

Keep those fees DOWN

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'To drastically reduce the amount of money which each student on the average brings to the university, at the same time as the number of students is rapidly falling, is little short of lunacy. It is not pruning away dead branches or over-luxurious growth, it is striking at the very roots of the university.'

Dr. F. D. Rowan in the Atlantic Advocate, November 1972.

'The principles of formula financing have been widely and strongly endorsed within the university community and by the provincial government. The members of the 'Higher Education' Commission hope that the formula approach will provide a sound and effective basis for the future development of the Province's universities and colleges.'

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Five years ago, at just about this time of year, SRC President Wayne Beach suggested at a Council meeting that there might be a tuition fee increase announced in the not too distant future. Two weeks later he reported to Council that the administration had no plans to raise the fees.

But it was too late. Speculation ran rampant and as the new year progressed some highly placed people were letting it be known that the financial situation of the university and that of the province might force a fee increase.

Action followed.



This is what happens when you raise tuition fees. Administration, take note.



Contrary to popular belief, this is not an unemployment line. This was the scene at the spring convocation in 1968. Considering that the fees were raised that year, you might say these graduates got out just in time.

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