

**FAS, from page 1**

FAS, representing about 54,000 students in Alberta, has already named the priorities in the issues it wishes to attack. The top priorities of the organisation are, at present, the Adult Education Act and the 11% grant increase ceiling,

which the organisation considers to be "academic regression".

Other issues of importance are considered to be housing, a problem which, students as a low-income group are facing, and student finance.

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HAMILTON (CUP) - The MacMaster Student Union has established a counselling office for the students with student aid problems, claiming the

university-run awards office "is not responsive to the needs of students" and lacks adequate staff.

The purpose of the new advisory service, a division of the council's External Affairs

commission, will be to advise students in making application for awards, and in appealing unfavourable decisions.

According to Leo Cellini, the organizer of the service, the advisors from the student union will be able to point out various means of reapplying to change the previous decision of the awards office.

In Ontario, campus student awards offices are operated by

the universities, but for the most part they merely process application for the province, which makes final decision as to how much will be awarded.

The Ontario Federation of Students has criticized universities in the past for not representing student increases when it comes to overturning unfavorable government decisions, and has urged student councils to set up separate advisory services.

A major problem for students wishing to appeal decisions is that few know the exact criteria and regulations used by the government. Since this complex information is available, OFS feels an advisory service run by students can assist students in maximizing the amount of aid they receive.

A similar service was in operation in 1973-74 at the University of Guelph, with the student council pressing the awards office for more favourable appeal decisions, and assisting students in filing out appeals.

During that year Guelph had the highest rate of successful appeals of all the universities in Ontario.

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rights as they have a constant threat of eviction riding over their heads.

Another thing the group favors "is a situation where rent can not be raised more than once a year." As the law now stands a landlord can raise the rent twelve times a year.

When questioned as to whether or not a municipal rent review board would work, Hayter replied, "I just don't

believe that a rent review mechanism is unworkable. In a crisis situation, as we have here, to do nothing would be unforgivable.

Council responded to Hayter's representation by endorsing the Enough is Enough campaign, which is asking for municipal rent review boards, an immediate rent freeze, a tenant's Bill of Rights and a province-wide public housing program.

They also endorsed the rally and march on the legislature scheduled for November 13, and are encouraging U of A students and staff to participate.

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