

Proposed Fee Increase Will Deny Education to Poor

The U.P.E.I. administration recently proposed a solution to their existing financial deficit which should be to raise the amount of fees each student pays. In the following, I will put forward four major reasons to show the dreary future outcome of this, and how it would affect those involved, both directly and indirectly. It is generally known that this island province is not as rich in resources and employment as the other provinces in Canada, and a rise in fees here would encourage people to continue migration as our easier and cheaper way of life.

First of all, let us compare the fees paid here with that paid at other universities across the country. At its present rate, this university is presumably one of the most expensive in Canada. For instance, the University of Alberta charges four hundred and fifty-nine dollars per year for any full-time student, with the exception of those in Engineering, Law and other professional fields. This amount is regardless of how many courses a full-time student takes, and it also covers any extra expenses.

In U.P.E.I. things are a little different; sixty dollars is paid per course and additions are made for other expenses like athletic fee, medical fee and so on. Also, the residence fee per person here is enormous compared to that of UofA. Therefore, a rise in fees here is not justified for the people who have to attend this University. It has already stirred up concern in the minds of its present students.

How an island student reacts to this proposed rise, seems sad. A student whose parents can barely earn enough to send him through University at present, will be forced to leave and a certain amount of money for their education and another sum for their maintenance. When fees suddenly go up, U.P.E.I. will definitely not be an encouraging place to consider. This would deprive the foreign students of the experience of living on this island. On the other hand, it would deprive the island's students and other members the opportunity of living with foreign students and of learning about different existing cultures around the

world. At the same time, and even worse, landlords would raise rents because of the greater demand. These are what the present students face, yet, we must also look forward to the University future students.

The students in their final year at high school have just as much to worry. If they decide to further their education at U.P.E.I. they would be greeted with a rather discouraging vote. Most of them would then be forced to find a job and save, in order to study later. Here again, an overflow would be expected in the employment sector. What would these people do next? Their career would become a conflict whereby they have to decide whether to forsake it or not. The only other alternative would be to keep on migrating to other provinces. The university would thus lose most of its present and future students and be left with mostly foreign students.

However, foreign students in themselves are faced with a dilemma. Before they come abroad to study, and unless they are on a scholarship, each and everyone of them has to plan their education-

al finance. They set aside try to join the labour market. With the limited jobs around, this in itself is dismal. He therefore has to try leave for another University. This would cause him the inconvenience of being away from home and also make a problem out of choosing the best living quarters. Then again, to offset the residence expense a student may plan to live in the heart of the city instead. Obviously the problem of accommodation would again come into effect the present foreign students who have grown to appreciate this island and its people would be forced to seek cheaper education elsewhere. Sad as it may seem, some of them may even have to return home without completing a first degree.

Thus, the overall situation would be quite unfair to everyone involved. Some may ask: "What are the alternatives to prevent fees increases?" One simple solution is for the University to cut back on all its present unnecessary expenses instead of placing pressure on the poor students.

Raj Persaud

Panther Booster Club Holds Annual Sports Banquet

Last Friday night one might have expected crying and tears instead of laughter and song as the Panther Booster Club held its annual party of "Farewell, thank you and good luck" to those athletes who are graduating this year. Certificates and beer mugs were presented to Dave Murnaghan, D'Arcy Murphy and George Matthews for hockey, Dave Lidstone, Dick Young, Paul Horne, Kip Puia and Roy Taylor for football, Jamie Ballem and Art Laffin for basketball, Gerald "Woozy" MacDonald and Nelson Chang for Soccer. Lady Panthers receiving awards for basketball and field hockey were: Pat Campbell, Joyce Burnett, Debbie Pratt, Janet Trainor, Sandra Dunsford, Mary Bradley and Janet Ellis.

Also retiring are George MacKinnon and Russel McCabe-managers of the Football and Hockey teams.

Over the past few years these athletes have given us many hours of interest and entertainment and The Cadre joins with the Booster Club in wishing them happiness and success.

In conversation with

Booster Club officials we learn that their next big event will be the Celebrity Night in early June. We'd advise any interested readers, who might want to attend this outstanding event to get their tickets early as there will be only so many available and we are certain that all of those who were there last year will be grabbing for tick-

ets as soon as they are on sale.

In August, on the Saturday night before Old Home Week, we are told, the Booster Club will be sponsoring a "Panther Booster" night at the Charlottetown Driving Park. If you can go to this, we can promise you an interesting and exciting evening, but we regret that, when

you bet, you'll have to do it on your own for, with our past record in picking horses, we have no intention of trying to advise you...we can tell you however that #4 seems to have been the most consistent winner in 1975... but for 1976??? We'll see you there.

Mickey Place

Cullen to Get Honorary Law Degree from U.P.E.I.

According to an announcement made by the university Senate, Dr. Eugene Cullen will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree at the university convocation to be held May 9th.

Mr. Cullen has been active in Island affairs for many years. Presently he is chairman of the Health Services Commission and serves on the Board of the Charlottetown Hospital and the Hospital Services Commission.

He was co-Chairman of the University Progress Fund when it was established in 1972. Previous to that he was a member of the Board of Governors of St. Dunstan's University.

For fifteen years he was a member of the Provincial Legislature and held the portfolios and Minister of Industry and Resources and Minister of Agriculture.

He is still involved in the Dairy Industry as a member of the Advisory Committee to the Dairy Commission and as President of Purity Dairies Limited.

Department Chairmen Appointed

In a classic example of the varied forms which democracy takes at U.P.E.I., the Board of governors appointed five new department chairmen at its recent meeting. They were: Dr. Ian G. MacQuarrie, Department of Biology, succeeding Dr. Lawson Drake; Dr. P. Nagarajan, Department of Economics, succeeding Prof. D. Joseph; Dr. Joseph A. O'Grady, Department of English, succeeding Dr. J.J. Coyle; Dr. Winston Pineau, Department of Mathematics, succeeding Prof. Ivan Dowling; and Dr. David Morrison, Department of Religious Studies, succeeding Sr. Bernice Cullen.

The appointments are effective June 1, 1976 for a three year period.