

MPHEC recommends differential fees

Differential fees may be in the offing if a recommendation from the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission is acted upon. According to a press release from that Commission, foreign students in maritime institutions will have to pay an increased proportion of their educational expenses.

This decision is based on the results of a comprehensive analysis of foreign student enrollment in the region and Canada covering the period 1967-1979. Enrollment trends were monitored and policies of other provinces and major foreign student host countries were considered according to the release.

The release states that public financial support of post secondary institutions has increased steadily over the past 20 years and currently the public pays approximately 70-85 per cent of institutional expenditure. In addition many foreign student host countries have in place differential fees and or quotas in order to regulate the expense incurred in educating foreign students. However, Overseas Student Advisor Doreen Kissick said that while some students may not be

affected by the implementation of this policy, the 25 per cent (approximation) of the students who are self supporting will be in financial trouble. She said that students currently being funded by any governmental or other agencies will probably not be in trouble as these organizations will pay the extra. "But there are a large percentage who are not funded this way", she stated, adding that a foreign student who previously counted on paying \$4000.00 per year may have to reconsider their decision to attend a university in Canada with the added expense.

Currently three provinces in Canada have differential fees. They are Quebec, Ontario and Alberta with foreign students paying \$1,500 tuition per year in Ontario and Quebec and 50 per cent over regular tuition fees in Alberta.

The release states that some countries have signed formal agreements with Canada to cover up to the full educational costs of their students and that other agreements are presently under negotiation.

It also stated that the new policy should not significantly affect the enrollment of foreign students in maritime institutions.

The release said that the policy will be phased over a period of time beginning in the 1979/80 academic year for students registering for the first time in a programme in an institution on the Commission's schedule. The Coun-

cil of Maritime Premiers has approved the Commission's recommendation.

This policy will be implemented by reducing the operating grant by \$750.00 per foreign students and institutions are expected to

increase tuition for foreign students by an equivalent amount.

This policy will not affect landed immigrants, permanent residents or students studying in Canada under specific intergovernmental agreements.

Anderson opposed in principle

University of New Brunswick president Dr. J. M. Anderson stated recently that while he was opposed to differential fees in principle, "he can't help but accept the commission's recommendation." He would prefer to deal with matter on the quota system. He said that he has never had to deal with this situation before and the matter will hopefully be resolved by the next Board of Governors meeting on March 30th.

Dr. Anderson said that this University has a responsibility to foreign countries in that many people in this province have received their graduate degrees from foreign countries during the period when UNB had no graduate faculties. He said that "we also have a responsibility to developing countries" and that differential fees could seriously hamper foreign students who were financing themselves. Dr. Ander-

son was also concerned with the desirable affect that foreign students have in so far as the intellectual and cultural aspects of a University was concerned.

Dr. Anderson said he was unable to comment about possible tuition increases and that the matter had been discussed in last Wednesday's Financial Committee meeting. Dr. Anderson pointed out that the 8.6 per cent increase in operating grant given to New Brunswick institutions by the provincial government is given on the premise that tuition will rise by the cost of living. He also pointed out that while the institutions received the grant recommended by the Commission, the universities had asked for more. "The recommended increase is really the bare minimum" he said.

Dr. Anderson said that the effect of inflation on tuition fees is such that in the past 10 years the

amount of revenue garnered from tuition fees on the total university operating budget is a quarter of what it was.

Another consideration when potential tuition increases are discussed is how much the university will receive for its non space, alternations and renovations fund, and Dr. Anderson felt this would definitely affect the final budget position and "hence the student fees".

Dr. Anderson stated that unless tuition fees were increased, the operating grant would be effectively reduced from 8.6 per cent to 6.9 per cent.

The operating grant makes up about 80 per cent of UNB's income with tuition fees accounting for about 15 per cent and 5 per cent which comes from other sources including private donations.



Chairman of the Search Committee for President Israel Unger stated last week that an open meeting will be scheduled to give students, faculty and other members of the university a chance to interview potential candidates.

Camp speaks to students

Conservatives must concentrate on the economic issues surrounding their leadership if they are to win the 1979 election according to Dalton Camp. Camp spoke to a crowded room Wednesday on Conservative Party Strategy.

He said that they must surround their leadership with a "wall of policy in order to demonstrate crisis management." The liberal focus on Quebec according to Camp who said emphasis on leadership of their party was another concern. He felt that Ontario was the key to the election which is an advantage to the Liberals. The conservatives have a bad history of government interven-

tion under the Davis years and are now seen as Red Tories according to Camp.

Concerning Conservative leadership, Camp feels that the people haven't really taken a good look at Conservative leader Joe Clark et al and will probably take a second "glance" during this election. He felt that Tredua would also be re-evaluated.

Camp did not express any optimism about the Conservative Party chances in the projected election but forecast a Liberal victory with a minority government.

A question period followed the lecture.

By LINDA HALSEY

Dalhousie University is still in shock after an announcement last week by the Nova Scotia government that University funding would be increased over last years figure by only 5.5 per cent rather than 8.73 per cent as recommended by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

The shock is gradually wearing off the Dalhousie student council, however, and according to an angry student union President Michael Power, the increase will be "screwing the Province rather than the students - in the long run."

Power said it is "pretty sad" that the Nova Scotia government cannot afford to support its own students. "If the Maritimes provinces ever want to get out of their rut, they will need highly educated people". They are definitely going to lose more and more potential students by their lack of support.

The Dalhousie student council have a rough indication that tuition will now have to be raised by a minimum of \$150.00 with a strong possibility of a \$200.00 increase.

A meeting of the Students union of Nova Scotia (SUNS) took place last week and delegates from N.S. Universities discussed how to collectively dispute the government's decision. A recommendation from the meeting stated that a province-wide student university march should take place on March 15th from Dalhousie University to the Provincial legislative building.

Power said that student

response to the recommended march has been extremely good.

"People are angry, and a march is the most dramatic means of increasing public awareness of our situation and making our point."

In addition, a motion has been presented to the student senate and members of the faculty which

ask for their support of the student protest. A student petition is currently being circulated at Dalhousie and will be presented to the government. Power said that it will also act as a guide for an individual who is not aware of expected "large increases" in tuition that will be in effect next year.

Ontario citizens oppose freedom for war criminals

By LINDA HALSEY

A group of students met at the University of Toronto last week in an effort to protest the statute of limitations for Nazi War Criminals in West Germany.

Speaking at the meeting, Professor Michael Bodeman of the U. of T. faculty of sociology said each country has their own policy of not prosecuting criminals after a certain period of time, and the length of time is different in every country. In West Germany, the time to bring Nazi war criminals to justice has almost run out, but various groups around the world are applying pressure on the West German government to extend this date until well after 1979.

Organizations such as the North American Jewish Students Network have initiated rallies, petitions, speeches, and pamphlets which state that Nazi war criminals "will soon be free to live in peace and security".

Professor Bodeman said that the Nazi SS still exist in West Germany today - and they "meet every year."

Bodeman added that "crooks and Nazi capitalists" were allowed to function normally in post-war Germany, disregarding any of their past political beliefs or "actions".

Bodeman said the only way to avoid movements such as Neo-Nazism is for people to unite and drive it back until the "racist scum returns to the rat holes from where it came."

Over 500 students and members of the community demonstrated outside of the West German Consulate later that evening to protest the Statute of Limitations.

Letters of support were sent to the students by Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis, Premier William Davies and a representative from Mayor John Sewell's office who also spoke to the students.