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Sunny tomorrow with intermittent clouds and a possibility of rain changing to snow. Winds light to hurricane force. Barometer fluctuating. Will become dark later in the day.

AFS FIGHTS BACK TUITION INCREASES

The Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students expressed anger and disappointment with announcements made recently regarding levels of funding for post-secondary education in 1978-79.

"The Council of Maritime Premiers has displayed a blatant disregard for the objective needs of post-secondary institutions," said Tony Kelly, Secretary-Co-ordinator of the AFS. "By approving an increase which amounts to only 6.1%, well below the rate of inflation and the recommendations made by the

Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission, they have assured massive tuition increases, faculty and staff unrest and extensive cutbacks in the services provided." The MPHEC had arrived at a figure of 11% as the minimum amount necessary to maintain the present level of operations.

"This refusal to adequately support the institutions can only result in decreased accessibility. More and more students will not be able to afford an education beyond high

school," said Gene Long of the National Union of Students. "We have witnessed a decline in the quality of education over the past few years, and with this announcement the trend has reached a crisis."

"We're very surprised at the reaction of the MPHEC to the government decision," said Kelly. "It is difficult to understand why a neutral advisory body would label "reasonable" funding levels well below their recommendations. The response destroys the credibility of the commission as an objective, impartial group."

The AFS spokesperson pointed out the funding will be inadequate to maintain faculty, staff and maintenance salaries. "If strikes occur, the blame will fall squarely on the government," said Kelly.

The Atlantic Association of Universities, at a press conference, expressed frustration with the continuing cutbacks they have to face, but all conceded to "accepting difficulties in times of economic restraint". Representatives from the four provinces indicated

their universities would be pressured into implementing tuition increases and cutbacks to departmental services and staff.

"It's frustrating to see that the universities are not prepared to challenge the priorities in spending set by the provincial governments," said Long. "They all feel the incredible strain on the quality of education as a result of cutbacks but back down when the government imposes its misdirected restraint."

The Atlantic Federation of Students and the National Union of Students, in response to the inadequate level of government funding have begun coordination of a campaign throughout the four Atlantic provinces to organize students in opposition to the impending cutbacks and tuition increases. The campaign will see students on campus participating in information and discussion workshops on the nature of cutbacks and government funding. Petitions and rallies will be used to pressure the four provincial governments to reassess the further imposition of financial restraint on post-secondary institutions.

FIGHTS CANCEL EVENTS

A fight at a Winter Carnival Dance last Thursday night in the gym brought about the cancellation of licenced events on Saturday.

The fight started when a student entered the

Upon hearing the disturbance, the student police rushed to the scene, and after many hassles, put an end to the fighting with the help of the Charlottetown Police Department.



Our omnipresent photographer snapped this picture at the much publicized fight during the Beer Bash Thursday night.

washroom of the gym and another student spilt beer on him. The student was perturbed which resulted in the second student and two friends also becoming perturbed. A fight broke out among the four of them.

One other student tried to stop the fight but was knocked to the floor and kicked by one of the combatants. This student came out of the rucus with bruised ribs and broken glasses.

Friday, news stories reported the disturbance as a riot, saying fifty people were involved, with nine people charged, and one in the hospital. People on the scene say there were not fifty people involved, although more than that were crowded around the back of the gym to see the fight, giving that impression.

Representatives of both the Student Police
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ENGLISH EXAM PRODUCES HIGH FAILURE RATE

VANCOUVER (CUP) - An English exam which about 40 per cent of first-year University of B.C. students "failed" has drawn fire from English professors.

"I haven't come across any profs who liked it," said one highly-placed source in the university's English department. "It was a very bad exam altogether. It was much too difficult. The exam was not written in good English and the passage was overblown and over-complex," he said.

The failure rate for the exam, written in

December, was in the 40 per cent range, although no exact figure has been released as appeals are still being considered. Last year, the failure rate was 37 per cent.

One English professor charged that: "The purpose of the exam is simply to produce a certain number of failures." He added that the exam should be abolished, and said it is written in a high-pressure, panic situation and uses the most "nit-picking" methods to separate the student's writing from the thought process.