

Ministers want aid changes but no increase

HALIFAX (CUP) -- Canada's provincial education ministers will make recommendations on student aid changes to the federal government soon, but these won't include a proposal to increase aid.

At the close of the Council of Ministers of Education of Canada meeting here September 21-22, Manitoba education minister Ben

Hanuschak said, "The federal government has not been approached to increase its funding of the student aid program," expected to be overhauled sometime soon.

Nova Scotia education minister Maynard MacAskill said the issue was discussed, but the ministers had nothing else to report about

an expected new national student aid program.

The meeting was called to discuss the federal government's plans for increased involvement in post-secondary education policy, according to CMEC head and PEI education minister Bennett Campbell.

The ministers told new secre-

tary of state John Roberts that the provinces will set the terms for federal plans to increase second-language programs and would not give up their jurisdiction granted under the British North America Act.

The ministers had nothing to say on the effects expected from changes in federal-provincial

cost-sharing would have on post-secondary education, despite a report from informed sources that the Fiscal Arrangements Act was to be on the agenda.

Under the FAA, due to expire in April 1977, the federal government matches dollar for dollar what the provinces spend on their respective post-secondary education systems.

Recent FAA negotiations, however, reveal the federal government will abolish this system and replace it with a transfer of tax points to the provinces.

The smaller and poorer provinces have said their small tax bases will mean decreased financing for education when the new system comes into effect next year.

Future CMEC meetings will discuss the interprovincial mobility of students, improving Canadian studies, and cooperation in various programs, the ministers said.

Aid changes in Nova Scotia prompt protest

WOLFFVILLE (CUP) -- A new student aid regulation in Nova Scotia that says students must pass four subjects a year to qualify for bursaries has drawn an angry response from student leaders.

Because the policy was decided on May 25, many students were unaware of the regulation and are just now discovering that they are ineligible for assistance.

Acadia University student president Michael Gallagher stated, "The purpose of these guidelines is to avoid abuse of the system... but the procedure of implementation leaves much to be desired."

The regulation also conflicts with some Nova Scotia institution's academic probation policies which allow students to return to school even if they have failed a

certain number of courses.

Pointing out that the ministry of education has created its own concept of academic acceptability, Gallagher said, "the academic admissions requirements should be left to the institutions concerned. The government shouldn't meddle in this area."

University president J.M. Beveridge said "the basic academic

criterion (for student aid) should be the student's re-admission to university."

Critics also note the policy does not take into account those students who fail courses for medical or valid personal reasons.

Nova Scotia student leaders are planning meetings later this month with government officials in an effort to modify the policy.

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Day of Thanksgiving
Bill Of Fare
Student Union Building Cafeteria**

<p>Roast Young Tom Turkey Savory bread dressing, gravy Cranberry</p> <p>Whipped Potatoes Candied Sweet Potatoes Green Beans Amantine</p> <p>Tossed Salad Cranberry Geletin Salad Cole Slaw</p> <p>Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream Hot Mince Pie Fresh Fruit Bowl Ice Cream - Frozen Sliced Strawberries Rolls & Butter Beverage</p>	<p>Baked Sugar-cured Ham with Champagne Sauce</p>
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Anti-apartheid rally leads to sixty-one arrests

EDMONTON (CUP) -- Sixty-one people were arrested here for attempting to stop a sports event in a weekend demonstration against South Africa's racial segregation policies.

After several hours of picketing the anti-apartheid demonstrators sat in the middle of a cricket match September 18 between a local team and the "Robbins II", an English team which frequently plays in South Africa despite a United Nations' sanction against it.

Despite the efforts of the crown prosecutor, all the arrested were released on bail with a warning to stay away from the park.

The following day about 150 demonstrators again picketed the

games, although no one repeated the sit-in.

The arrested demonstrators complained of police harassment while in jail, including withholding medical and food services for women, and threatening non-whites about their immigrant status.

The weekend demonstration followed a rally the preceding week against the South African government's responsibility for hundreds of deaths of black and mixed-race people in more than three months of racial uprisings.

Speakers denounced Canada's economic and political ties with South Africa, and the sports competitions between the countries.

Students lose appeal rights

TORONTO (CUP) -- The Ontario government's solution to a bureaucratic paper problem has deprived residence students across the province of the right to appeal rent increases to the provincial rent review board.

From July, 1975 until May, 1976, all universities in Ontario were classified as landlords who were expected to justify every rent increase exceeding eight per cent.

Unfortunately, the system wasn't very well organized.

"The way it was set up, we would have had to file a separate form for every student," University of Toronto administrative director E.G. McDermid said. He said they would have to have hired two or three more "girls" just to handle the paperwork.

According to McDermid, one

university had gone through 70,000 pieces of paper to plead its case. Not wishing to deplete Canada's forests, universities across Ontario notified the government that the rent review, as it existed, simply could not be applied to university residences.

At this point, the government had two options, said David Warner, provincial New Democratic Party education critic. Universities could remain under the rent review by using a form of "class action", allowing the universities to file only one form for each residence or type of student. Warner said this would have simplified the procedure for the universities and students would still feel protected.

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Student

MONTREAL (CUP) -- The move by a senate-appointed trustee to handle student affairs at McGill University has been down the student centre for a month.

A. Sam Kingdon was appointed last week after one of two committees carrying out the suspended Students' Society had decided to disband and distribution of essential class building operation funds.

The definite Interim Management Committee, and the Policy Committee were set up in December, 1975 after the Students' Society constitution was suspended because of financial and managerial problems at the request of core students. A third committee to restructure the students' society was also formed to draft a new constitution.

Kingdon has indicated that the collected student funds will remain in his hands until the activities are functioning. Some sources claim part of the money will be used to pay off the society's \$75,000 debt.

Representatives of the various clubs, angered by the

Murder River; dis

NAIROBI (ENS-CUP) -- technicians working at a power station on the River Uganda have been quitting their jobs because President Idi Amin's troops keep dumping their victims into the river.

According to diplomats in Nairobi, Kenya, the bodies caused major mechanical problems at the Own Falls Station, resulting in electricity shortages.

College

OTTAWA (CUP) -- U enrolment is up and will continue to rise, according to a report from Statistics Canada.

But over-all enrolment in the education system declined due to the falling birth rate in the 1962-73 period, the report says.

During this period enrolment spending rose to \$9.6 billion, or \$2.3 billion, almost twice as much as in the 1962-73 period, the report says.

Meanwhile, the federal government's education expenditures rose to 10.2 per cent from 14.9 per cent while provincial spending fell from 60.7 per cent to 43.6 per cent, according to Statistics Canada.

Federal proposals for cost-sharing with the provinces when the Fiscal Arrangements Act expires next year include a federal contribution to the GNP and transferring powers to the provinces, and the current system where federal government funds for 50 per cent of provincial expenditures.