

FINANCIAL AID COLUMN



Hi, my name is Rita Pendergast. I am a sophomore this year at U.P.E.I. and am presently employed as Student Financial Aid Assistant.

My job is to help graduate students and undergraduate students obtain scholarships and bursaries so that they can continue their education.

There is money available, especially for graduate students, but you'll have to come in soon because of deadlines that are set on certain awards. My

office is in the Dept. of Student Services, 1st floor, Main Building. My hours are
 Tuesday 10:00 - 12:00
 2:00 - 4:00
 Wednesday 11:30 - 1:30
 Thursday 9:00 - 12:00

If you need financial aid and are unable to come in during these hours, call and I can make an appointment for you outside of these hours.

Remember to check the Financial Aid Bulletin Board just outside of Student Services for scholarships and bursaries available.

Some awards available now are:

Rhodes Scholarship
 Eleven Rhodes Scholarships are now open for Canadian students and will be awarded late in November. Applications must be in by October 25, 1978.

These scholarships are tenable at the University of Oxford, England, and the value is

is 36,000 (pounds) per year. They are granted for two years with the possibility of a third year. Scholars may follow courses of study of their own choice. They are required to go to Oxford in October 1979.

Information on conditions of eligibility and application forms may be obtained from Rita Pendergast, Student Financial Aid Assistant, Dept. of Student Services.

Elizabeth Cousins Large Memorial Scholarship

This five hundred dollar scholarship is open to any student entering the junior year in Home Economics or a U.P.E.I. graduate who has been accepted for graduate study in Home Economics or a related field. Applicants must have superior academic standing combined with a demonstrated concern for others.

Applications may be obtained here at Student Services. The deadline

to have application forms in is October 20, 1978.

P.E.I. Council of Women's Bursary

The P.E.I. Council of Women is offering a bursary at U.P.E.I. This award will be made annually on the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee in consultation with the Dean of Women to a mature female, full-time student in any year.

Application forms are available at the Registrar's office, deadline is October 13, 1978.

Law Society Scholarship

The Law Society of Prince Edward Island announces that a scholarship is available in the amount of \$500 to a resident of the P.E.I. attending a Canadian Law School leading to an LLB Degree.

Deadline for receiving applications is October 31, 1978.

special plenary, hosted by Mount Allison, they instituted the per-capita fee levy.

In view of government cutbacks to education, regionally coordinated policy decisions were necessary to lobby government. AFS looked to the student unions for participation as well as financial and moral support.

Last year was to be the first solid year in AFS' history but internal problems held the organization back. Institutions decided to withhold fees to AFS because of its "financial instability". AFS had suffered from organizational setbacks in the summer with the resignation of its staffperson and delays in determining an accurate financial statement.

Following an autumn of internal dissension the organization finally appeared to be getting it together and at a December meeting the representative shelved many of the internal arguments and discussed issues for a change.

In the spring, AFS coordinated protests of

government cutbacks for post-secondary education, and worked towards representation on the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC).

There's work to be done..

While internal hassles continue in AFS, the issues are still there. Government funding to post-secondary education has not been sufficient. This year tuition increased at St. Francis Xavier University, UPEI, St. Thomas and Mount Allison. Cutbacks are affecting institutions and on-campus research is being coordinated by provincial organizations across the country.

Roberge is worried about having to spend time defending the organization rather than working on the issues.

Dalhousie has already decided to hold a referendum and the Acadia executive will be approaching its council with the same proposal. "We're just wasting our money," says Arsenault.

Wright believes if AFS can make it through the October referenda and through its regional conference, the

organization will survive. "If the referendums pass, people will begin to support the organization.

"I know the executive at times has antagonized people, but if the membership participated more, AFS would not be having its present problems," she said.

"Some students unions have made an honest effort to work within the federation," says Roberge. "But more attention is needed on the important issues."

Gene Long, the National Union of Students Atlantic fieldworker, said he hopes students still plan to continue with the

national cutbacks campaign.

"Efforts are being made by the staff and executive. There is a widespread disenchantment in the region. If the councils won't turn around it'll be hard to get a cohesive campaign off the ground."

Long believes council people are conscious of the severity of the issues. "The position of students has become more crucial and people realize it."

It would be easier if AFS was in solid state but I hope people will participate no matter how traumatic a time AFS is having."



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