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*Some good news and some bad news*

## Bursaries added to scrap heap

**OTTAWA (CUP)** — After months of talks, the federal and provincial governments have come to an agreement on changes to Canada's student aid system.

But the deal is somewhat of an anticlimax, because the major program student organizations had lobbied for was already dead in the water by the time education ministers met with Secretary of State Serge Joyal in Victoria Jan. 23.

The federal government had already decided, probably in December, to abandon plans to for the first time give bursaries as well as loans to students. That scheme would have pumped up to an extra \$250 million into student aid, on top of about \$200 million in existing federal loans.

The decision to scrap federal bursaries came as a bitter but not surprising disappointment to the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), according to executive officer Diane Flaherty. She said the bursary program fell victim to general cost-cutting.

Still, students weren't left completely bereft of good news.

Flaherty said the federal government will not announce the Victoria agreement until the Throne Speech, probably in March, but Secretary of State bureaucrats told CFS the details.

They said Joyal agreed to three major changes to student aid if the provinces guarantee that student aid programs would be maintained or increased. The changes are:

- Part-time students will be eligible for student aid for the first time;

- The most needy students will receive an extra \$56 to \$100 per week in loans;

- Graduates who because of financial difficulty cannot meet their repayment schedule will have their loans repaid by the federal government.

"Apparently, Joyal's conditions met with resounding applause," said Flaherty.

So is this good news?

"When you take into account that we were planning to get a new bursary program, it's terrible news," Flaherty said. But she added that the extension of aid to part-time students is great news, "something we can certainly claim victory for because we have been lobbying for it for a long time."

Flaherty was also pleased that the federal government will cover for graduates who cannot repay their loans, particularly those who are unemployed. She said the NDP has been pushing for this since November, especially MP Mark Rose (Mission Port Moody), and thought this might be a response to the party's questions in the House of Commons.

She was not so keen about the larger loan limits. The amount of new money under that proposal would be only \$10 million, versus the \$250 million hoped for under the axed bursary scheme. She also said raising the loan ceilings does not make post-secondary institutions more accessible, because students are reluctant to go thousands of dollars into debt with unemployment so high.

The federal and provincial education ministers have not yet reached a deal on federal transfers under Established Programs Financing. The federal government will probably make an announcement on transfers by March, said Flaherty. "It is generally assumed they will impose the six and five per cent limits on education transfers over the next two years."

## When the whip comes down

by Richard Watts

The results of the Disciplinary Committee which was to review the behavior of Oscar Ammar will be known today.

Oscar Ammar had two complaints lodged against him for disrupting a forum which featured an Israeli military spokesman speaking on the war in Lebanon. The forum had been sponsored by Hillel the campus Jewish Youth group.

Oscar, along with others shouted down the speaker, a Colonel Levy, making it virtually impossible for him to speak until eventually the forum was closed down and moved to another location. Afterwards members of Hillel and one other person brought complaints to the University.

The Disciplinary Committee which first sat down on Friday deliberated for eight and a half hours the first day and five and a half the next.

After hearing the stories from all sides the committee decided to withdraw and discuss the matter amongst themselves.

The results of the Disciplinary Committee will appear in the Gateway's next issue.

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