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SURVEY OF POTENTIAL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

At its 35th session in November, 1967, Council requested a survey of potential Northwest Territories university students.

Because of the unexpectedly large number of students who enrolled in university this year, it was necessary to re-examine estimates of the number of such students who would be eligible for financial assistance during the next five-year period. Previously, the number of first year university students was approximately 21% of the preceding year's grade XII enrolment. There was little variation in this percentage during the first four years the financial assistance program was in operation, as indicated below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>% of Grade XII to University</u>	<u>No. of First Year Students Assisted</u>	<u>Total No. of Students Assisted</u>
1963-64	21.2	13	25
1964-65	21.6	11	23
1965-66	21.3	19	41
1966-67	20.4	17	43
1967-68	34.8	39	71

For the current academic year, the percentage of first year students, when related to the 1966-67 grade XII enrolment, is 34.8%, an increase of 14.4% over the previous year's figure.

The principal reason for this increase is that the 1966-67 grade XII classes had a higher than usual achievement level which, when it occurs in smaller classes such as those in the Territories, can produce notable percentage fluctuations. A second reason may be that a larger number of grade XII students was encouraged to continue by the availability this year of outright grants for board and lodging. It should be noted that there was no significant increase in the proportion of first year students who received their grade XII education outside the Territories.

The following are the estimates of the number of university students who will require financial assistance over the next six years. These figures include first, second, third and fourth year university students, based on a yearly input of 28% of the projected grade XII enrolments and a 60% yearly retention rate of current university enrolment. The average annual cost for a first year student is \$1,450; for students of the second and subsequent years, \$1,250.

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Estimated Cost per Year</u>
1967-68	71*	\$ 99,400
1968-69	95	133,000
1969-70	117	163,800
1970-71	124	173,600
1971-72	137	191,800
1972-73	155	<u>217,000</u>
		<u>\$978,600</u>

* As of January 1, 1968.