

# Tuition A-Rising, Students A-paying

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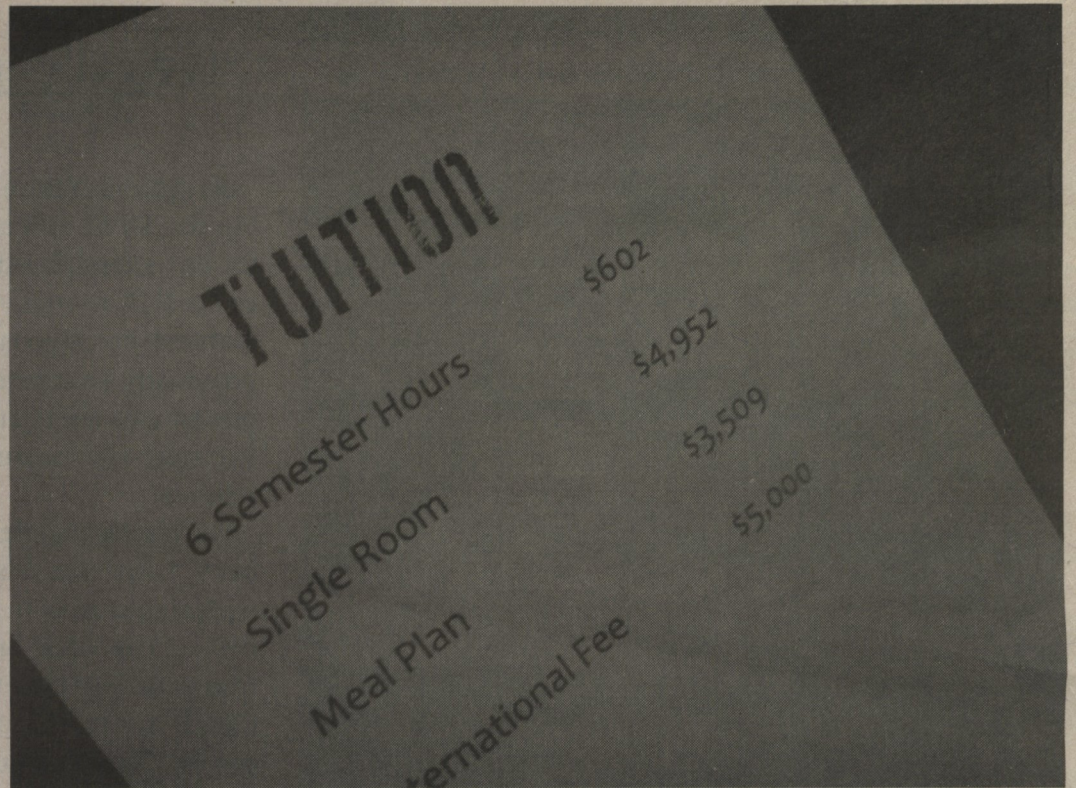
Most tuition fees for undergraduate students at the University of Prince Edward Island have seen an increase of 4% this year.

Putting this in perspective, the cost of six semester hours for undergraduate students at UPEI was \$582 in the 2008-2009 academic year. This year, the cost has risen to \$606.

In an interview with CBC News, vice-president of finance and facilities Gary Bradshaw attributed the rise in tuition to structural increases related to wages and benefits, and the cost of utilities at the university. "It is certainly the amount that we have brought to the board as being required to balance the budget for this year," said Bradshaw.

Exceptions to the increases in tuition include international students, whose fees have gone up to \$5000, compared to last year's \$4,410. UPEI Comptroller Philip Hooper states that these fees rose in order to "cover new services and a bursary program for international students." In comparison, international fees from the 2006-2007 academic year saw a 6.7% increase going into 2008, from \$4,050 to \$4,320.

Residence fees have also gone up by 3% from last year. A single room at Bernadine Hall now costs \$4,952 compared to \$4,807 from the previous year. Additionally, Athletic and Administration fees went up by further amounts to cover New Student Orientation, while Masters and PhD program fees experienced a rise due to curriculum budgets, costs and the introduction of new programs. For example, a Masters of Science now clocks in at \$6,372 compared to last year's \$5,934.



However, most of the remaining student fees stayed at last year's levels, and despite the rising costs, Bradshaw notes that even with the increases, tuition rates at UPEI are some of the lowest in the region.

## Radio@UPEI Back On Air?

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A third year UPEI student wants to start a student driven radio station for the university.

Megan Jennings, 20, who is double majoring in anthropology and English, wondered why a school in a musically driven place like the East Coast didn't have its own radio station.

She wanted to start the radio back up at UPEI because it is something she has always been interested in.

"It seemed like a pretty sweet idea."

The station, which will be broadcast over the Internet, will be a mix of different genres like rock, indie, and pop among others, she said. There will also be news updates.

Joe Velaidum, a professor in the Religious Studies department, is going to be helping out with the station and lending out his microphone, which he uses for his lessons, said Jennings.

"We hope to get a cooperative effort."

She wants to get it started after the NSO activities, be-

fore Christmas, with the end of the year as the latest time to have it happen, she said.

The only people she's really talked to about it have been friends but they seemed interested, she said.

Jennings doesn't have a radio background, but she has a broad taste in music and she has lots of public speaking experience.

"Who doesn't like that kind of attention anyway?"

She would be nervous but she acted in plays in high school and was an NSO organizer where she was speaking in front of more than 500 students.

"It's another way to work on my public speaking."

When the radio station does get started she wants to put up posters and have auditions for those people who want airtime. Jennings thinks it would be a good idea for those interested to bring in a musical sample of five or six songs.

The people she is looking for should be positive, enthusiastic and good at acting or public speaking, she said.

