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ANEQ to split

MONTREAL (CUP) — L'Association Nationale des Etudiants du Quebec (ANEQ), Quebec's student organization, will soon be losing its university members, according to student politicians.

Le Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU), a sub-unit of ANEQ, has grown dissatisfied with that group over the last few years because of underrepresentation and political differences.

ANEQ has been labelled by some RAEU members as "too radical". Jean-Yves David, an official of the Concordia University Students' Association says the universities are outnumbered by the CEGEPs (community colleges) in ANEQ in votes but speak for a great many students.

RAEU will meet in early October to vote on a split from ANEQ but indications are that the vote will be merely a formality. Benoit Laurin, McGill University Students' Society vice-president external, says he thinks the majority of the RAEU members will favour the split.

None of the above runs

BATON ROUGE (ZNS) — In 1968 it was "Nobody" for president in the American presidential race. In 1979 its "None of the Above" for governor of Louisiana.

One of the candidates in the October election for governor in Louisiana has legally changed his name to "None of the Above". And he wants it listed that way on the ballot.

The candidate, whose name used to be Luther Devine Knox, has petitioned state election officials to print his new name, not his old one, on the Oct. 27 ballot.

Knox claims that the voters have never had a completely free election in America because, "They have not had the opportunity to reject them all."

At last report, the state of Louisiana was refusing to go along with None of the Above's request.

In 1968, a man who changed his name to Nobody ran for president, promising that, "Nobody keeps his promises, Nobody cuts taxes, Nobody is an honest politician." etc.

Tuition fees up at Dal

HALIFAX (CUP) — Tuition and residence fees have increased about 10 per cent at Dalhousie this year.

"Support from the government wasn't as high as we expected," said Otto Nofhle, Dalhousie's director of budget administration.

"Actually, we may have wanted a larger increase but decided to forego this to stay in line with other universities," he said.

Commerce students are now paying \$926 while the cost for a year in arts is \$899.

The \$75 hike "seems somewhat out of character at Dalhousie," said Joyce Kelly, the supervisor of student accounts. The university has not had a tuition increase in two years.

Residence fees for both single and double rooms have gone up \$180. Kelly said this is mainly due to spiralling food costs.

The group hardest hit this year will be foreign students. Incoming foreign students, or foreign students changing faculties, are not paying an additional \$750. This amount is a differential fee which had been previously paid to the university by the provincial government.

Anglophones fight Bill 101

MONTREAL (CUP) — Quebec Anglophone students are joining a campaign against a government ruling which bars Quebec-trained professionals who lack a working knowledge of French practicing in the province after January 1, 1981.

The protest is being launched by the Council of Quebec Minorities (CQM) against section 39 of Bill 101. When this comes into effect, professionals will no longer be able to get temporary work permits and must pass proficiency tests in French.

The temporary permits, outlined in section 38, allowed them to practice if they showed a willingness to learn the language.

Graham Weeks, Program Director for CQM, said this week that professionals from other provinces can still get the temporary permits which can be renewed twice.

McGill students' society vice-president external, Benoit Laurin, said the new section will greatly affect Anglophone students at McGill.

"It will not encourage these future professionals to stay and work in Quebec," he said.

The group also hopes to meet with Laurin in late October.

U of T brief to Ontario government

TORONTO (CUP) — The University of Toronto faculty has attacked provincial and federal underfunding in a brief to the legislative committee studying the proposed merger of the two Ontario ministries that deal with education.

The University of Toronto Faculty Association (UTFA) knocked the province for skimping on grants to universities and Ottawa for holding back research funds.

The brief outlined fears that the proposed merger of the ministry of education and the ministry of colleges and universities might lead to a loss of recognition of the "special character" of universities.

Earlier this month, University of Toronto president James Ham told a student meeting that it would be a disaster if the merger of the ministries caused the special role of the universities to be lost.

"There is no more important thing in this university, in this province, than defending the centrality of a good liberal education", he said.

Key to life

by Larry Compagna

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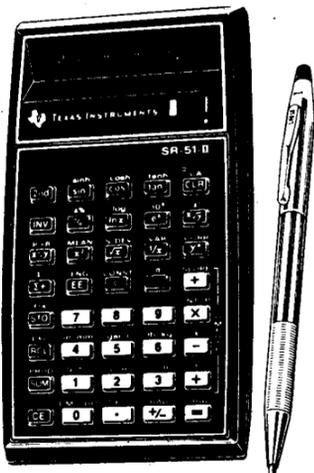
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