



CFS chair-elect Barb Donaldson.

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## Donaldson sets priorities

# Working together

by Neal Watson

Winning the CFS referendum and increasing membership are priorities for Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) chair-elect Barb Donaldson, a third year U of A Arts student.

Donaldson, VP Academic last year and regional representative of CFS, was elected CFS chair at the general meeting of CFS at Ottawa last week.

"I decided to run at the last minute and won," said Donaldson. "My term will be very outward looking, getting more information to students on issues."

Donaldson's one-year term begins May 1, and pays about \$17,000.

"Education is in a crisis, we need more lobbying," said Donaldson. "This is the time students must be organized the most."

When asked if she felt the lobbying efforts of students and CFS could be effective, Donaldson said: "They can make a difference. One more student saying 'I'm fed up' could make a difference. The strength of CFS is at the local level. It is very much a grass-roots organization."

According to Donaldson, "the cuts by (Finance Minister) Wilson in his economic statement represent the tip of the iceberg."

As a result, students must be politically active, said Donaldson.

"The only way to get action to change the system is to work with people who feel the same way," said Donaldson. "We're stronger when we work together."

Donaldson said that the credibility of CFS is very high and that government leaders look to CFS. Employment and Immigration Minister Flora MacDonald spoke to CFS delegates at the conference.

"They are anxious to hear our point of view," said Donaldson.

Another of Donaldson's priorities is the February referendum to determine if the U of A will remain a full member of CFS. Students' Council passed a motion to hold a referendum concurrently with the SU general election.

Donaldson said despite the feeling among some people on campus that CFS has not "delivered", she believes the organization can win the referendum.

"People are feeling the pinch on campus, they want action," said Donaldson. "But they too often internalize. The cuts are not just happening to them, they're happening everywhere."

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who is politically incorrect.

## Ontarians angry

**OTTAWA (CUP)** — Thousands of Ontario students mobilized against post-secondary education underfunding during a provincial day of action Nov. 15, while more than 600 Quebec students marched on the legislative assembly to protest the government's plan to thaw the province's frozen tuition fees.

The Ontario action, carried out across the province, protested the expected Bovey Commission recommendations on colleges and universities. The three-member fact finding commission set up to plan the reshaping of Ontario's post-secondary education system, headed by Edmund Bovey, was to deliver its finding Nov. 15 to the provincial government, but has postponed its submission for at least two weeks.

"Students have not forgotten Bovey," said Monika Turner, Ontario Federation of Students chair. She said the Bovey commission recommendations will likely lead to higher tuition fees, a decline in accessibility and cuts in programmes and courses.

Turner said a petition was presented in the provincial legislature with 9,043 signatures, along with another 3,000 signatures from the University of Ottawa francophone students.

Beth Olley, chair for the Canadian Federation of Students, attended a rally on Parliament Hill in Ottawa which drew 1,500 students, said the government may be trying to diffuse protest against the Bovey report by postponing it.

"That wouldn't surprise me one bit it that's what they're doing," Olley said.

While students rallied in the freezing rain in Ottawa, students from l'Association national des etudiant(e)s du Quebec (ANEQ) marched on the national assembly as politicians worked late into the night on back-to-work legislation for Montreal's striking transit work-

ers.

ANEQ organizer Francois Giguere said Quebec students are protesting against the Parti Quebecois government's plan to end a 14-year freeze on tuition fees.

"I think it's obvious that the people here tonight are not just the radical few," says Giguere. "They are just people who, like me, want to go to school."

In Ontario, students took part in different actions across the province. In London, more than 1,600 marched on city hall, while in Sudbury 500 students crammed into the Laurentian cafeteria for a rally, several hundred Guelph students took to downtown streets, McMaster students held a weiner roast, and enterprising students at Wilfrid Laurier in Waterloo sold peanuts and turned over the money to the government for education.

Only 50 people showed up for a rally at Ontario Education Minister Bette Stephenson's office, and most of them were from the Communist Party of Canada (Marxist-Leninist) controlled Student Front.

## LRT off the track

by Shona C. Welsh

Transportation to the university is going to remain a problem for a few years yet.

Plans for the LRT's expansion to campus have been postponed by the city until 1987. Paul Alpern, SU VP External, thinks the plans will take longer than that to come to fruition.

"It's a massive undertaking," he said. The present plan is to build a new bridge, then bore through the river bank under campus. My guess is it probably won't be constructed until the 1990's."

Provincial Transportation Minister Marvin Moore has allocated



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## Senate for high-tech future

by Suzette C. Chan

Little dissension was heard at a U of A Senate discussion Friday on the Alberta White Paper proposing a five-year industrial and science strategy for Albertans.

Most of the Senate members were enthusiastic about a new, high-tech future for Albertans, but some warned against overemphasizing high technology.

The discussion focused on a section entitled "Policy Options Facing the Provincial Government," in which the question of government involvement in university is posed:

"To what extent should the provincial government press universities and other educational institutional entities to prioritize job-directed versus general education?"

The document later answers itself, concluding that "the Alberta government should request Alberta's advanced education institutions to prioritize any supplementary funding requests." If the universities, colleges and technical institutes choose programs and faculty expansions which will effectively complement the Industrial and Scientific Strategy, the Alberta government should give priority to such funding subject to agreed conditions."

"(The LRT expansion postponement) is the reason we are pursuing a position for more parking on campus" said Alpern.

SU VP External Paul Alpern represented students' unions across Alberta, reading from a documented formal response to the White Paper from the Universities of Alberta, Calgary and Lethbridge.

"It is our position that a broadly based educational program is the keystone to high quality university education," he read. "Especially in our current fast-changing, highly technological society, it is paramount that university graduates have diversity in their academic background."

Alpern concluded there should be a balance between universities' emphasis on arts and science. He recommended that the government "ensure geographical and financial accessibility to all programs to all academically qualified students."

While other Senate members were extremely enthusiastic about high technology as a liberator of people from mundane jobs, Reg

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