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SHERWOOD MOVES FOR GRANT INCREASE ::: STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND SESSION

Students to demonstrate dissatisfaction with fee increase

A group of political and public-minded students at UNB met Thursday afternoon with New Brunswick political leaders on the topic of fee increase in New Brunswick. Eight UNB students discussed the problem with the Minister of Education, Henry G. Irwin; Hon. William Duffy, Minister of Youth and Welfare; and the Leader of the Opposition, C.B. Sherwood.

The group said that students were not agreeable to the raise in fees, which give UNB students fees among the highest in Canada. They said that it was felt by students that pressure should be put on the Federal Government.

Hon. Mr. Irwin said this was being done.

Opposition Leader Sherwood drafted a notice of motion, and the resolution, reproduced below, will be brought to the floor on Friday afternoon.

The Members of the Legislative Assembly said that any number of students would be welcome at the session.

One spokesman of the student group said that students "should march down to the Legislature en masse to show their interest in this affair". He recommended that students dress in a reasonable and appropriate manner, to emphasize the seriousness of the matter. Placards would be an asset, he said.

Members of both parties (Liberal and PC) said that any suggestions students could offer on the issue would be welcomed.

The procession from the Student Centre will assemble there in time to leave at 3:00. The march, which will be an orderly but spirited protest, will part from the Student Centre and proceed immediately to the Legislature to "fill the galleries".

C.B. Sherwood, Leader of the Opposition in the New Brunswick Legislature, announced a NOTICE OF MOTION to be presented at the Friday sitting of the Legislature.

The text of the notice is given below:

I give Notice of Motion that on Friday next, I shall Move, Seconded by Mr. Taylor that:

WHEREAS news reports indicate tuition fees are being raised at various institutions of higher learning in the province, creating undue hardship for students attending those institutions: and

WHEREAS costs of University education in New Brunswick are increasing approximately 15% per year; and

WHEREAS provincial grants to New Brunswick Universities are increasing approximately 8% per year under the recommendations of Deutch Royal Commission on Higher Education; and

WHEREAS federal grants to institutions of higher learning in New Brunswick are insufficient; and

WHEREAS for the current year each New Brunswick institution of higher learning receives \$214. per student in federal aid; and

WHEREAS for the current year each Ontario institution of higher learning reportedly receives \$282. per student in federal aid; and

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland is taking a very aggressive step by providing free tuition for first-year University Students;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT this House recommends that the Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council study and give due consideration to a substantial increase in the contributions to the Universities of the Province; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council urge the Government of Canada to increase federal aid to institutions of higher education in Canada and eliminate the present inequities which exist in the distribution of federal aid for the Universities of the Nation.

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NOVA SCOTIA STUDENTS MEET WITH PREMIER STANFIELD ::: BUT NO SHOW
(Paraphrase)

HALIFAX (AUNS) - The Delegation recommended: 1. That the N.S. Government increase its assistance to Universities in Nova Scotia. 2. That the fees be kept at their present level. 3. That the N.S. Government put stronger pressure on the Federal Government to alter the method of payment from one based on the Provincial Population to per capita basis on students population.

Premier Stanfield stated that the Provincial Government is now contributing \$450. per Nova Scotia student to the Universities and the Federal Government is contributing \$200. per student and tuition fees of about \$500. is sufficient to cover the Universities operating cost per student of \$1,000. a year and the Government does not feel it necessary to increase its aid at this time.

Robert Shaw, President of Dalhousie Students Union said (in part) that this attitude is narrow and parochial in the extreme. He said that the Premier is not helping to maintain the Universities high standards and the academic excellence by implying that N.S. Universities be for Nova Scotians only. Outside students receive, not \$450. per student, but \$300. The Premier says that the Province has no responsibility to educate outside students. If the admission of outside students is restricted by a quota system or by keeping Government aid so low that only Nova Scotia students are admitted, the Premier and his Government will be responsible for the destruction of high standards and reputation that our Universities now enjoy. Is the Government really concerned for the quality of education being given to Nova Scotia students? It does not appear to us that he is, Shaw stated.

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