to the Dalhousie Student Union Building are at a standstill.

The debate involves the setting of the fee that the DSU would charge the KSU in return for King's students having the same access to the SUB as Dalhousie students.

Presently King's students can use the SUB facilities during the day but must be signed in after six and on weekends.

After several months of talks between the two councils and an initial offer of payment, debate

ended when the King's council defeated a motion giving their executive the power to further negotiate with Dal after the rejection of this initial offer.

"Their offer was considerably below what we wanted," said DSU president Tim Hill.

Mike LeBlanc, newly elected KSU president, says that his council has taken no stand on the issue and says there is room for cooperation even though he feels that the Dal council is asking for too much.

Dalhousie students pay approximately twenty dollars of the student union fees for SUB maintenance.



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