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Opportunity Knocks

The Canadian student will have an opportunity next month to show governments his concern for their philosophy behind the financing of post-secondary education.

On October 27, the student will, through numerous forms of manifestations and demonstrations, indicate this concern on a nation-wide scale.

Everyone today agrees the cost of education is spiralling, but no one seems to be suggesting ways in which the ever-increasing gap between university costs and monies available to meet them can be closed.

At the present time, students balance university budgets by paying tuition fees, which at U of A represent only about one-fifth of the university budget.

As building costs continue to rise and the university's physical needs become greater and greater, students are asked to close this gap. The net result of all this is that students' pocketbooks become more and more strained.

And why is this necessary? Tuition fees represent only a small portion of the total cost borne by a university student.

Provincial governments, through the taxpayer, have managed to finance tuition costs at the primary

and secondary levels. Demands are being made on the federal government by all the provinces save Quebec, to make more money available for education at all levels.

The removal of tuition fees from post-secondary educational institutions would merely be a continuation of the philosophy now followed in the financing of primary and secondary schooling.

Newfoundland's premier, Joseph Smallwood, has already removed tuition fees from first-year studies in his province. He has also promised that second-year fees will be lifted at the Newfoundland Legislature's next session.

His government's recognition of the importance of removing financial barriers to education is one which we trust will spread to other, more wealthy provinces.

Some persons have said U of A students are well-off financially, and do not need further governmental assistance.

October 27 would be an excellent day for students here to show their government two things:

First, that they are concerned about the principle of governments ensuring universal accessibility to post-secondary education, and

Second, that their concern has forced them to tell the government of their financial plight in a responsible manner.

The Forgotten Students

A large number of university students have been disfranchised through a technicality in the Canada Elections Act. The pertinent section states students who were not in their home riding when the election writs were issued are ineligible to vote. The official interpretation of "home riding" means many students will have to return to their parents' home to cast their ballot.

An optimistic interpretation of the Elections Act by lawyers of the Canadian Union of Students indicates many students may obtain voting rights in their university riding. It must be remembered, however, that the CUS interpretation is not the interpretation of Chief Electoral Officer Nelson Castonguay, who has

said a students' home riding is his parents' riding. Castonguay's decision, should it remain the same, is final, with no appeal.

Moreover, the "ride-to-vote" has become a meaningless political slogan, with officials from the opposition parties accusing the government of neglecting the students.

Whatever the outcome, it is certain that some students, despite their protests and through no fault of their own, will lose their vote simply because of a government's carelessness.

For this reason, students who are doubtful of their eligibility should flock to the courts of revision to appeal their cases. The situation should be so well publicized that the mistake will not be repeated.



The New Student Movement

Pumping The Bilge

By Bruce Ferrier

... i listen to you and know why shakespeare killed off mercutio so early in the play it is only hamlet than can find material for five acts

Don Marquis

News reporting in the past has suffered greatly from a neocolonialist-imperialist tendency to stick too closely to the truth.

Proletarians everywhere will be glad to hear of the founding of Fantasy News Service, whose first and only copy appears below.

SANTO DOMINGO (FNS)—Hard on the heels of Senator Fulbright's speech condemning U.S. action in the Dominican Republic comes the discovery of a new rebel plot.

Government authorities announced that Communist-trained soccer umpires were engaged in preparing a seditious anti-Government propaganda sheet when machine-gunned down by loyal CIA agents.

Partial text of the unsigned document is as follows:

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another . . ."

LENNOXVILLE, Que. (FNS)—A highly-touted French-English university student conference here dissolved in bloody rioting when English-speaking delegates refused to sanction bilingual lavatory signs for all new universities.

Brandishing cabbage knives and shouting "Quebec libre!" the French Canadian students fought with police for nearly three hours while frightened town residents began drafting letters to the B and B Commission.

The conference, ostensibly to discuss the administration of CUS, a national leftist student-rights group, dissolved in disorder when a Western delegate proposed free English classes for Quebec illiterates.

EDMONTON (FNS)—Students at the University of Alberta reportedly have begun classes, and some are studying, a usually reliable source said today.

Freshmen are allegedly reading texts, and upperclassmen have appeared at all their first lectures, the source continued.

It is not known if university administrators plan any action to curb the spread of studying.

Three members of the Board of Governors are in hospital with heart attacks following the news.

EDMONTON (FNS)—Investigation of a prominent Edmonton daily newspaper by the RCMP continues this week.

The investigation was instigated when the paper printed a picture of Seet Peeger, well-known folksinger and international spy, which was spotted by an alert reader.

In a letter to the paper, the reader said Peeger has been cited as a Communist by the Voice of God, as revealed to News and Views, Vol. 28, No. 7.

The paper has been under suspicion for some time, since it announced support for certain representatives of a suspect political party, whose leader has been branded by prominent American bigots as "soft on Communism."

EDMONTON (FNS)—Community leaders announce that pickets are needed for an Anti-Rationality demonstration, to be held tonight directly after the witch-burning.