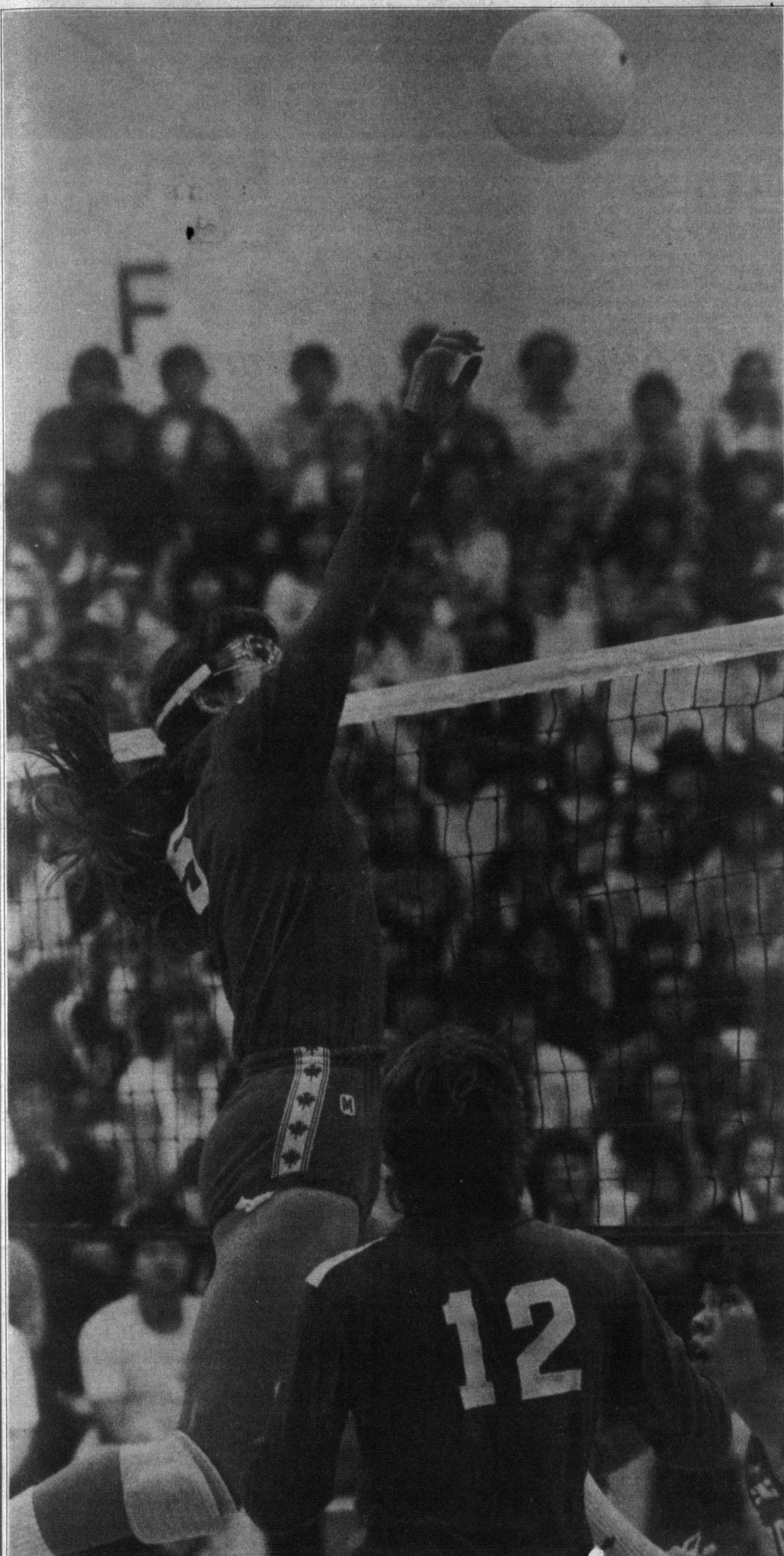


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A cynic...

is one who is married to his first love.
H.L. Mencken



The Canada Cup of volleyball started last night before a near-capacity crowd at Yarsity Gym. In the women's game, Mylene Camu (#5 with goggles) tips the ball as setter Karin Maessen (12) looks on. Camu was outstanding as Canada's national women's team beat Japan's squad 12-15, 15-6, 15-8, and 15-5. In the men's game, Team Canada beat Team Japan 15-8, 6-15, 15-6, and 15-6. Games continue all week at 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm. Team USA make their debut tonight.

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Students await federal policy on funding

by Zane Harker

The Anti-Cutbacks Team and the Students' Aid Program are anxiously awaiting the Federal government's new position on post-secondary education funding.

The government's announcement is expected before Christmas. There is feeling that there will almost certainly be cuts made. Cuts that could have a crippling effect on the quality, and in some provinces, the existence of university education.

Although Alberta's universities are faring better than most, VP External and Chairperson of the Students' Aid Program, Teresa Gonzales, is worried. "Because Alberta is considered a 'have' province, we are afraid that the federal government will discriminate against the (Alberta) students with unfair appropriations of funds to the province."

Gonzales furthers that, "In Alberta, the Premier and Mr. Horsman have said that they will make up for the loss, we are going to hold the government to their promise."

Meanwhile, External Commissioner and Chairperson of the Anti-Cutbacks Team, Tony Brouwer is especially concerned with the effects that underfunding are already having on campus.

According to Brouwer, the campus libraries have been hit especially hard. There has been a 50 per cent reduction of periodicals, shortened library hours, and Rutherford Library is now experiencing a space shortage.

Says Brouwer, "Things aren't

happening to ensure quality education...all students should realize that quality of education affects their careers."

Brouwer argues against the myth that increased enrollment fees will help the situation. Although fees went up 20 per cent last year, Brouwer maintains that, "fees are really quite insignificant in the whole picture, they make up 8 per cent of the entire budget. Fees would have to double or triple to make any difference at all, and then students couldn't afford to go to University."

Brouwer makes it clear that funds must come from both the provincial and federal governments. While the federal government has subsidized 60-70 per cent of University costs in the past, it is feared that the renegotiations taking place now could drop that figure to 50 per cent.

While Brouwer says that Alberta could probably afford to make up the difference, "it would put an increasing burden on the provincial government and they will be less likely to increase funds adequately in the future."

Brouwer admits that there is not much that can be done until the government makes its announcement though he would like to see more interest from students about their future.

So far, ACT has received very little response from students. Brouwer would like to see more interest generated, "I know that students are busy, but if these problems aren't addressed, the education they are taking now is useless."

CFS withholds money

All talk but no action

OTTAWA (CUP)—Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) staff workers are anxiously awaiting signs that an unexpected break will heal wounds created by a bitter split at their recent conference.

Delegates meeting in Victoria Nov. 8 to 13 for CFS's semi-annual conference voted against giving \$500 towards legal costs for students charged in an eight-day occupation of the Universite de Moncton administration building in April. Riot gear-equipped police broke up the occupation at 4:00 a.m. Easter Sunday.

A month later, the U de M delegation stole the show at CFS's Charlottetown conference. Delegates gave them a standing ovation and promised support. Brenda Cote, one of the occupation leaders, was elected CFS chair.

But a lot can change in six months.

The U de M students received little support outside the Atlantic and Pacific regions of CFS. The CFS executive blamed this on the occupation's "complex nature."

And the motion to give \$500 to the Moncton Students' Defence Fund was rejected after treasurer Steve Quigley said CFS should not spend unbudgeted money.

Quigley successfully argued that although CFS should support the U de M occupiers, the federation must be financially responsible. He said CFS should ask its members, many of whom have more money than CFS, to donate to the defense fund.

Some delegates countered that CFS had to spend the money if its existence as a national student organization was to be meaningful.

Hours of debate and a series of amendments followed. Quigley's amendment, that CFS would donate the money if it received any unbudgeted revenues, finally passed. Delegates also agreed to send letters and telegrams supporting the students and condemning the administration.

This was not enough for U de M delegate Eric Roy. He broke down and cried and left the conference with plans to recommend the U de M withdraw its prospective membership.

The dispute was given an ironic twist Nov. 24 when the Board of Governors at B.C.'s Langara College voted to release about \$7,000 in CFS membership fees it had frozen in September. The Board had argued that less than half the students had voted in the membership referendum even though the decision to join CFS was overwhelming.

CFS executive officer Diane Flaherty is nervous about the fallout from the split, but hopes students alienated by the conference's decision will be satisfied by the turn of events.

"I would hope that the U de M...knows CFS is in full support of them," said Flaherty. "We are very happy to be able to give them this donation, and will encourage our members to do the same."

"I think we'll always have problems when we deal with issues of concern to students across the country while we must deal with budgetary restrictions," she said. "This issue has been particularly contentious and emotional, but I hope it has resolved itself in a way that everyone can feel good about."