

# CYSF forms anti-tuition fee increase group

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Five hundred dollars will be allotted to a committee to organize a petition against the tuition fee increase for Ontario students following last Monday's council meeting of the CYSF.

"The CYSF stands opposed to tuition increases announced in the legislature by Dr. Harry Parrott", said CYSF president Barry Edson at the meeting. Edson then went on to propose that Vice-President of External Affairs, Stan White be appointed to chair the committee that will be responsible for compiling the petition to be presented to Dr. Parrott at a meeting of university and community college presidents on Saturday, December tenth.

The meeting between Dr. Parrott and the presidents was called at the last session of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) last Saturday.

According to ULC representative Alice Klein, this allotment of \$500 'is minimal to the importance of this issue'.

## York reacts to increases

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Edson added that even though the government might increase the budget for OSAP, if the guidelines are too restrictive on students, the money may not all be spent and returned to the government. Edson initiated an ad-hoc anti-tuition committee at the CYSF meeting last Monday, and plans to collect a substantial number of names to collect on an OFS-created petition to present to Parrott on December 10.

Faculty of Arts Dean, Sid Eisen believes the increase is "not excessive" though he feels it goes against the aims of the university, because it will "discourage those people on the borderline".

Eisen added the government policies were decreasing the quality of university education, by increasing enrollments while decreasing the number of faculty through restrictive spending.

In her report on the OFS meeting fieldworker Lynn Feldman outlined the general content of the petition to be circulated throughout all Ontario university and community college campuses. The petition states its agreement with the anti-tuition fee increase campaign.

The petition reads roughly: "Tuition fees should not be raised for universities or community colleges. Inflation and summer unemployment have made an education expensive enough. Cutbacks have caused the quality of education to deteriorate badly.

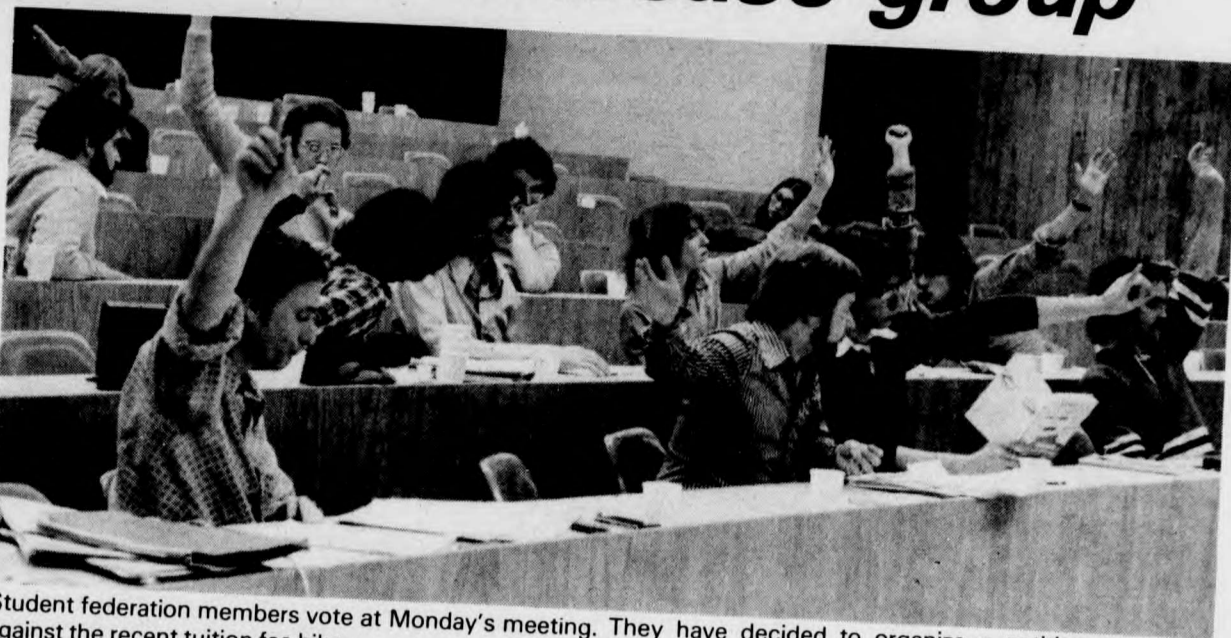
Why pay more for less?" It is hoped that the York petition will gather at least six thousand names. A petition booth will be set up in Central Square as soon as possible.

Edson also gave a report on the bargaining committee looking into the university's rent increase of last year in order to reach an agreement with the administration on the terms of a settlement allowing students more say in determining future rent increases. The bargaining committee met with Assistant to the Vice President of business affairs, Harry Knox. An agreement with Knox was reached on the formation of a committee consisting of fifty percent students that would have the power to determine rent increases.

However, according to Edson, Knox was overruled by Vice President of Administration, Bill Small, who refuses to give that much power to the rent committee.

Edson said that, 'It appears the university is starting to stall on negotiations and isn't willing to give us anything other than what we will receive through due process in terms of what present rent review legislation is.' The issue must now go back to the colleges and CYSF for further consideration as to what the next move on the part of students should be.

On the issue of differential fees, for foreign students, Edson said at the next meeting of the Senate he will move that the Senate propose to the Board of Governors that York



Student federation members vote at Monday's meeting. They have decided to organize a petition campaign against the recent tuition fee hike.

not adopt a differential fee policy. This was in response to a report that the University of Toronto governing council has voted against adopting the policy.

Among other issues discussed in the meeting was a meeting of 14 college clubs last week wherein it was unanimously agreed that the recent policy banning

posters in Central Square should be changed. A complaint will be registered the council decided with John Armour, director of the Department of Physical Plant, when he returns from vacation.

During the finance committee report by Vice President in charge of Finance, Jon Weatcroft, council voted that an allotment of \$150 be given to Essays on Canadian Writers, a small publication run by three York graduate students who's aim is to promote criticism of Canadian writers. The Gay Alliance association was also allotted \$42.

Requests by Harbiger and Radio York for 7,000 and 4,500 dollars respectively will be considered at the next meeting of council when the completed budget will be available.

Elections were held for the position of Vice President in charge of Student Services and Communication. Peter Donkers was nominated for the position by Edson and was voted in by acclamation.

## Bethune master acquitted from mischief charges

A charge of public mischief was dismissed last week against Ioan Davies, master of Bethune College. Professor Davies was charged on March 4 after police commenced an investigation into his complaint of a beating in February.

He told police two men followed him while crossing the field between the two college complexes after he had an argument with two self-styled Nazis in the Open End coffee shop in Vanier College. According to Davies, he was near the planetarium when the two men approached him and one of them hit him in the eye with a metallic object, then both men ran away. He required five stitches for the resulting cut.

The master's office had received anti-semitic and anti-communist literature the previous week.

Public mischief is a criminal offence and, if tried by summary conviction, in front of a judge, the maximum penalty is \$500 fine or six months in jail. Crown Counsel had called thirteen witnesses.

Provincial judge Crawford Guest said there was no evidence that an assault had not taken place. He told police they should have taken Davies' state into consideration when they made the investigation, and should not have acted in haste.

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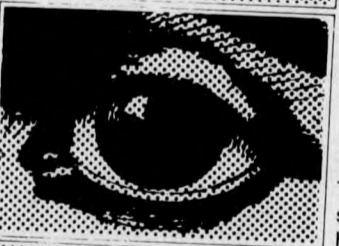
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