

Quebec government announces youth summit

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MONTREAL (CUP) — In an attempt to tackle the economic problems facing its young people, the government of Quebec has announced plans to hold a youth summit in Quebec City this coming February.

The meeting will bring together youth, student leaders, union heads, provincial politicians and other decision makers, to address the province's difficult economic situation.

According to statistics

Canada, Quebec's youth unemployment rate was 16.4 per cent in July — noticeably higher than Canada's youth unemployment rate of 14.1 per cent.

The overall unemployment rate in Quebec in July was 9.6 per cent, almost two percentage points higher than the nationwide rate of 7.7 per cent.

"Today we have the challenge of integrating youth, to take steps to ensure that young people become active participants in

society," said Diane Gaudet, the senior government official in charge of the summit.

"The government can't be the only one to do this. We want to bring together the people who are best able to face that challenge with us."

Working groups are currently being set up to explore four broad themes: employment, knowledge and training, social equality, and globalization.

The summit's priorities has

pleased student leaders.

"The nominations and the themes indicate that our concerns will be addressed," said Daniel Baril, president of the Federation des étudiants universitaire du Quebec.

The working groups will be headed by such people as Paule Leduc, rector of the Université du Quebec a Montreal, and Marie-Claude Sarrazin, a founding member of the youth committee of the Federation des Femmes du

Quebec.

All working group leaders are volunteers.

The Quebec government estimates the summit will cost taxpayers roughly \$4-million.

A series of consultative workshops are planned throughout the province in September and October.

"We want to ensure that all of Quebec society is represented," said Gaudet about the consultation process. "No one will be left out."

Student found guilty of harassment

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"The university goes out of its way to ensure that it's confidential," said Tarulli, noting the evaluations are not filled in the

presence of the instructor, and that they are carried directly to the departmental offices by a student in the class.

The U of A's General Faculties Council's Policy Manual, however, does not explicitly specify any need for

confidentiality.

The policy only states that evaluations be "administered in as consistent a fashion as possible."

No University of Alberta officials were available for comment by press time.

Meanwhile, Tarulli said the

case brought into question the universities entire teaching evaluation process.

"How can you turn around and expect students to give honest answers?" he asked.

The lawyer also raised a concern that his client was not

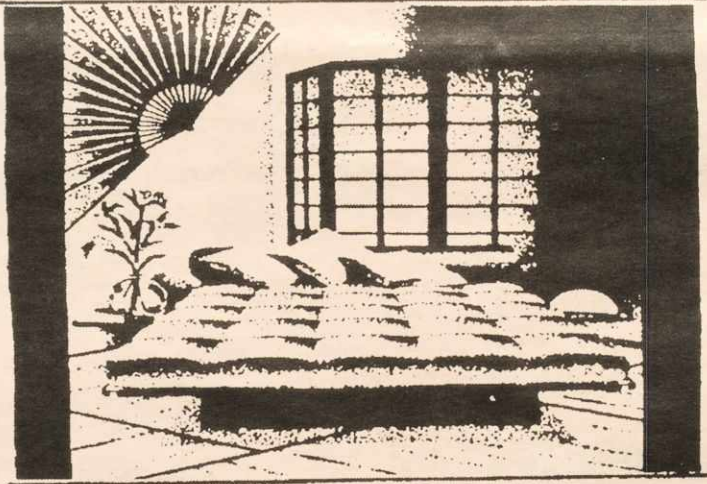
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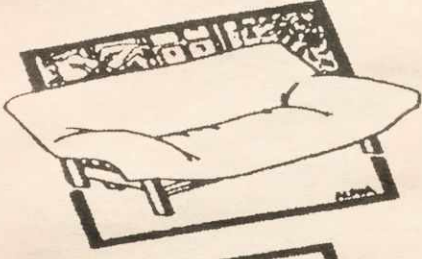
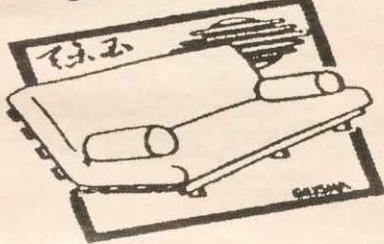

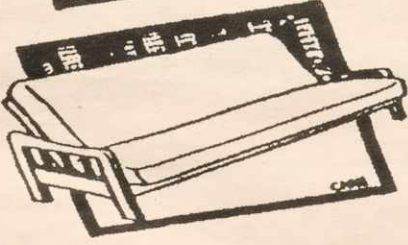
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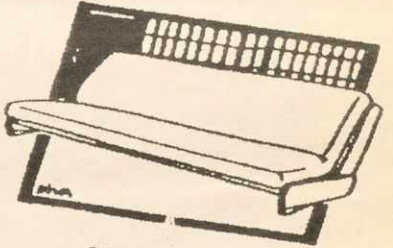
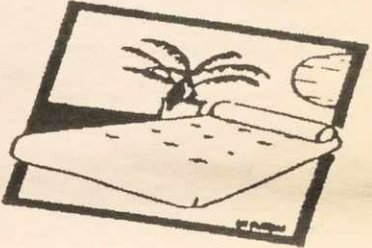
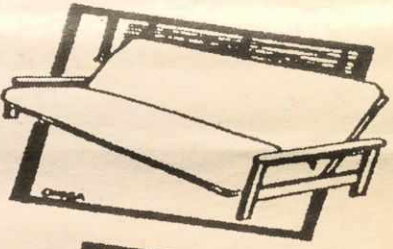
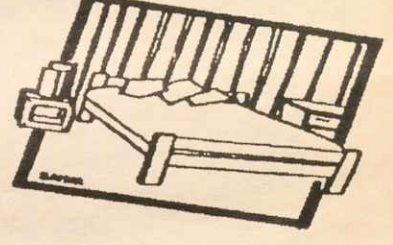
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