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No to 11% ?

by John Kenney

Graeme Leadbeater informed student councillors that the Provincial government was reducing grant increases to universities, colleges, hospitals, and municipalities from 15% to 11%. The budget for U of A alone is near \$100 million.

Leadbeater, Students' Union president suggested that student council, by way of the executive, lobby the provincial government against this move. This cut in spending by the provincial government is intended to reduce inflationary pressures.

When asked exactly what the lobby would consist of Leadbeater replied it would probably be a series of letters and meetings with the levels of government involved. And this

would not take place until statements are received from Dr. Horowitz, vp (academic) and Prof. Leitch, vp (finance). This and more detailed information will be presented at Monday's council meeting.

The whole issue is complicated by Trudeau's statement Tuesday in which the PM asked for individuals', corporations' and labour groups' restraint in price increases and wage demands.

Leadbeater responded to

this by noting that post-secondary institutions, hospitals, and municipalities consume only a small proportion of the gross provincial product. He believed that attention should be shifted to areas of government spending where money is used to make money.

If the government's plan takes effect, the SU president foresees a substantial decrease in the quality of this university's services.

We'll attend NUS meet but only as observers

Lack of grassroots support, resulting from a misplacement of leadership priorities, was listed among the reasons for the failure of the NUS referendum last week.

In a statement released yesterday by SU president Graeme Leadbeater, the NUS committee, (now attending a national conference in Fredericton, New Brunswick) expressed thanks to the people who supported the referendum and to those who actively participated in running the campaign.

"I suppose we spent too much time in the office running the administrative things when we could have been out actively getting more student support," said Leadbeater.

Although the executive intends to maintain as many links as possible with the national union, inasmuch as we are not members, Leadbeater said it will respect the wishes of the majority that voted "no" in the referendum.

In all, 2,604 students voted, only 854 in favour of NUS, with one spoiled ballot.

Items to be discussed at the Fredericton conference will include the Fiscal Arrangements Act, which, among other things, legislates the interaction between the federal and provincial governments in education spending.

In a conference held in Vancouver last weekend, Dan Palmer, ex-member of the NUS Central Committee, said there have been some changes in the act which are not in the interest of students.

Speaking at a western region CUP conference there, Palmer said the act comes up for review in 1976, and NUS is preparing a brief to the federal government outlining student needs in the act, and requesting consideration into changes.

As well a structural change in NUS will be proposed for discussion by the delegation from the University of British Columbia. The change would have NUS altered from its present federation form to that of a union of provincial students' unions.

Position papers on the implications for students of the Green Paper on Immigration will be submitted for possible NUS action, as well as reports on the successes and failures of NUS's major campaigns on student aid and housing.

CN cuts our discounts

OTTAWA (CUP) - Canadian National Railways will soon discontinue the discount fares which have saved students under the age of 22 up to 20 percent on rail travel in Canada.

According to CN, the discounts are being dropped in favour of a lowering of fares to the general public by five percent.

As a result students will have to pay from 10 to 15 percent more for all rail transportation in Canada.

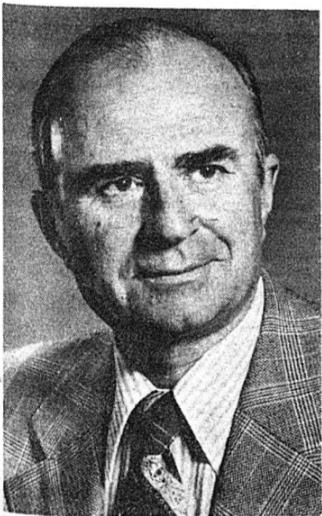
Also being cut are family fares, but senior citizens and group rates will not be affected.

"Incentive fares, or discounts, account for about 40 percent of our tickets," says Earl Rose, of CN passenger marketing. Of these, over 80 percent are youth and family fares, he said.

The rate increases have been filed with the CTC and will come into effect automatically on October 26, unless action is taken by an individual or group. If this happens, a hearing will be held - probably after the new rates come into effect.

B of G selects Phillips

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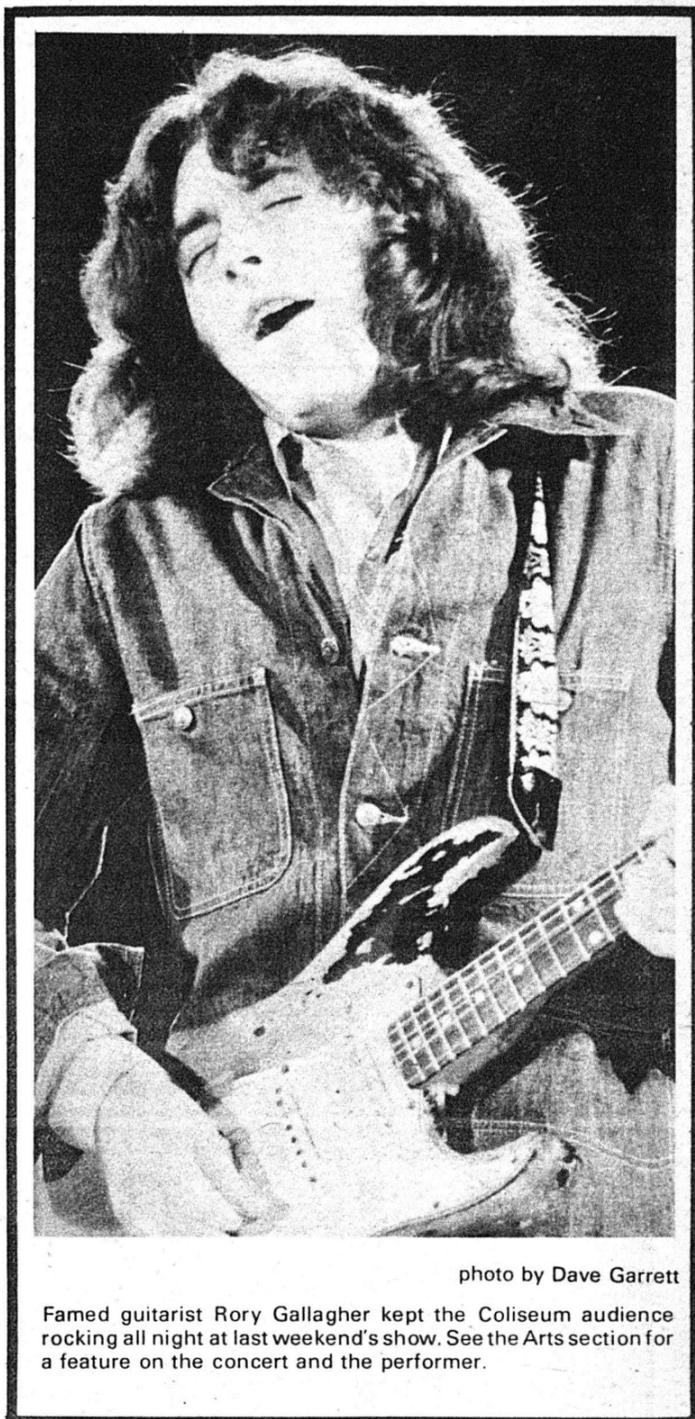


photo by Dave Garrett

Famed guitarist Rory Gallagher kept the Coliseum audience rocking all night at last weekend's show. See the Arts section for a feature on the concert and the performer.

Students "inappropriate"

OTTAWA (CUP) - The request by the National Union of Students (NUS) for student representation on the Canada Student Loans Plenary Group is "an inappropriate suggestion", according to the chairperson of that group.

David Levin, the chairperson of the CSLPG, and the director of the federal finance department's Federal-Provincial Relations Division, said in a September 30 interview the NUS request will be considered at the October meeting of the Group, but stated that he opposed including students in the group.

The Plenary Group sets the rules governing who will get student loans and how much they will get. It presently consists only of student aid officers from the federal and provincial governments, meets annually in closed session, and releases no information about its discussions or activities.

"Here are a bunch of administrators - civil servants - getting together trying to scratch their heads on how to improve the (student loan) program working within the constraints they have to, and I don't think it would help the

work we do to have students or any other group of people involved in our work. At that stage we're in a different world," Levin explained.

He described the role of the Plenary as being "to arrive at nationally acceptable standard practices with respect to the administration of student loans" but conceded that "administration" included "substantive policy matters" determining the nature of the program.

While noting that the "bulk of the decision-making" about student loan policy involves the Plenary Group, Levin said he sees no role there for student representatives. "Student organizations always have the opportunity to make represen-

tations with respect to particular program changes," he said, suggesting that NUS should "submit a brief" if it wanted, rather than seek representation.

Submitting briefs, he said, is "part of our traditional way of doing things" and stressed that it is not usual to include people affected by government programs in the decision-making process itself, citing areas of health care and welfare policy as examples.

According to Levin, if students have anything to say about student aid, they should direct their attention to the provincial governments, not to the Plenary Group he chairs.

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Seventeen grand begging

NEW YORK (ZNS-CUP) - A New York newspaper has conducted a test which indicates you can earn around \$17,000 a year simply by panhandling.

The New York Post assigned one of its reporters to ask for spare change during a single eight-hour day. The reporter, Gene Weingarten, found at the

end of a single day - despite New York's highly publicized financial woes - that he had collected \$48.96.

The Post computes that this indicates an average take-home pay on a yearly basis of \$12,729 - the equivalent gross salary of \$17,100 per year.