

C.F.S. and UPEI Student Union call for tuition freeze

Recommendations made to Inter-Provincial Commission

A submission made last month by the Canadian Federation of Students - PEI and the UPEI Student Union to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC) called for tuition fees at U.P.E.I. and Holland College to be frozen at their present levels unless significant increases are made in student aid. The submission, entitled "Post-Secondary Education in Prince Edward Island: Declining Access", was presented to the Finance Committee of the commission by UPEI Student Union President Todd King on October 15. It also called for immediate increases in student financial assistance and an end to frozen government education funding.

The Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission makes recommendations to the three maritime provinces on the funding and structure of post-secondary education. The MPHEC, which is based in Fredericton, recom-

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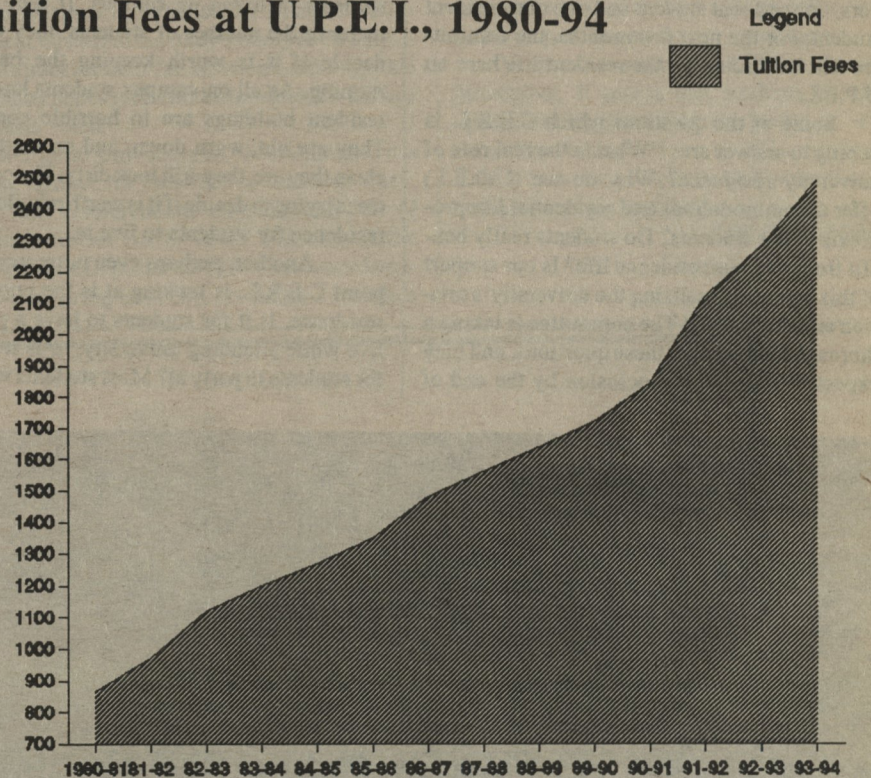
mended last year that funding to universities and colleges be increased and tuition not be increased by more than 5%. In UPEI's case funding was frozen for another year and tuition increased by 9.21%. The submission goes on to point out that the average unemployment rate for full-time returning students combined in the Atlantic region was 25.4% (PEI is considered too small for Statistics Canada to calculate separate student unemployment figures over the summer).

The submission also contained figures for UPEI tuition increases which are contrasted against the lack of any real increase in the maximum personal amount available to students through the Canada Student Loans in a decade.

The CFS-PEI/UPEISU submission is publicly available through the UPEI Student Union Office or through the Canadian Federation of Students PEI Component.

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Tuition Fees at U.P.E.I., 1980-94



U.P.E.I. Tuition Fees 1983/1984 - 1992/1993 (for a full-time student taking a full course load of 30 semester hours)

Academic Year	Tuition Fees	Percentage Increase
1983/1984	\$1200	7.14%
1984/1985	\$1270	5.83%
1985/1986	\$1350	6.30%
1986/1987	\$1480	9.63%
1987/1988	\$1560	5.41%
1988/1989	\$1640	5.13%
1989/1990	\$1720	4.88%
1990/1991	\$1840	6.98%
1991/1992	\$2120	15.22%
1992/1993	\$2280	7.55%
1993/1994	\$2490	9.21%

Cumulative increase 1983/84-1993/1994: 83.28%