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40% tuition increase

Possible wage increase upsets UPEI students

by Sean Patrick Sullivan

Students at the University of Prince Edward Island could be facing an increase in tuition of up to 40 per cent, says the university's administration.

The size of the increase will depend on how negotiations between the administration and the school's faculty association work out.

The UPEI faculty association is in a legal strike position after negotiation talks broke down before Christmas. The association, which has been without a contract since 2000, is seeking wage parity with other Atlantic schools, a reduction in teaching load, better job security, and greater control over intellectual property, among other things.

The university and faculty association have returned to the bargaining table, and both are optimistic that the two sides will settle without job action. The costs to students, however, are unknown.

The university maintains that if the faculty association gets what it wants, the money has to come from somewhere.

"Really, there's only two sources," said communications officer Anne McCallum. "Either you get an increase from the provincial government, or you increase tuition."

She stressed that there has been no talk of increasing tuition, even though the university has said that the faculty association's demands in excess of the current offer would have to be funded through a 40 per cent

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Brendan Doyle/The Brunswickan

University students attending UNB and STU might get a universal bus pass in the coming year - with increased bus routes and times.

U-Pass a possibility

UNB & STU consider implementing a bus pass

by Nathan White

UNB and Saint Thomas students have an opportunity to join the growing number of Canadian campuses enjoying unlimited bus service. Exactly what kind of service that will be is entirely up to them.

The UNB Student Union (SU) is attempting to gather information about student travel patterns and attitudes through an online survey,

with the goal of designing a tailor-made universal bus pass in mind.

The STU Students' Union is also on board. President Phil Ouellette met with university President Dr. Dan O'Brien on Monday to discuss the plan, and STU students will be able to complete the survey as well.

"What we're looking at right now," said UNBSU Vice President Executive Matt Symes, "is that if you were to take a cab twice a month, and you replaced taking a cab with the bus, you will have effectively paid for the bus pass."

The U-Pass has been adopted at several colleges and universities in the

country, including the University of British Columbia, University of Victoria, University of Waterloo, and Saint Mary's University. The UNBSU has studied the program at other universities, but comparisons are difficult, as all are located in cities much larger than Fredericton.

Symes and UNBSU President Milan Chotai have worked closely with Fredericton Transit to develop some possible scenarios for a U-Pass system in the capital.

"What discussions have centered around is trying to create an

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Harper launches leadership campaign

Former Alliance leader bashes Martin

by Sean Patrick Sullivan

Saying he wants to create a grassroots campaign from coast to coast, Stephen Harper dealt blow after blow to Prime Minister Paul Martin on the first stop of Harper's tour.

The former Alliance leader formally announced his candidacy in Ottawa last week, and surprised many by starting his campaign in Fredericton.

Seeming more like a stand-up comic than a politician at times, Harper blasted Martin for waffling on policy decisions.

"This guy has 40 priorities. Paul Martin commits to a political position in the same way Britney Spears commits to a marriage," he deadpanned, drawing huge laughs from the predominantly older crowd.

Harper made little mention of post-secondary education in his speech, instead bashing the prime minister's wavering stance on gun control and the Kyoto Accord, as well as his alleged patronage.

"Paul Martin wants to be on every side of every issue," he said. "Our future is threatened by a Liberal government that has no principles."

Shortly before Martin's appointment to prime minister, Fredericton Liberal MP Andy Scott told Canadian University Press that the Martin government is good news for students.

"If we want prosperity, that demands education. If we want equality, that means equality of opportunity. And every one of those fundamental values takes us right back to the same place: we need to make post-secondary education more accessible," said Scott.

Scott said he was working within the federal Liberal caucus to come up with new ways of funding

university educations.

Harper suggested post-secondary funding initiatives should be left to the provinces.

"I think the over-arching need is to work with the provinces to ensure that there isn't this fiscal imbalance, so they're better able to handle the responsibilities," he said.

As for reforms to the student loan system, Harper added that income-contingent loan repayments may also be a possibility for the party.

Harper also again downplayed the role served by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and the Canadian Alliance of Student Associations (CASA).

Last September, Harper said the CFS doesn't necessarily reflect the opinions of university students in Canada. The comments came after the leader was asked about CFS' support of gay marriage.

Suggesting that neither lobby group can effectively speak on behalf of students, Harper said students "should speak for themselves."

"It's a myth that Canadians can only speak through groups that are appointed to represent them," he continued.

So far, Harper is the only candidate in the leadership race. Former Progressive Conservative leader Peter McKay and Calgary lawyer Jim Prentice announced they wouldn't be running for Prime Minister.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

HANG OUT BY YOURSELF AND HAVE A CRAZY PARTY. HEY YOU, LETS PARTY. HAVE A KILLER PARTY AND PARTY!

-ANDREW W.K.

Starving themselves thin

Peer support group tackles anorexia, bulimia on campus

by Carole Morris

Deciding what to eat or drink can often be a difficult choice to make. For people who deal with eating disorders, however, it can be a constant struggle between body and mind, where the mind often wins.

According to the Hopewell Eating Disorders Support Centre of Ottawa and the National Eating Disorder Information Centre (NEDIC), it is estimated that 70 per cent of women and 30 per cent of men are dieting at any given time and one out of every 100 Canadian women between the ages of 10 and 20 are starving themselves thin.

These statistics may come as a shock, but UNB student Heather Rissell said that in fact, they may under-represent the number of people with eating issues.

"What I worry about with those [statistics] is that those are just the people who tell someone," said Rissell. "I don't know how many women are out there struggling and are too afraid to say something."

After battling an eating issue of her

own, Rissell saw the need for a support group in Fredericton for students with eating disorders. Rissell, along with Cynthia Kendell, decided to form one.

The support group, which will begin sessions at the end of January, is run by peers who have dealt with eating issues themselves. These peers have been trained by Dr. Nancy

Buzzell from UNB's Counselling Services and will continue to have contact with her for advice and to

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