

# News briefs and shorts

TORONTO (CUP) The Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) may take legal action against the Ontario Progressive Conservative Campus Association (OPCCA) for an "idiotic and irresponsible" article in a Tory publication.

In a story in the OPCCA publication *Youth Matters*, which is distributed throughout the province, editor Alister Campbell termed the March 27 rally at the Ontario legislature against tuition fee increases as "the violent and possibly illegal activities of the OFS."

"These statements are typical of the irrational smear campaign

these people seem to enjoy," said OFS chairperson Chris McKillop. "They are entitled to their opinion but these statements appear to us to be libellous."

OFS activities "have always been peaceful and legal," McKillop said. "We have never indulged in violent or illegal actions and we aren't starting now."

OFS has demanded that the OPCCA issue a retraction and apology for the story and has also asked Conservative minister Bette Stephenson to disassociate herself from the Young Tories' comments.

MONTREAL (CUP) A dozen McGill students picketed the Bank of Montreal on Friday to

protest its policy of granting loans to South Africa's apartheid regime.

McGill's external affairs committee on South Africa organized the protest at the branch where the university has its funds. Chanting "Don't bank on racism," the students convinced several patrons to withdraw their accounts.

"We didn't have time to convince principal Johnston," said one committee member. "He began walking to the bank but when he saw us he did a double take and abruptly turned around and walked away."

Leaflets were handed out to passersby informing them of the bank's financing of the South African government, which has been condemned by Amnesty

International as the world's most repressive state.

"The pickets were also set up to publicize McGill's monetary interest in a bank which deals with South Africa," said committee chairperson Rick Boudreau.

VANCOUVER (CUP)—Students and faculty at the University of B.C. may have seen the last of the annual Lady Godiva ride and the Red Rag newspaper, two UBC engineering student trademarks.

The engineering undergraduate society executive announced March 7 the Lady Godiva ride will not continue "in its present form". They also said EUS publications will become more professional.

The announcement suggested

UBC Engineer, a publication modeled on professional journals, might be revived to replace the Red Rag, which has been attacked along with the Godiva ride in the past several years as sexist and insulting to women.

But at least one community women's group remains skeptical that the EUS will make major changes.

Suzanne Perreault, a Women Against Violence Against Women project worker, said she personally feels the statement does not imply the Godiva ride will end.

"I think it's about time it stopped. But it sure doesn't sound like they (the EUS) are going to stop the Lady Godiva rides," she said.

## Brickwood

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support waiving the constitution under the present circumstances." He pointed out that the technicality in Bourinot's rules of Order which allows for this applies usually to wars or natural disasters.

He said that he did not support holding a spring election until the CYSF constitution is clarified. "The regulations should be made correct and no elections held until that time," he stated.

Keith Smockum, the outgoing president of the council, agreed that the "constitution requires a major overhaul" and that an election should not be held until that time. He also cited the fact that few students would be on campus in late April or early May as another reason for waiting until the fall.

Andrea Doucet, the third candidate for the presidency, was not available for comment.

The vote to decide on an interim president will be made at a council meeting May 1 by the incoming CYSF members. Only they will be eligible for the position.

## Occupationists' defence

The students who occupied the President's office would like to state their strong opposition to the *Excalibur* editorial "Un-occupied minds" of March 20, 1980. We feel that the methods and motives of the group were in the best interest of York students; therefore, we also feel that the York student newspaper, *Excalibur* should be supporting this viewpoint. Over 100 students participated in the occupation and in only a few hours on Wednesday afternoon over 300 students signed a petition supporting the occupation.

It is a pity that the Editor of *Excalibur* condemned the movement and labelled it as "mindless and misdirected", "to be deplored", and "expressing lack of intelligence." If *Excalibur* had reviewed the events leading up to the occupation, they would understand why it occurred. Students have spent hundreds of hours preparing briefs, arranging meetings and presenting their

case both to the administration and the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. Although the university has taken some positive steps, the students felt that the university needed to be stronger both in its response to student demands and in its approach to the Ministry.

*Excalibur* is right in pointing out that students and the ad-

ministration should be working together on this issue. However, students begin to question the position of an administration that recommends no further tuition increases without an accessibility study while at the same time increasing fees for next year by 13 percent. It is not true that President Macdonald said no further tuition increases. What he is doing is recommending no

further increases, but he did not respond definitely when queried about York's response to a Ministry imposed increase for 1981-82. All indications point towards the 18 percent increase as a three year policy, which would mean a potential tuition fee of approximately \$1,300.00 for 1982-83.

The occupation did serve to

Committee so that students will have constant input on these issues.

3. The President will meet with all student leaders to discuss the issues involved.

4. the Senate Chairperson will ensure that students will have the ability to make a presentation to Senate at the earliest possible time.

5. there will be no reprisals against those students that took part in the occupation.

Support for the occupiers' demands is riding high among the student body. We are not only campaigning for no tuition increases, but for a long term commitment to provide adequate funding for all Ontario universities.

Students from across Ontario will be attending the rally. If you feel concerned about education in Ontario, come out and join us on the 27th at Queen's Park.

Members of the Occupation

## Free Speech

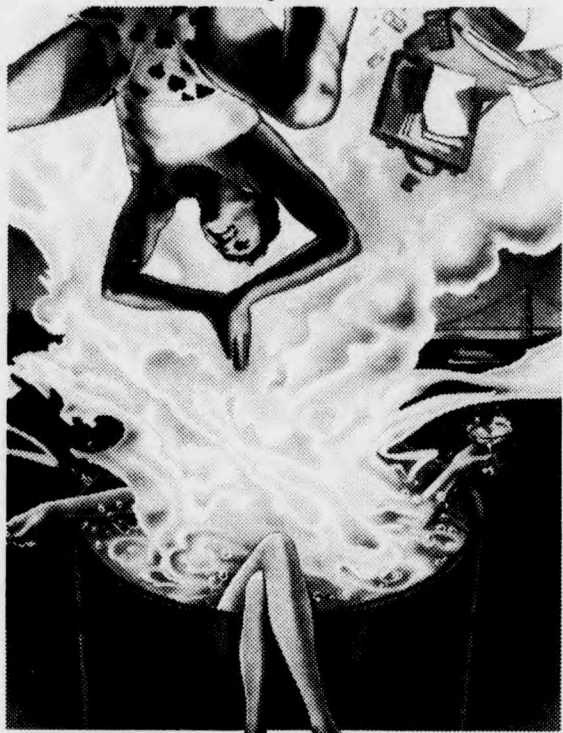
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demonstrate to the administration the strong feelings students have on these issues. We feel that the university realized this when they agreed with a number of the students' demands:

1. classes will be cancelled on March 27 from noon to 6 to allow students to attend the rally at Queen's Park.

2. the President will set up an advisory board to the Policy

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