

Offices occupied in Ottawa Higher fees fought

OTTAWA (CUP) — Students at the University of Ottawa staged a one-day office occupation and Carleton University students joined in a "common front" with faculty and staff in continuing protests against tuition fee increases.

At the U of O about 30 students occupied the registrar's office for the day on Jan. 22 to draw attention to tuition fee increases introduced by the provincial Conservative government.

The students met no resistance from office staff or university security guards when they entered the office at 9 a.m.

They left without incident at 5 p.m. after using the occupation to publicize their fight all day.

"We staged this occupation to make sure that students' attention is kept on this very important issue," said U of O student president Anne McGrath. "We also want to make the (university) administration aware that we are not willing to lie down and let this happen without a fight."

McGrath said the students vigorously oppose the general 7.5 per cent tuition increase and the up to 10 per cent additional fee hike universities have been allowed to impose if they wish.

"This means that universities with solid reputations will be able to increase their fees to the fullest extent without affecting their enrolment levels. Smaller, less affluent institutions will have to offer bargain basement prices in order to attract students from less affluent sec-

tors of society. This will lead to a two-tiered system of education in Ontario," she said.

McGrath pointed out that the occupation was officially in protest against the fee increase but that the problem was being compounded by recent drops in provincial assistance to universities.

"As the recently announced 7.2 per cent increase in grant assistance to universities indicates, government funding is not keeping up with inflation," she said during the occupation. "We're getting a decrease in the quality of education and an increase in tuition fees."

Students inside the registrar's office chanted anti-cutbacks slogans as students outside picketed the entrance to the building and passed out a press release concerning this, the first major protest against the recent tuition increases.

Senate may protest W5

by Mike Walker

The U of A Senate may send a letter of protest to CTV over the misleading use of a Senate report on foreign students in Alberta.

The report was quoted in last fall's controversial W5 program *The Campus Giveaway* and in CTV's response to complaints about the program.

The Senate is concerned that W5 used segments of the report out of context in the program despite the report's decidedly sympathetic treatment of foreign students.

The report's recommendations included the reversal of the province's differential fee

schedule and the establishment of a scholarship fund for students from developing countries.

At Friday's quarterly Senate meeting, Students' Union vp external Tema Frank suggested the Senate send a message of support to the protesters who staged a demonstration Saturday at CFRN-TV (CTV's Edmonton affiliate). However, the Senate decided that its executive committee should screen the W5 program and thoroughly investigate the CTV letter.

Frank said she expects the Senate executive to lodge a complaint with CTV.

Exhumed

by Gateway Historian
Dusty Stax

FOUND: In a 1959 *Gateway* Editors list.

Joe Clark . . . Barely-Managing. If he was barely managing back then, we hate to think what he's doing now.
And yes, that's the Joe Clark.

THE SIXTIES SUFFRAGETTES: The women's movement has a long history on the U of A campus.

When the graduating female law class of '61 were barred from their annual banquet, they were understandably upset, according to a "reliable" *Gateway* source.

But the women disguised themselves as unemployed union steelworkers, picketed the banquet and managed to gain entry. One question arises, however. Was that "reliable" source a law student?

HAPPY DAYS, SH-BOOM SH-BOOM: Back in March 1952 the *Gateway* carried a front-page photo of the new bright-eyed, squeaky-clean SU president — **Peter Lougheed**.

But the recently elected president and his cohorts were a bushy-tailed bunch. After their victory party they paraded through campus to the strains of bagpipes and climbed through an upstairs window of the nurses' residence.

The bagpipes drowned out the sound of the sirens and six of the rowdy partyers (not including Lougheed) spent the night in the city jail.

In a scathing editorial the *Gateway* accused the students of "outright stupidity" and said if they were released on the public "the country is due for a distinct regression to somewhere near the caveman level."

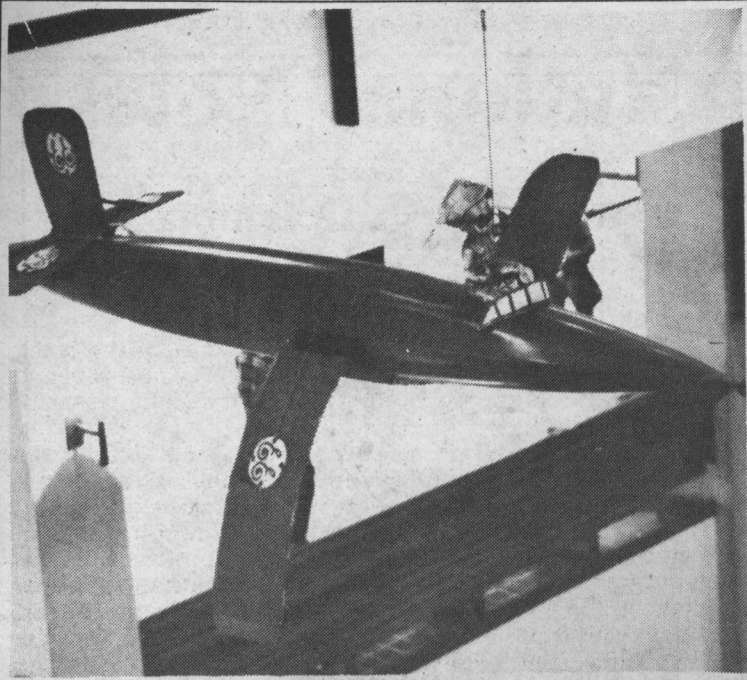
But ol' Pete is smarter than a lot of people gave him credit for back then.

Now his parties get police protection.

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE: The editor of the University of Calgary student newspaper the *Gauntlet* was dismissed for "continually refusing to co-operate with Students' Council and of treating with contempt the authority of Council," says the *Gateway* of February 24, 1961.

Maurice Yacowar was also accused of inadequately reflecting student opinion and chastized for his "radical" tendencies.

But a poll taken by the *Gauntlet* revealed that 56 per cent of the student body supported the fallen editor.



Participatory art? The Electrical Engineers just couldn't keep their hands off this Jablonski-Jones sculpture hanging over the cafeteria in CAB.

photo N. F. Goode

Engineers quota may be increased

Work and studies combined

by Julie Green

The engineering quota may be raised 20 per cent if the university adopts a new co-operative education proposal.

A co-operative education program combining academic and work experience will be considered by General Faculties Council (GFC) at its February meeting. If adopted, the program could be implemented as soon as September 1980.

About 360 of the 860 eligible students who applied were refused admission to engineering last year says Dean of Engineering, Peter Adams. But only 10 per cent of these students will find places at the University of Calgary Faculty of Engineering.

In the last three years, only 30 per cent of the new engineers in Alberta graduated from the U of A. "The industry has critical problems associated with rapid growth and development, and the demand for engineers is at an all-time high," Adams says.

Alternating work experience with studies, the program will include 20 months of industrial experience for engineering students. One drawback to the program, however, is that not all essential courses will be offered in both terms.

After two years of the traditional engineering program, students could continue the traditional route or switch to the co-op program. Adams estimated that 50 per cent of engineers would take the co-op option.

"Since the work term is linked to the academic term, students are given the impetus to learn in anticipation that their

knowledge will be required in the ensuing term," he said.

A special placement officer will investigate suitable jobs for the work experience program. However, the employer will make the final selection.

The placement officer will also visit the student on the job to assess the engineering content of the job, the job's relevance to the student's background and the student's job performance. The students will be assessed on a pass or fail basis. Adams says he has received many letters of support from possible student employers.

Core courses in engineering would be upgraded and more

sections of these courses would be offered. An addition of 22 staff is planned within five years to handle the extra students.

The operating cost of the program's first year is estimated at \$485,000. The program will cost about \$1.5 million a year to operate after it has been phased in. The faculty's budget would be increased by 5 per cent which almost matches the increase in the number of engineering grads. If the proposal is adopted, a special request will be made to the province for funding.

Nine other Canadian universities and technical schools offer successful co-op programs, Adams says.

FAS says tuition protests needed

A mass lobby at the Legislature protesting tuition increases may be in the works if Federation of Alberta Students (FAS) executive plans are implemented.

The executive met at the U of A this weekend to discuss future strategies for dealing with tuition increases in Alberta post-secondary institutions.

The lobby at the Legislature, tentatively planned for March, would raise the issue of tuition fees and student aid with cabinet ministers and MLAs. However, the meeting would not be another demonstration like the 1977 march on the Legislature to

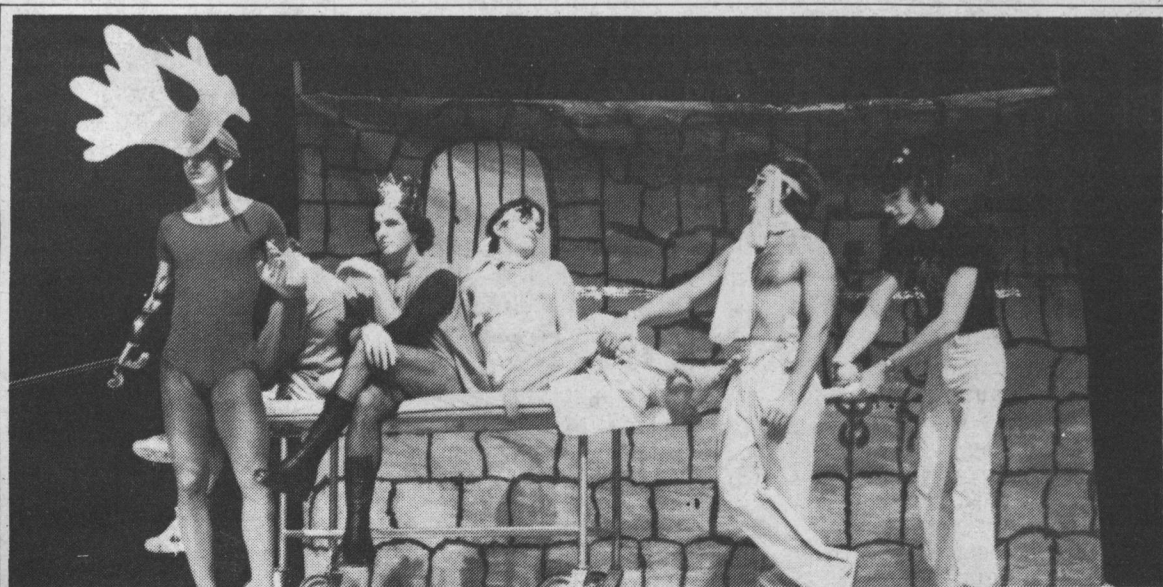
protest tuition fee hikes, says executive member Tema Frank.

FAS will also hold a one-day workshop February 16 on tuition fees and related issues in Calgary, the executive decided.

Other FAS plans for spring will include increased community involvement. The *Alberta Student Voice*, published by FAS, will produce a community issue in February to inform the public about student problems.

The executive also announced their joining of the Office and Professional Employees International Union.

FAS will hold its semi-annual conference at the U of A March 27-30.



The first-year medical students presented *So Tight* and *the Seven Dorks* in the annual Med Show held last weekend. Queenie plots against *So Tight*, to gain the affections of Prince Dick.

photo Mary Kletchko