

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

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MEMORANDUM

To.....	The Senate, Simon Fraser University	From.....	Dr. A.M. Unrau, Chairman Senate Committee on Scholarships Bursaries and Awards
Subject.....	Scholarships	Date.....	June 16, 1971

The Scholarship Committee has recently completed procedures in the granting of the summer semester scholarships and awards. The members of the Committee particularly noted the distribution of grades and the amounts of scholarship funds available and were very distressed by their inability to adequately reward high levels of scholarship which was particularly evident among the summer semester applicants. The members of the Committee, therefore, wish to provide the Senate with some information pertaining to the above and cite what are believed to be some very urgent needs in the scholarship area.

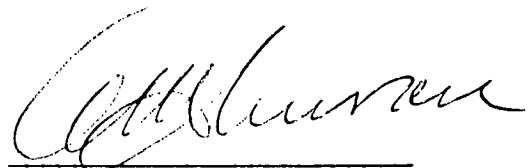
When Simon Fraser University first opened its doors in the Fall of 1965, a limited number of scholarships funded by private donors were available. With the unexpected heavy enrolments in the succeeding semesters, the lack of sufficient scholarship funds became critical. About one year ago, this situation was at least partly alleviated by the institution of the G.M. Shrum Entrance Scholarships (thirty @ \$300) and an annual fund of about \$31,000 for Simon Fraser University Open Scholarships. Undoubtedly, due to the discouraging results which were encountered for applications lodged in previous semesters (when a very limited number of scholarships were available), the infusion of the above scholarship funds allowed the Committee to consider what were in retrospect a probably superficially low number of applicants with G.P.A.'s in the 3.4 to 3.5 range and students with G.P.A.'s of 3.7 to 4.0 could be awarded significant scholarships (\$250 to \$275).

Due to probably a number of factors (depressed local economy, greater number of applications), the Committee finds that it cannot

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adequately reward similar scholarship as noted above. In order to at least afford some recognition to students with G.P.A.'s of 3.5 to 3.6, the number of scholarships of \$250 had to be extremely curtailed (limited to applicants with G.P.A.'s of 3.97 or higher - five scholarships were awarded). In order to extend scholarships recognition as far as possible, applicants with G.P.A.'s between 3.74 and 3.96 received \$150 (16 applicants) and those with G.P.A.'s of 3.50 to 3.73 received \$75 (31 applicants). All the members of the Committee are, needless to say, extremely concerned that, for example, students with G.P.A.'s of 3.70 and above on a full course program, could not be adequately recognized.

We feel that high levels of scholarship and adequate recognition thereof should be of vital concern to the University. We urge Senate and members of the board to address themselves to this matter of considerable urgency. The necessity for greater resources from private and University sources appears more than obvious to the Committee and we urge the expenditure of greater efforts on behalf of the scholarship program at Simon Fraser University.



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