

# University fee strikes not budging government

**DOWNSVIEW (CUP)** — The Ontario government will close down universities rather than retreat from fee increases under pressure of a tuition strike, colleges and universities minister George Kerr said recently.

Kerr was responding to a question about the government's reaction to the second term fee strike being threatened by the Ontario Federation of Students

(OFS). OFS will hold a referendum October 10 - 12 for students to decide if they will withhold their second term fees installment.

Kerr charged many full-time student politicians are organizing the fee strike "to justify their jobs". He accused them of making "inaccurate" statements about government education policy.

The minister was speaking to about 200 students at York Un-

iversity.

He said of provincial government is "adopting a philosophy whereby the users of the university should pay more of its costs."

The recent tuition fee increase would better balance the sources of university funding, he said. Taxpayers now support 80 per cent of university expenditures, while students pay only 15 per cent, he added.

But the minister said the education budget has increased and the two billion dollar expenditure represents a major portion of Ontario's five billion dollar budget.

"We couldn't ask a man struggling to support a family to pay more for the cost of education," he said. That statement brought shouts from the audience that the government should increase taxation on the "corporate welfare

bums" as demanded by New Democratic Party leader David Lewis.

Kerr criticized the OFS claim that the tuition hike will hinder universal accessibility to higher education, saying there have been more applications for student aid this year.

He said the fee hike would not "deter low and middle income students from the goal of post-secondary education," and argued that since two out of every five students qualify for assistance "we've achieving the goal of providing assistance to all strata of this society."

He claimed that although the loan ceiling for the Ontario student Award Program had been raised from \$600 to \$800, the Ontario program is still the most generous in Canada. He added that the age of independence had been lowered from 25 to 24.

York president David Slater later pointed out that low income students do not enjoy the advantage of these loans because they don't reach university. He suggested changes were necessary in the whole system, not just in post-secondary financing.

Kerr pointed out that despite the fee increase, enrolment in the province's universities is up 4.5 per cent this year, although the increase is less than the 6.7 per cent the government had expected.

He said enrolment has gone up at the University of Toronto, University of Western Ontario, Queen's, and Guelph, while only at Carleton and the University of Windsor had it declined.

## Campus charity drive begins Tuesday

"Give a man a fish and he'll eat for a day. Teach him how to fish and he'll eat for a lifetime", is the motto for "Just a Drop in the Bucket".

The charity drive whose main objective is to send funds to the Third World for the education of the poverty stricken people, works in accordance with the Save the

Children Fund.

The fund is used for five purposes, hygiene, medical clinical assistance, child day care centers, primary education, adult education and university scholarships.

The movement, first conceived by John Gorman at the University of Western Ontario in 1970, is a

cross Canada effort. The committee for planning this campaign at UNB this year is headed by Janet Moodie assisted by David Kent, Barb Baird, Fran Owen, Larry Brown, Alan Beach, Mike Shouldice, Susan Wright and Martha Barry.

The program consists of activities such as a penny drive to be held Tuesday with David Kent collecting on campus and Barb Baird covering the exits to the University.

A bobby-sock dance will be featured at the Tartan Room in the Stud Friday night from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance will be conducted by the CHSR with Al Bonner as the master of ceremonies. The admission is silver change if you don't wear bobby socks and pennies if you do. Sue Wright will be on hand to take pledges. Donations can be made through the SRC. Income Tax receipts will be given in return for the gifts.

The nursing staff is planning something in addition to the other activities. This will probably be held on Saturday the final day of the campaign.

"There is no special goal set for the drive. We just hope for as much support as possible," said Janet Hogg. "The residences are going to turn out for the drives as well. All we really want is what you can give and of course, lots of co-operation."

## GSA budget debated by SRC

By DAVID MCMILLAN

Twenty-two council members attended Monday night's Student Representative Council meeting at which Comptroller Chris Fisher reported on the results of last week's Administrative Board meeting. Excluding the Graduate Student Association (GSA) account, all other budgets were accepted by council members as tabled by the Administrative Board.

Originally the total GSA budget of \$1439 included four (two per term) "Graduate Students meet Faculty" socials. Council member Rick Fisher however deemed the \$400 total allotment for the socials too much and proposed that the council cut it down to at least \$300.

The lengthy discussion that ensued included one council member's suggestion that the SRC give a group, such as the African Student Organization, the money instead. The council member argued that the ASO might make better use of it, especially since they are among those on the campus who can not ordinarily expect to get home at Christmas etcetera.

Also it was voiced that the graduate students are already close

to the faculty and they therefore don't really need parties to introduce them to the latter.

SRC President Roy Neale indicated to council members that just as in the Business Society the Russia trip is on "area of interest" — the constant and good rapport between faculty and graduate students is also an "area of interest."

Rick Fisher replied that he certainly did not contest the theory that ideally the "Graduate Students meet Faculty" socials would be a good thing for rapport between the grads and the faculty members. His main grief, however, was that the SRC was budgeting far too much and the end result would be an "over-promotion" of such rapport. He pleaded that three or even two socials would be sufficient.

Eventually a motion by Mr. R. Fisher, seconded by council member Susan Wright went before the council in general. The motion proposed that funds allocated for the "Graduate Students meet the Faculty" be cut down from \$400 to \$300 for this year. The motion was carried with ten for, eight against and four abstentions.

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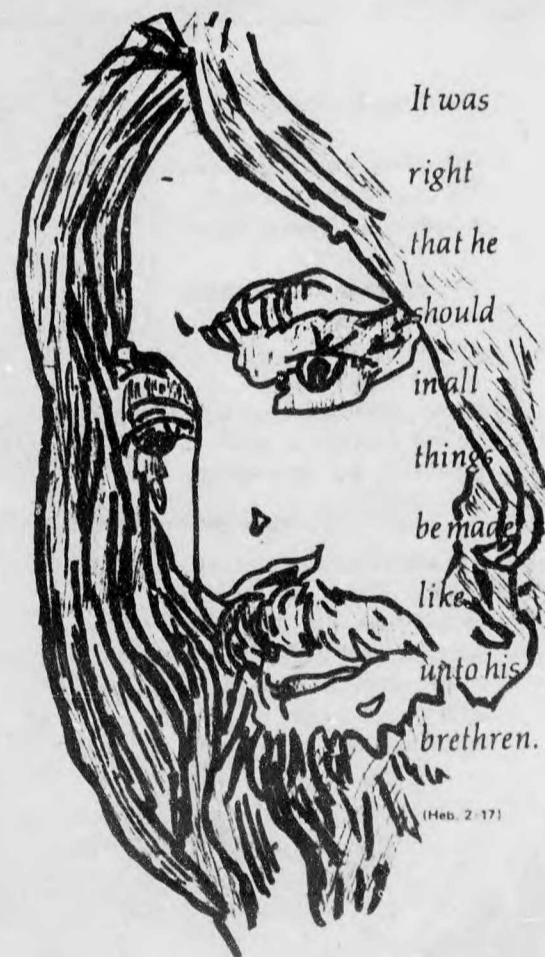
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