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No funding problems, says happy fed report

by Lee Parpart

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Secretary of State tabled a happy 100-page report on post-secondary education (PSE) in the House of Commons last week which says nothing about funding problems faced by the country's 70 degree-granting institutions.

The report, prepared by Secretary of State Benoit Bouchard, is the first annual report to Parliament on federal-provincial spending on PSE.

According to Richard Bellaire, researcher for the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT), the report is heavy on data and light on ideas.

"It puts in all the data that's required by the law, but just presenting a lot of data and letting it sit there doesn't do much."

Howard McCurdy, NDP Critic for PSE agreed, saying in a press release that the report "provides a neat compilation of Statistics Canada information, but is devoid of analysis on the critical state of our universities."

McCurdy said the report leaves out a number of issues relating to PSE, including rising tuition fees, differential fees for international students, cuts in library acquisition budgets, and outdated lab equipment.

He also noted that the report fails to mention cuts by the Minister of Finance last fall which will reduce Established Programs Financing grants for health and PSE to the provinces by a total of \$6 billion by 1990.

Pat Campbell, assistant director of policy and analysis in the educational support sector of the Secretary of State, defended the report.

"It's a response to a piece of legislation that asked for information about government expenditures on PSE," she said. "It doesn't address other issues. It's not a policy report."

A 1984 amendment to the Federal Provincial Financing Act requires the Secretary of State to report annually on federal and provincial expenditures in PSE, the relationship between federal contributions and Canada's educational and economic goals, and the

results of meetings between the Secretary of State and the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada on ways to achieve the national purposes to be served by post-secondary education.

The report gives only the dates and topics discussed at four meetings between the Secretary of State and the Council of Ministers of Education. It leaves out the findings of the meetings and makes no mention of how the two levels of government can achieve the national purposes to be served by PSE.

Campbell admitted the last clause of the Act meant the report was supposed to "relate expenditures to the state of PSE in Canada", but said, "that's a difficult thing to do and a hollow exercise, we found, because the state of PSE in Canada is within the jurisdiction of the provincial governments."

She said not enough consultation had taken place with the provinces to comment on the state of PSE in the report.

The day before the report was tabled, during question period, the member of parliament for Englington-Lawrence, Roland de Cornuille, asked Bouchard why he refused to "consult with or reveal to (the provinces) the content of the Government's report which, in fact, is about the provinces themselves and what they are doing to finance post-secondary education."

Bouchard responded that the provinces were consulted about the figures in the report.

But at a two day meeting of the Council of Ministers of Education in Toronto last week, a number of the ministers who had seen parts of the unreleased report said it underestimated the provinces' contribution to PSE by almost \$2 billion, or 22 per cent.

The ministers requested a meeting with Bouchard to review the report, but a date has not been set.

Campbell said the ministers have a different figure for provincial contributions to PSE because they counted total expenditures, whereas the report counts only operating costs, capital costs, and student assistance.

1986: year of Star Wars decision?

Scrap NORAD: peace group

by Rob Schmidt

The Edmonton Peace Network announced yesterday the beginning of its campaign against the renewal of the NORAD treaty with the United States.

"NORAD (North American Aerospace Defence Command) and Star Wars are actually one and the same thing," said Network spokesperson Stuart Hertzog.

The Edmonton effort is part of a national campaign co-ordinated by the Canadian Peace Alliance, a coalition of which the Edmonton Peace Network is a member. The coalition's goal is primarily to raise public awareness of the impending renewal of the NORAD treaty and to petition against government participation in Star Wars.

"NORAD was set up as an advanced warning system," Hertzog said, "but it is turning into an anti-ballistic missile defence system." Hertzog sees NORAD as a "backdoor through which Canada will become involved in Star Wars."

Major Luigi Rossetti of the Department of National Defence (DND) Office of Information stated that NORAD's purpose is to "approach defence from a continental basis."

To support the connection between NORAD and Star Wars, Hertzog said the commander of NORAD, American general Robert Herres, is also the commander of the United States Air Force Space and Aerospace command, which was established in September 1985 to "direct all American space defence efforts, including Star Wars."

The Edmonton Peace Network further stated that the Strategic Defence Architecture 2000 (SDA 2000) program, in which Canada has officially been invited to participate, "is developing contingency plans for Star Wars deployment under the auspices of NORAD."

The first phase of this program is the North Warning System, a replacement for the DEW line with manned and unmanned monitoring stations in northern Canada. Hertzog said some of the stations will be nuclear-powered.

Too many natives in jails?

by Ann Grever

Natives and the criminal justice system will be the subject of a symposium to be held after Reading Week as part of Native Awareness Week.

The symposium will address the problem of "over-representation of Native people in the criminal justice system," said Keith Spencer of the sociology department.

"Four per cent of the general population are Native and they represent forty to fifty per cent of the jail population."

Spencer says the problem may be that the treatment programs are geared "for white middle class values...the system isn't geared for them."

"A lot of practices can end up with unintentional discriminatory results...for example, in an alcohol related charge where a fine would be imposed, a Native person may not have the money to pay."

This is supported by the "over-representation of Native people in provincial institutions" for offences that are alcohol related and for which the sentences are short term.

One possible solution that will be explored is the role of Native culture in the fight against crime.

Anyone is welcome to attend the symposium although it is "expected to attract the interest of police, corrections and social service practitioners, Native groups, students, and those who work closely with



Stewart Herzog (left) and Robin Boodle (right), spokespersons for the Edmonton Peace Network, blast NORAD and Star Wars.

Furthermore, Hertzog said five bases will be built with the capability to support fighter-interceptors and bomber aircraft. These bases were identified as Baker Lake, Yellowknife, Fort Chimo, Frobisher Bay and Alert.

Captain Richard Moore, also of the DND Office of Information, said that there are currently airfields at Yellowknife and Frobisher Bay that are capable of supporting CF-18s, Canada's new fighter-interceptors, but added that these airfields are administered by the Ministry of Transport.

"There are three [new] bases under consideration," Moore said.

Rossetti said "fighter aircraft are not going to be stationed" at these bases, but added that these bases will be capable of supporting fighter-interceptors in the event of a crisis.

Hertzog said "the bases in the North are being developed so they can attack the Russian bombers before they release cruise missiles."

"We imagine," he said, "Canada is also allowing nuclear weapons to be brought in, in case of an emergency."

Hertzog said Canada's sovereignty is an issue in the renewal of the NORAD treaty. "If Canada goes along with the 'fortress America' defence system then it is the beginning of the end of Canada's ability to decide its own foreign policy."

He said Canada "can call for an end to the arms race but not if we

are part of the system that is supporting the arms race."

Hertzog speculated that if Canada were a nuclear-free zone it could "call upon both nations to reduce their nuclear stockpiles."

Moore of the DND said Canada is "stuck in the middle" of the two superpowers and added that Canada is linked to the U.S. in defence strategy.

To ensure that Canada is not drawn into the Star Wars program, the Edmonton Peace Network and other members of the Canadian Peace Alliance are distributing a letter for people to send to their MPs.

Members of parliament are urged in the letter to ensure the new treaty guarantees that Canada will not participate in any anti-ballistic missile system and that the treaty "includes a renewal period of two years or less to give Canadians an opportunity to assess [its] participation in NORAD and to identify and avoid possible involvement in Star Wars."

It also calls for the public disclosure of this and future defence agreements at all stages of negotiations.

"1986 is the year of decision," Hertzog said. "Either we are going to go to a militarized society in which an ever greater percentage of our tax dollar goes to the military, or we are going to go to a society based on peace and caring."

young people."

The panel of experts will include both criminal justice system employees, a psychologist, and spokespersons from the Native community. The symposium is sponsored by the University's Centre for Crimi-

selling Services of Alberta, the Native Students' Club, and the Solicitor General of Canada.

The symposium is on Wednesday, February 26th, at the Lister complex. For more information, call 432-5234 or the Native Students' Club at 432-5677.

Youths arrested for bombing U of T res

TORONTO (CUP) — Three youths - two of them members of the Canadian Armed Forces Reserves - are in custody after two bombs exploded Jan. 31 at the University of Toronto's Scarborough College.

The homemade bombs went off just after midnight outside a college residence. One seared a window sill and the other tore up a patch of grass. There were no injuries in the explosions.

Student Jim Bowman collared one of the suspects after going outside to investigate the explosion. He saw one youth slide under a car and then head off into the woods, where Bowman grabbed him and pulled him out to a waiting campus police officer.

"There was a slight struggle," Bowman said. "He kicked, but thank God he missed."

The suspect was carrying a knife as well as a canister with gun-

powder and a wick.

The Toronto Police Department's Emergency Task Force bomb disposal unit was utilized to remove the explosives.

Two other suspects were rounded up later. Upon checking their homes, police found a cache of weaponry: homemade explosive devices, a homemade gun, bullets, and bomb-building manuals.

Sgt. Trovato of the Toronto police said one of the devices, containing powder and pellets, "could have the same effect as a grenade."

Alexander Simel, 19, is charged with possession of explosive substances. A third suspect was charged under the Young Offenders Act and so his name was not released. None are students.

City and military police are still investigating the incident, but the suspects claimed it was merely "a prank."