

## **National Notes**

### Money doesn't mean quality

OTTAWA (CUP) — The quality of education isn't relation government funding.

That's what Ontario Education Minister Bette Stephe told the Ontario Colleges Commission Mar. 21, according commission chairman Don Francis.

"She refused to acknowledge any relationship between quality of education and the amount of funding. When we take about the increase in teacher-student ratios, she said there we relationship between quality and class size."

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Class size was so pivotal in Stephenson's argument, Fra said that she "sluffed off" any other examples the commit college students leaders gave her.

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The discussion didn't go too far at all.

University administrators, faculty, and students have linked inadequate funding with a gradual decrease in the quali higher education in Canada in the last five year. They poin inadequate research grants, faculty salaries that are too lo prevent the best professors from being lured abroad, equipped that cannot be replaced or repaired for lack of funds, inadequibrary collections, and too few teaching assistants and instructors as some obvious examples.

#### More nuke horrors

WASHINGTON (CUP) — A recently-closed U.S. nuclear industry had previously estimated, according to a men of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Victor Gilinsky said Mar. 20 an earthquake strong enque surpass stress limits of the James Fitzpatrick reactor station Scriba, N.Y. could happen as frequently as every 20 year Industry officials and individual members of Congress recently put chances at one in 10,000 years.

Gilinsky was appearing before the House Subcommittee Energy and the Environment, which was holding hearings of NRC decision Mar. 13 to close down five reactors in New Y Maine, Pennsylvania, and Virginia because their resisitant earthquakes was inadequately determined.

Representative Steven Symms (R-Idaho), a subcomm member, said the NRC decision was "asinine". Several of members of Congress said the commission had failed to const the potential economic impact of closing the reactor plants do

## OFS encourages two-tiered fees

OTTAWA (CUP) — Ontario could develop a "two-tie post-secondary education system if individual colleges universities are allowed to set their own tuition fees, according

Ontario Federation of Students chairperson Miriam Edelso
If tuition were unpegged, as suggested in the P.S. Ross re
there would be schools offering no frills education, and pre
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Edelson was speaking at Carleton University Mar. 19.

The P.S. Ross report, a consultant's report released January by the government, surveyed three alternative to schemes, including having tuition set by individual institutu according to the cost of education.

If the government adopted that proposal, Edelson sa would be harder for students to afford post-secondary educat By 1985 it could mean tuition rising to \$1,400, (about double current level), she said.

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residence, was converted in 1964 to university office space. At that time it underwent about \$300,-000 worth of rewiring to upgrade the facilities. In the last few years Assiniboia has housed grad student offices and several smaller university departments. It was vacated in December.

Since its closure many have assumed that like Athabasca, Assiniboia Hall would be redesigned inside and preserved outwardly.

Political Science professor Grant Davy, who sponsored Tuesday's motion at CDC, has been convinced that such a restructuring would be an inefficient use of resources.

"I supported the preservation of Assiniboia at one stage," he explained, "but now I'm sure it doesn't make sense."

Davy listed several reasons for his change in attitude:

• The building is in much

worse shape than either Pembina or Athabasca

• It is not the same architecture as the others

• It is blocked by the Vthe Physics building

• It doesn't have the sentimental value

• It won't free up enough office space

"And even if the or rebuilding wasn't so high added, "I think I'd stropposed. It's a waste of funds to maintain Assin Hall on purely tradingrounds."

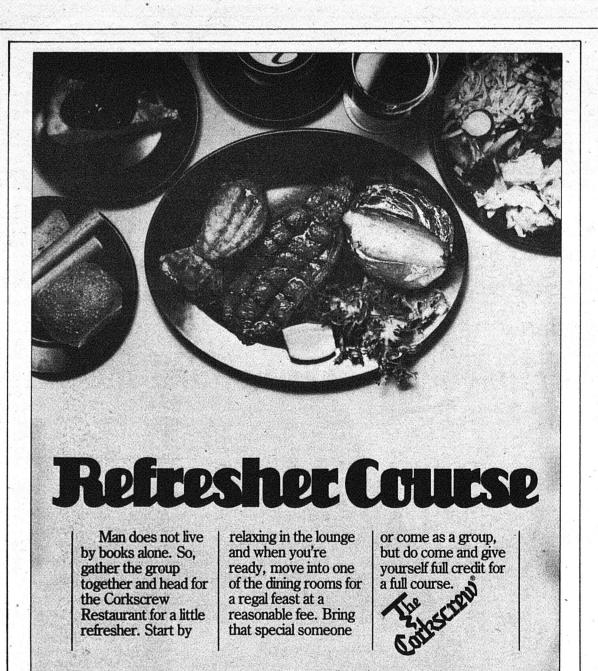
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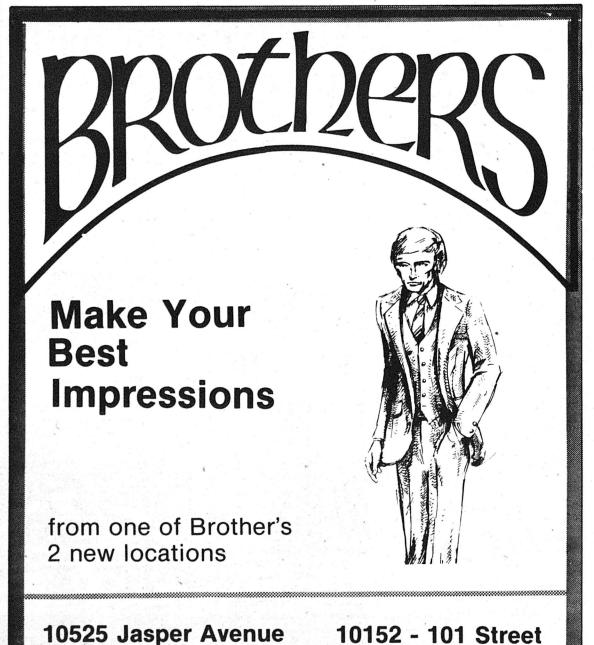
"Assimbola Hall snot rehabilitated," he said to cited a consensus of ca opinion to support his clair Another CDC met

Another CDC me student rep Manuel Miles it "absurd" that the m passed "when enrolmer declining." He said it was sighted to consider the conly over the short term—the high costs of the renova

"Assiniboia Hall has much historical significant this campus to be destrutterly," he said.



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