

Winter Games and Students

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remembered, however, that the operation of the residences is ancillary to the other operations of the University and we receive no funds within our regular grant for this purpose.

d) Temporary residence assistance

Off campus housing lists will be provided by the Department of Student Services which will function as usual and will provide assistance to students.

e) Special consideration to international residence students

Special consideration will indeed be given to the international students in residence as has been normal over the Christmas break. Six apartments in Blanchard have been reserved for the University's use during the period of the Winter Games for such students and residents as these.

f) Resident's belongings storage

Space will be allocated to residence students for storage of their belongings or furniture.

4. Financial/employment considerations

a) Reduction in residence rates

At this time the budget for the operations of the residences and food services is still being considered and no firm recommendations have been reached. This operation is, as I have noted above, ancillary to the University's regular budget, and is supposed to break even. There is thus very little flexibility in setting out the charges for room occupancy and meal rates. The possibility of a modest adjustment to those who remain in residence for both semesters is being examined.

b) Reduction of tuition fees

No recommendation at this time is being considered that would involve an adjustment in tuition fees "to reflect disruptions/inconveniences experienced during the academic year". We have been advised by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission that tuition fees should rise by the same amount as that recommended for the operation grant, that is, about 6.9%. Since our expenses will remain the same throughout the year in question, any loss in revenue means a deficit or a reduction in services. In my opinion the quality of the education that will be received next year will not, and should not, be compromised by this break; indeed, I think it possible for the long break to be a constructive feature; and I hope that the students will accept that these disruptions and inconveniences, real though they are, should be seen as their significant contribution to the holding of the Winter Games on PEI. I at any rate will acknowledge this indebtedness; perhaps other will follow suit.

c) Reduction of admission rates for students at Winter Games functions/events

The Host Society has set the prices for attendance at Winter Games events, \$4.00 for Day passes, \$5.00 for Medal passes, with admission to all venues. The Society believes that these prices are as low as can be set, and thus cannot offer any discount to special groups.

d) Student loan considerations

I will indeed inform the Provincial Government of the special circumstances that students will face in 1990/91, and I will ask that serious consideration be given to adjust the

Student Aid Cost Allowances and the calculation of the Student contribution because of the shortening of the summer work period.

e) Possibility for Student Affirmative Action Program for Winter Games hiring policy

The Host Society has indicated to the University that, if there are employment opportunities at the University during the period of the Winter Games, beyond those that can be filled by volunteers, students will be hired.

Please note that the Union is representing these concerns in an on-going process. Additional area of concern should be directed immediately to the Students' Union. President Eliot has been very supportive of students' expressed anxieties concerning the impact that the Games may have next academic year. I commend him on his interest and attention to these matters presented to date.

Sincerely yours,
Lisa Murphy
UPEI Student Union
President



Pall-bearers carrying the casket of post-secondary education at demonstrate at Province House Demonstration last Friday afternoon. Following are student protestors with signage. Photo by Heather Morrison.

