

# Editorial

So, now it is fact. Tuition and residence fees are jumping twelve percent in September. Book prices will also rise by twenty percent. cold, harsh facts, my fine feather-brained friends.

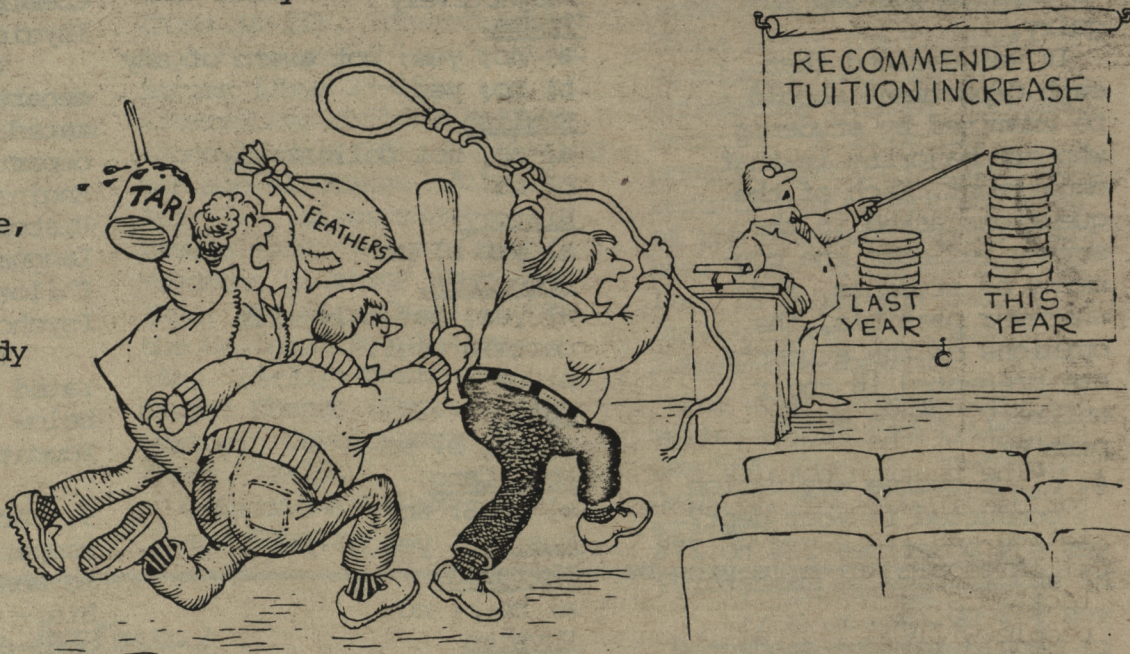
Professors salaries are rumoured to be increased by 10.3% (negotiated) but, given promotions and other diverse factors, the figure will in actuality be nearer to twelve percent. The University is also looking to hire six new professors; one will be going to Business, three or four to Arts, and one or two to Sciences.

Several years ago tuition accounted for one-quarter of the total budget; now it makes up only 15%. In effect, therefore, one can easily blame the provincial government for the tuition increase. If Angus and the boys had seen fit to grant to UPEI the total amount sent down to them from the hoods in Ottawa, perhaps students would not have been hit for more money.

But face reality, my dear fluffheads. In the long run, we are getting off easy. What about next year when the crunch will surely come (this is not the doomsday scenario either, but a real fact)? Salaries and fringes of professors are reported to be at their ceiling. Over 90% of the faculty at UPEI are on tenure, and over 75% are at the top end of their pay scales. Next year students can expect another increase at least to the tune of 10%, and the year after that, and the year after that..... Students are already seriously considering moving to the mainland, but

universities over there are also making tuition increases. Perhaps business and the Vet College will swell numbers here, but arts enrollment is almost guaranteed to drop. Surely one can see the position of the faculty here in refusing to cut any members. Will the pendulum swing to a totally professional school, so that only a few universities in the country will have a monopoly on the teaching of liberal arts? What effect will this have on human consciousness and the mass imagination?

Each course will cost the student \$97. per semester next year - a total of almost one thousand dollars for the year. That means that if you intend to graduate from this university you value the classtime somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$4000. Now ask yourself.....are you making adequate use of that time and money?



## FEEDBAG

### Genetic Engineering

Dear Students,

Are you interested in genetic engineering, the development of new weapon technologies, or the effects on society of new communication technologies? Are you concerned about Canada's support of research and development? In general, are you concerned about the role of science in our society?

If your answer is yes, you may wish to attend the first Canadian Student Pugwash conference on "Science in Society: Its Freedom and Regulation" at Carleton University in Ottawa from JUNE 12 through 14.

Sparked by a manifesto issued by Bertrand Russell and Albert Einstein, the first Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs was held in Pugwash, Nova Scotia in 1957. Canadian Student Pugwash will bring together 50 students and 25 eminent senior participants from academic, research, legal, administrative, and business circles. The five workshops and two major public debates will focus on different aspects of the freedom and regulation of science. The published proceedings will include a selection of student

and senior papers.

The following are the workshop topics: Society's Support of Scientific Activity; International Security and the Regulation of Defence Technology; Biological Research and the Manipulation of Life Forms; The Freedom and Regulation of Social Research; and, The Freedom and Regulation of Communication and Information Storage Technologies.

While still in Ottawa, all costs for the student participants will be covered by Canadian Student Pugwash. We may also be able to provide some travel assistance.

If you are interested, brochures and applications for this conference should be available at any natural science, social science, or philosophy department at your university. If you cannot find this information, please write to me at #806-474 Wilbrod Street, Ottawa, k1n 6m9, and I will forward an application. Completed applications must be received in Ottawa by April 7. Thank-you.

Yours Sincerely,  
Fraser Homer-Dixon  
Conference Coordinator

Editor's Note:

Conference schedule, application, and other information also available at SUN office, 401 Main.

## UPEI SUN

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