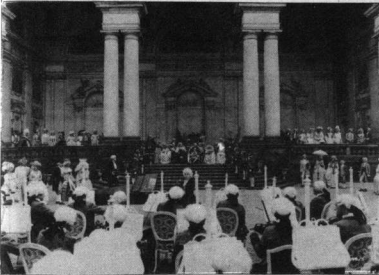


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Tuition fees too low

by Michael McHugh
from *The Charlatan*
Tuition increases announced by the Ontario provincial government are not high enough, says Carleton University president William Beckel.

On Nov. 19, the Ministry of Colleges and Universities announced a tuition increase of 4.5 per cent along with an increase in the operating grants of 6.7 per cent to all universities in Ontario. These figures are not enough, said Beckel, if universities are to maintain an "appropriate" level of services.

Beckel said Carleton is being short-changed by the province. "We should have had a tuition increase of eight per cent and a grant increase of eight per cent to pay for the eight per cent increase in the cost of last year's operation," says Beckel.

The president said the university will have to somehow make up for what it will be missing in tuition revenue. Beckel said Carleton may have to cut library services by not buying as many new periodicals and books, and the university may have to reduce equipment and supplies in laboratories.

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Phony psych experimenter foiled

HAMILTON (CUP)—A McMaster University student may have averted a possible sexual assault when she asked campus security to accompany her to what she thought was a lab experiment.

The woman, who had written her name and phone number on a bulletin board sign-up sheet for psychology experiments, received a phone call from a man calling himself "Ken."

"Ken" asked the woman if she had any experience in disciplining children because the experiment involved simulating corporal punishment of juvenile delinquents.

"We talked for about half an hour. I gave out a lot of personal information. All I could think about was the credit and the 20 bucks," she said.

Many university labs solicit student volunteers for research subjects and the students are often paid and/or exempted from certain class requirements.

"Everything sounded so legitimate until he talked about the nature of the experiment," she added.

"Ken" had told her she would have to hit him with various objects to allow him to gain the perspective of a delinquent being punished.

He also stressed it had to be done the night he called.

"I was very uncomfortable at this point," the woman said. However, she agreed to meet the man at a building on campus saying she would bring a friend.

The woman and her friend arranged for campus security officers to arrive at the location at the same time. However a mix-up resulted in the two women being alone with "Ken" for several minutes.

"The guy came up to us, he was about 48. (He had claimed he was 32). He was scary," she said.

The man asked the two women to follow him upstairs. They refused.

"If we had walked up there, I don't know what would have happened. He was getting really impatient," said the woman.

Once the campus police arrived, the woman identified "Ken" to them. Ken claimed he didn't know the woman or her friend. Security warned the man but were unable

to lay charges.

McMaster's Psychology coordinator Richard Day warned students to beware of callers who do not give out their names or affiliations or who wish to have the experiment after hours outside of the psychology building.

"In the past four years, we've put 7,000 students through the course and we've had two incidents," said Day. He said they one had problems with an unauthorized sign-up sheet.

Day suggested students sign their initials only on the sheets so people can't prey specifically on one sex.

After her escape, the woman who is in first year said she was not familiar with the lab procedure.

"He sounded so legitimate on the phone," she said. "I almost fell for it."

"He knows everything about me. I hope he doesn't decide to take revenge or something," she said. "I'd really hate for this to happen to someone else."

U of A hosts AIESEC

by Gateway staff

University of Alberta students will be hosting the 30th annual AIESEC National Conference this week. Over 400 students from universities across Canada will be attending the event, which runs from Jan. 6 to 10.

The conference will allow delegates to meet with leaders of the Canadian business community to discuss current issues in Canada. Scheduled speakers include R. Keith Alexander, vice-president of Dominion Securities, and Mel Hurtig of

Hurtig Publishers. Seminars on marketing strategy and project management will also be held.

AIESEC is the French acronym for the International Association for Students of Economics and Commerce. It is the largest non-profit, apolitical, totally student-run organization in the world.

The Edmonton chapter of AIESEC have raised the money to host the national conference through bake sales, corporate donations, and a grant from the Students' Union.

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they write? It's because they're not learning it in school. Who's teaching it to them in school? It's teachers. Where do teachers learn? They learn back here at University. So we're causing our own problems." Dr. Peter Meekison, VP Academic

for the University administration, acknowledges that many of the high school students who come to the U of A cannot write well.

"But I don't know if it's the school system or whether it's throughout the system," said Meekison.

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