

Information Resource Service

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THE CFS INFORMATION RESOURCE SERVICE

The progress made this summer on the design and implementation of a cooperative information exchange service for the Canadian student movement has been substantial. CFS-Services has established a system that is efficient, easily adaptable to any sort of information and inexpensive to use. The Information Resource Service is designed to save student groups time and money by facilitating an efficient flow of information between them. Thus, instead of constantly 'reinventing the wheel' whenever a new problem arises or whenever a new service is to be established, student unions can now easily make use of the experience of other student associations by obtaining such information through the CFS Information Resource Service.

But, information does not magically appear in the files of the service of its own accord. We need continued and sustained contributions from all student associations. We are looking for information under a number of discrete

topic areas that will form the initial database upon which this service is to grow. All student associations have received a list of these requested topic areas. New areas in which we are looking for more information are regularly publicized in the CFS Bulletin. Until Oct. 31, 1983, all information contributed will receive double the normal credit rate. For the service to continue to grow, student associations must contribute information on an ongoing basis so that other student groups may have the benefit of their experience. The CFS Information Resource Service has the potential to be one of the most useful and relevant internal activities of the Canadian student movement. For this potential to continue to be realized, student unions are encouraged to both use this cooperative data bank and contribute to it.

Questions and Answers

Q: What do we receive for sending in information?

A: For every page sent into the system your organization will receive a credit that you can draw from the system later on.

Q: How much does the service cost?

A: For every page requested there is a \$.09 page cost and a \$.90 postage and handling fee.

Q: Do student unions have to be members of CFS to make use of this service?

A: No. The CFS Information Resource Service is open to all interested student organizations regardless of affiliation. CFS members and prospective members however, do receive a discount of \$.02 a page.

Q: Will small institutions benefit from this service?

A: Yes. The Information Resource Service will benefit both large and small institutions by making available system-wide information on a broad range of topics. Student associations at small institutions have much to contribute to the service, and gain from its use. Information submitted during the first 5 months of the service (i.e. until Oct. 31, 1983) will receive a double credit that may be applied against subsequent charges.

Q: Does the service require a computer terminal and knowledge of computer use?

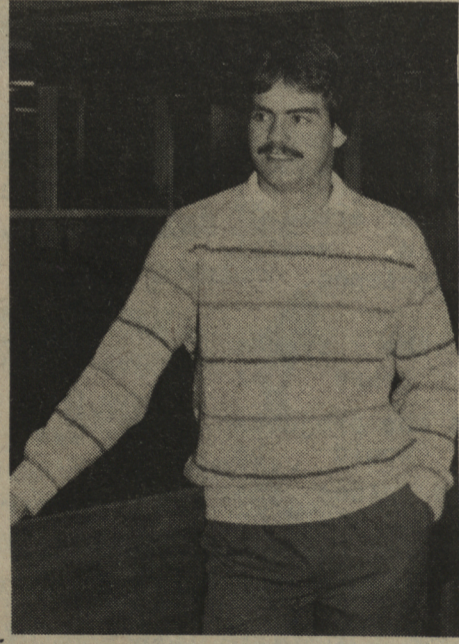
A: No. The Information Resource Service is indexed, filed, and updated on a word processor but does not require computer access on your part to obtain information. Requests for information will eventually be made on standard order forms made available through CFS-Services and do not require computer knowledge.

Q: What sort of information should be sent in from our files?

A: For the most part, we will be requesting information on particular topics as we need them. Information requested by the service and contributed by associations will receive credit (the period ending Oct. 31/1983 will be a double credit period).

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