

Insufficient maximum-says Hemingway

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The report also describes student loan levels which haven't increased in almost a decade, even though tuition has increased by at least 85 per cent over the same time period.

"If loan limits were appropriate in 1994, they may be considered less than adequate now," the report states.

Hemingway, a former chief executive officer of the Alberta Student Finance Board, said financial aid administrators he interviewed "all confirm the message that unmet need is increasing."

"This study shows that stagnant loan limits have created serious problems of unmet need among certain groups of students," Alex Usher concluded.

Many students who need financial support but cannot qualify for government student aid must resort to private lines of credit to finance their education, and many of these students fail to meet the requirements set out by private loan providers, the report says.

It's the "insufficient maximum assistance limits" which concern Hemingway the most.

The consequences of this are felt most severely among students with high costs to meet, such as students from rural areas and those with dependents, he concludes.

"Unmet need" could lead to a decreased persistence among students from low-economic backgrounds and a high reliance on private debt, as well as students working long hours. All of these conditions could serve to lengthen the student's academic career, Hemingway reports.

But the Canadian Federation of Students - a longtime critic of the foundation - argues that increasing loan limits only hurts students in the end.

"The Foundation has attempted to

document the level of financial hardship faced by students, yet they fail to draw the obvious conclusion that increasing tuition fees, especially in professional programs, is the primary source of unmet financial need," said Joel Duff, Ontario Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students.

Duff said the only way to soften the blow on student finances is to lower tuition.

"The raison d'être of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation continues to be one of ideological justification for the federal government's failure to adequately address the crisis in post-secondary education," said Duff.

Daycare campaign fully underway

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After being diagnosed with ALL, the most common type of cancer for children, Christopher was flown to Halifax where he was admitted in the IWK Children's Hospital. He has since gone through a spinal tap and begun his chemotherapy treatments. Although ALL is the most common leukemia for children, it fortunately has a high recovery rate with the proper medical attention.

Christopher has now returned to Fredericton where he will continue receiving chemotherapy treatments, but regular visits to Halifax for medical care will be necessary.

With the arrival of this tragic news, the College Hill Daycare was inspired to initiate a fundraiser to help Christopher's family cover the costs of

his treatments during their difficult time. Their goal is to raise \$5000 for the cause by the end of April.

The parents were approached about the fundraiser, Caring for Christopher, shortly after receiving the news of his diagnosis. "We were touched and very overwhelmed, it's certainly a lot of work on their part," said Cathy Cashin, Christopher's mother.

"Out of something so bad we were able to see the good in people. They were so kind, and many of them don't even know Christopher."

Caring for Christopher, is now underway and has been quite successful throughout the opening stages of the campaign. Efforts commenced on Monday, March 17th. After the first week \$1000 had already been donated.

The daycare is currently accepting

open donations, which can be dropped off at 850 Montgomery Street, or if necessary, arrangements can be made to have the donations picked up.

Numerous other endeavors are scheduled in order to help the \$5000 goal be reached. 50/50 tickets are being sold for an April 11th draw, which can be purchased at the daycare or ordered over the phone. Also during the month of April, they will be packing groceries for donations at the Super Store, and a bake sale will be taking place at the Fredericton Mall.

The help and support of community members from the Fredericton area is essential if the Caring for Christopher fundraiser is to be a success.

Chris' family has been involved with the daycare for about six years. Chris has two older siblings who have attended College Hill daycare.

600 Protest war at St. Johns NFLD

Newfoundland asks
Bush to give peace a
chance

by Steve Durant, The Muse

ST. JOHN'S, NFLD. (CUP) — Over 600 protesters, from young children to grandparents, marched through downtown St. John's Saturday to protest U.S.-led military action in Iraq in one of the largest public demonstrations in the city's history.

The hour-long march started silently, as the crowd departed the historic Colonial building, which served as government headquarters during Newfoundland's days as a colony. Two police cars led the demonstrators downtown, as traffic officials closed off streets and diverted traffic.

The demonstration is the largest yet for the St. John's Campaign Against

the War, which has drawn crowds of 250 and 300 and previous protests.

Some demonstrators held signs reminding Newfoundlanders that their airports are "silent partners" in the war on Iraq. United States Air Force planes refuel at Gander International Airport, as they have during military conflicts since the Second World War. However, demonstrators have not followed the lead of Irish protesters - there have been no attempts to shut down Gander or St. John's International, which also plays host to American planes.

The demonstration grew louder when an oil tanker truck was forced to stop to yield the way for passing marchers.

When one demonstrator yelled, "No blood for oil," the truck's driver blasted his horn in solidarity, prompting a loud cheer.

Memorial University student Hani Okaily revived an old Vietnam slogan, rousing the crowd into chanting, "Bush, Blair, CIA, how many kids did you kill today?" as they passed under an American flag hanging from the law office of the province's Conservative opposition leader, Danny Williams.

By the time the marchers reached St.

John's City Hall - their final rallying point - Okaily, an American who comes originally from Saudi Arabia, was overwhelmed by the size of the crowd.

"All of here today made a difference," said Okaily. "[We have] shown the Iraqi people that the people of Newfoundland and Labrador are opposed to any military action by the U.S."

Adam Cormier, a student who heads up a social justice group based in Memorial's business faculty, says he is appalled by the way the American media has covered the "shock and awe" bombing campaign against Iraq. He held a sign reading, "War is not entertainment."

Other slogans used tactics ranging from alliteration to accusations to get their message across. "Bush's bombing is barbarous," read one, while another read "100,000 lives + 9,000 bombs = cheap oil."

In a short rally after the march, older protesters mingled with youth. After a spirited performance by the St. John's Radical Cheerleaders, young demonstrators joined their older allies in chorus of an old favourite - "Give peace a chance."

Nandlall

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or a person of colour will be something voters will perceive as a negative or a positive, Nandlall responded, "I'm not naïve. I realize some people see that first but I firmly believe that people in New Brunswick will look at my work, not at whether or not I am a woman or a person of colour. The majority sees people for what they are, not in terms of gender or colour."

Nandlall noted she was "not the only NDP candidate with a UNB connection in the upcoming election. Penny Ericson is running." Ericson, former Dean of Nursing, is running in the riding of Fredericton-Fort Nashwaak.

As far as what she sees as her biggest obstacle in winning a seat in the legislature Nandlall said, "I don't see this as a win/lose situation. I will gain experience and be better able to work with people regardless of the outcome."

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what it takes to piss [the new executive] off."

Chotai believes the key to his campaign was his classroom talks, which he performed every 1/2 hour for the entire campaign period.

According to the new Prez, important aspects of his position are to be present, visible, and available.

Chotai believes he gained more confidence as the campaign wore on.

He has since received many congratulatory remarks but doesn't feel it's entirely warranted.

"It's not just my win," said Chotai. "It's [the student body's]."

"I won this with the help of so many people," continued Chotai.

"I thought the word friend was easy to give out and hard to earn, but as I learned throughout this campaign...I had been using it appropriately this whole time."

In regards to what Chotai plans to do for the rest of the school year, he said he just "going to try and pass the term," as campaigning took some school time.

Next year, Chotai wants to be able to "focus on just one responsibility," his role as UNBSU President.

Sask. schools form new lobby group

by Stephanie Bonneville, The Carillon

REGINA — Saskatchewan post-secondary students will have a new voice to express their concerns, but some are worried that it won't be enough to address the many problems they face.

The leaders of six students' unions and associations from across the province hope so. The establishment of the Saskatchewan Students Coalition (SSC) was officially announced at the Regina Legislature on March 17. "This coalition is for greater coordination and information sharing to deal with problems which face students," said University of Saskatchewan Students' Union President Craig Stehr.

The SSC will lobby the provincial government on pressing issues like rising tuition and student debt.

It will also address the current state of the student loans program. Moreover, Students Union President Korbin Offet explained that the SSC's strategy is geared more towards lobbying the government than protesting against it.

"We're sitting down with community leaders, members of the business

community, and all parties from the government to express our concerns.

U of R student Kyall Glennie, a supporter of the CFS, is concerned that an increase of lobbying on a provincial level is not an appropriate strategy. While he agrees that Saskatchewan students need to work together to lobby the provincial government more effectively, he says that students will get better results from lobbying the federal government.

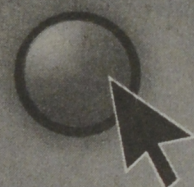
"Funding for post-secondary education used to come for a large part from the federal government," he said.

"Now that these federal transfers have decreased, the provincial governments are faced with the burden of funding that results in the jacking up of tuition fees."

U of R executive member Shaddie Musleh argues that it is counterproductive to draw distinction between federal and provincial lobbying. "We're fighting for students' rights whether it's federal or provincial," said Musleh. "If people want to make that distinction it's irresponsible."

"If people are hesitant about working with other institutions in this province, I have to question their logic."

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