

Immediate Action Needed to Prevent Fee Increase

It is regarded as almost certain that the Board of Governors will vote at its meeting on Tuesday night to increase tuition and residence fees by as much as 25% for next year. The figures which appear to be most likely are an increase in tuition of \$6 per course and about an increase in residence fees to about \$180 per semestre. The latter figure works out to about \$380 per month for a two-bedroom apartment.

President Baker does not deny the possibility of a substantial increase in tuition and residence. He however says that no decision has been taken yet and that the figures being thrown around right now are only working estimates.

The Board of Governors, consisting of two students, seven assorted administration and faculty types and

nine members of the Island elite. Normally the decisions that it makes differ only slightly from that of the administration as presented to it by President Baker and Comptroller Dennis Clough.

The Student Union has hired a recent graduate, Charles Mills to research the problem and to attempt to find ways to combat the proposed increases.

According to Treasurer Ray Shalala, despite the large jump in tuition and residence fees, the Student Union has pledged not to increase its fees in any way.

Mr. Mills has invited any students who want to work with him on this question or who just want information to come down to the Student Union offices and rap.

Student Income Will Definitely Not Increase

This is the first article I have penned for quite some time. However the reasoning behind the markings is one which the degree and validity I have never felt the prodig before. I have been engaged by the union to reasearch the rise in fees for the 76-77 school year.

For a start, I am in total agreement with Glen Palmer who stated in the Senate meeting of March 18th that this is a university community and the problem facing us (the projected \$900,000 deficit) was to be born by the entire university community. It is to quote Hatfield of N.B. "Time to bite the bullet. It is, however, not the time to cut back on acadmeics.

The standards are not to be reduced for just any reason. We need the highest quality of intellectual performance that is available in any Canadian institution."

However let's examine the possibilities of any such achievement in the 1976-77 year. Let us consider the employment prospect for the U.P.E.I. student. Let it suffice to say the following: "Canada Manpower expects about 500,000 students to register for summer work but they say will only be able to find jobs for 200,000." The question is where do the other 300,000 jobs come from to give students the ability to offset a \$300 - \$400 tuition and residence fees together with innumerable other expenses.

But what about the 600 who do ^{not} have student loans? Where will they get the bread. Greater loans you say. Perhaps... but who wants to borrow \$ & ¢ to be paid back over a ten year period.

Electricians do better taking the \$60.00 training fee and working for \$12,000 a year whereas a B.A. might expect \$10,000 - and he's got a \$5000 Student Loan to pay back. Let us not kid ourselves. This is where we are at if we go along with the Board's suggestion of a 25% increase in residence fees and a 10% increase in

tuition. However before we go along, let each and ever one of us examine the value and relevance of our B.A.'s from U.P.E.I., 1976.

If it looks gloomy this year it certainly looks worse in the future.

Charlie Mills

Council Decide To Wait and See

Student Council at its meeting Sunday night decided to take a "wait and see" attitude with regard to the proposed fee increases. They are going to ask for them to be held back but have no intention of taking any firm action at this time.

This momentuous decision taken after argument and discussion, indicates the firm leadership which our Student Council is determined to provide. It is hoped that in consideration of this that the Board of Governors will listen most politely to their requests.

As well Council decided to give Radio CIMN \$1000 for supplies for the present fiscal year. A decision on this matter was deferred last fall when Councillors, pleading ignorance as to what a supplies budget for CIMN is worth, asked for more information. Well, they got it - a complete list of everything CIMN needs containing such illuminating entries as 5 DX2 E74's @75¢

Since it is now obvious what CIMN should get, Council decided to give them a thou out of the \$1950 that they asked for and leave the final decision to next year's Council.

They had intended to make this same decision last fall but had forgotten to pass motion to that effect!

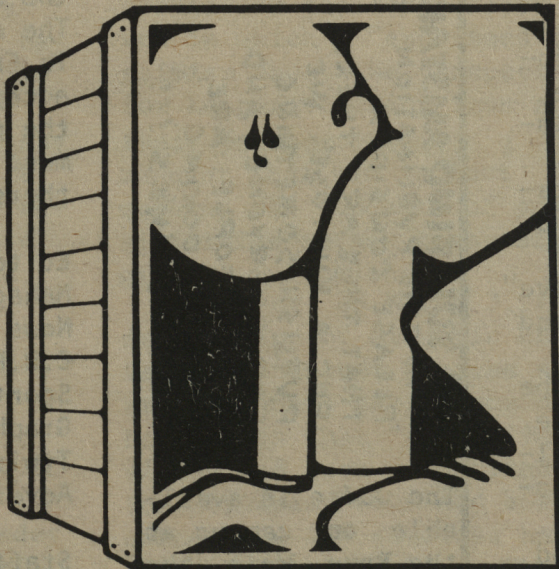
Chinua Achebe To Give Convocation Address

Chinua Achebe, distinguished African novelist, will receive a doctor of laws degree and deliver the Convocation Address at the University of Prince Edward Island on May 9. Mr. Achebe, a Nigerian, is recognized as the best novelist in English-speaking Africa, and his novels deal with the coming of colonialism in his country at the beginning of the 20th century, and with the cultural conflicts that have resulted.

A native of Ogidi he attended the mission school there, where his father was a teacher. In 1953 he graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from University College. He then joined the Nigerian Broadcasting Service as Talks Producer (1954) and became head of the Talks Section in 1957. Later he was appointed director of external services in charge of the Voice of Nigeria. A much-travelled man, he received a Rockefeller grant in 1961 which enabled him to travel extensively in East and Central Africa.

Among his acclaimed novels are "Things Fall Apart"; "No Longer at Ease"; "Arrow of God" and "Chike and the River", the latter published by Cambridge University Press. The first two novels have been translated into nine languages including Russian, Hebrew and Czeck.

Mr. Achebe is on faculty at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, Mass.



Feeling the crunch.