

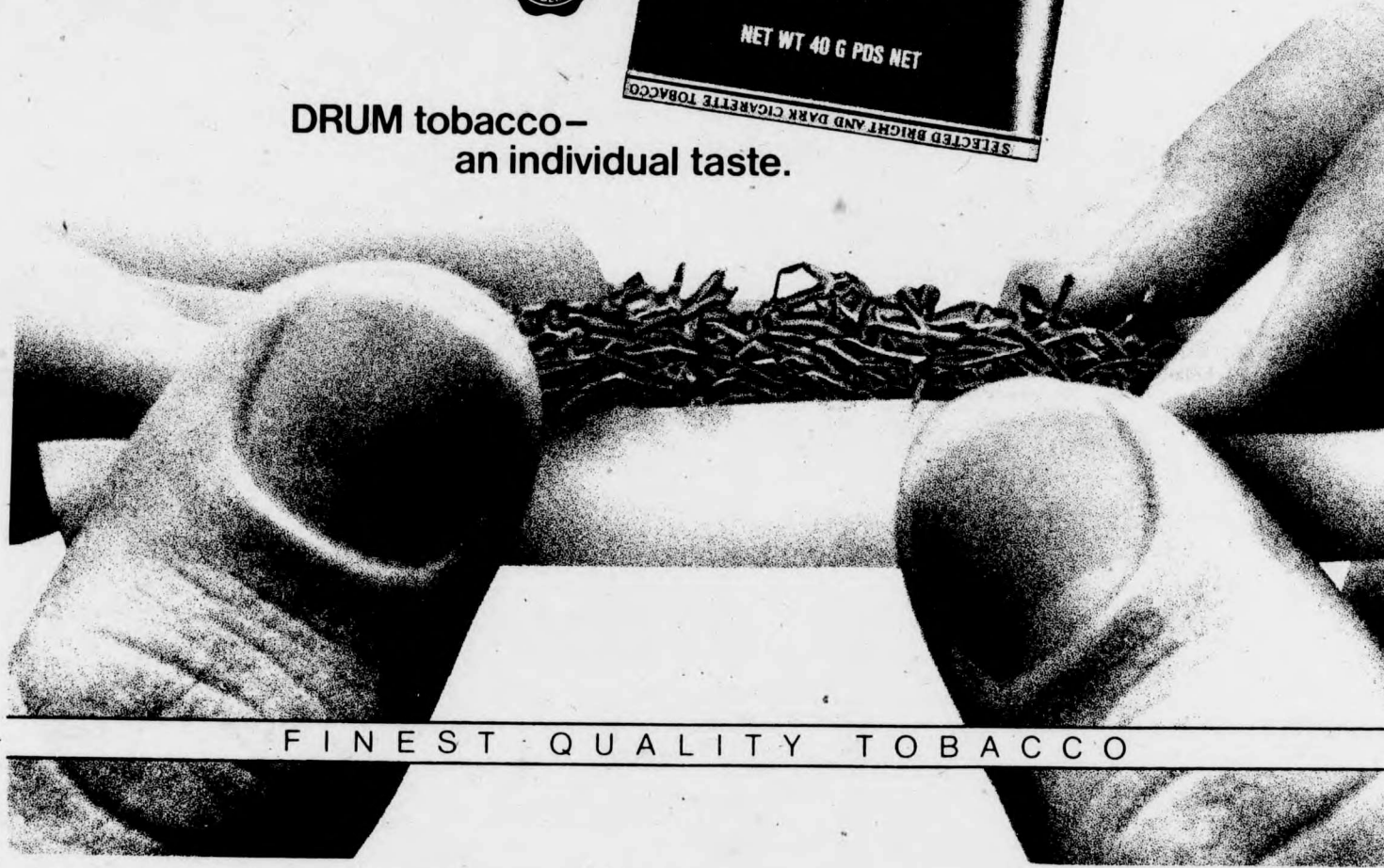
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BOG Rep Reports

Malcolm Montgomery, President of CYSF, is reported to have said that the February 9th meeting of the Board of Governors was a "special meeting" as part of his rationale for the late election this spring and that it "was in the best interest of the students (for him) to be at the meeting where the tuition for 1981-82 was being decided." (*Excalibur*, February 12, 1981, page 4). In fact Board handbook states that "A regular meeting of the Board shall be held in each month...on the second Monday..." (Board of Governors Handbook, page 28) which makes February 9th the regular meeting day.

"It was quite apparent that the decision had been predetermined prior to the 4:00 p.m. meeting," said Montgomery of the tuition debate. This is undoubtedly true which leads me to wonder why CYSF took absolutely no action to develop a public campaign in opposition in tuition increases. **5% Last Year and 10% This Year**

There is a portion of the Tuition Fee of every student which is at the discretion of the Board of Governors which amounts to 10% of the total Tuition Fee or about \$85 for 1981-82. Each year the Board of Governors can decide to implement between 0% and 10% of that optional Fee. For the 80-81 academic year only 5% was implemented but for the 81-82 year 10% will be implemented.

The difference is that last year in the spring of 1980 CYSF took the proper role of student government and lead a campaign to stop the Tuition Fee increase. There were meetings with the President, with the Policy Committee and delegations to the Board. In addition student alliances with Unions were people such as Professor Stauffer, then chairperson of the York University Faculty Association argued in favour of keeping tuition down.

These may be labeled "confrontation" means of dealing with the situation by some people however that confrontation saved all of us a few dollars this year.

Money for Students

To offset the effect of an almost 25% increase in tuition over two years President Macdonald increased his special assistance fund to \$160,000. This year (80-81) about 300 students received \$200 each from this fund.

These awards are in the form of a bursary. The money is a grant. You do not have to repay the money. You do not have to have high marks to get the money.

You must apply and you must demonstrate need for the money. It seems to me that these financial assistance programs rely far too heavily on word of mouth. I think it would help a lot of a couple of hundred ollars were set aside to print up some eye-catching posters that said "FREE MONEY FOR STUDENTS IN ROOM 110A STEACIE LIBRARY".

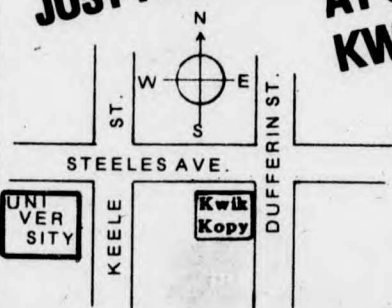
The other major problem seems to be that most people run out of money after the deadline for applications has passed. It would help a lot if York just advertised the last day to apply to get money from the University in the same way that it advertises the last day to pay money to the University i.e. include application for bursary deadlines in the sessional dates listings in the calendar and other places. A later deadline for those of us who do not realize that we need money until later in the term would also be a much appreciated improvement.

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