

Oliver is expected to ask Trudeau not to do anything major for the next two years.

CAUT WANTS HIGHER TUITION

Meanwhile, CUAT takes a bolder stand, insisting that provincial governments be bypassed and funds be provided directly to the universities from Ottawa.

CAUT points out the problems of provincialization similar to the ones AUCC mentioned.

forming their own recommendations to their minister, Hugh Faulkner.

He neglected to mention the National Union of Students.

When asked about the omission, the official noted that "NUS represents a lot less than 100 percent of students in Canada." He later clarified his remarks by saying NUS has made a submission to his department and that the submission is being considered.

NUS executive secretary Dan O'Connor

NUS conference in Fredericton, is now in Argentina.

The NUS recommendations, sent to the secretary of state department without detailed explanations, include the organization's insistence that tuition fees be abolished.

NUS asks that "tuition fees not be considered part of the financial sources for post-secondary education and that the fiscal transfers be conditional on the abolition of tuition fees."

NUS also approved motions asking that all moneys granted to provinces through the act should be used for post-secondary education, and joined with CAUT and the AUCC is asking the 15 percent annual limit on funding increases be eliminated.

UPHILL BATTLE WITH HIGH STAKES

But NUS faces an uphill battle in getting its points across.

Both the AUCC and CAUT want the federal government to take a greater role in post-secondary policy making. That is appealing to the federal government, which might see an opportunity to get some tangible political returns for the money it spends.

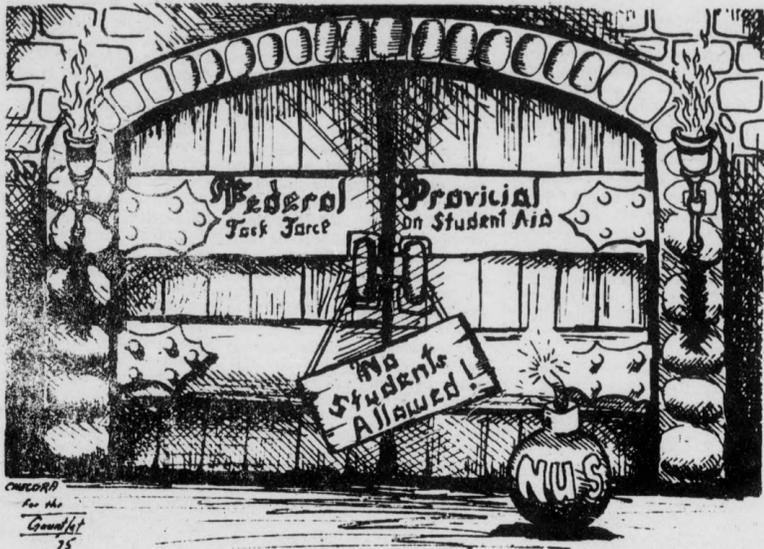
It may also result in a constitutional battle between the provincial and federal governments, since the British North America Act clearly specifies the provinces have jurisdiction over education.

But while the provinces and the federal government have the resources to press their self-interests, the position of students and the NUS is less than perfect.

The proposal by CAUT that students be required to pay greater tuition fees has obvious appeal to the provinces and federal government. The AUCC also is believed to support increased tuition fees, although it has not yet mustered the courage to state its opinion publicly.

And NUS so far has been unable to mobilize massive enough support to convince the federal and provincial bureaucrats, university administrators and teachers of the merits of its position.

It remains to be seen what that failure will mean for students' pocketbooks and accessibility to post-secondary education.



But CAUT in its brief goes beyond the request for direct federal aid for university operating expenses. It says students should be required to pay higher fees.

CAUT claims costs of running universities have increased greatly in recent years while tuition fees remain stable.

"We conclude that the fee component should, at a minimum, remain stable in the mix of financial resources, and this implies annual cost-of-living adjustments to the fee component. To this extent, we support increased students fees ..."

The CAUT position parallels that of a secretive federal-provincial task force on student aid, which has been working since June 1974 on a program to amend the Canada Student Loans Act.

The task force has been considering a large-scale change of the loan system, which would force students to pay a much greater percentage of their education costs, and repay the government with increased loan obligations.

Students have been excluded from participating directly in the task-force decision-making, even though they are the people who will be most affected by the decisions.

Students also are being excluded from the debate on the Fiscal Arrangements Act.

NUS: POLICIES WITHOUT PROGRAM

An official in the secretary of state department, which administers the act, said policy officials consider submissions from AUCC and CAUT important in

admitted the organization hasn't pursued with maximum vigour its presentations on the Fiscal Arrangements Act, pointing out the organization's executive has been occupied with the student loan plan controversies.

O'Connor also said the person who was researching the fiscal arrangements issue and prepared recommendations for the fall

Table 3. - POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT PAYMENTS TO PROVINCES¹
IN RESPECT OF FISCAL YEARS 1967-68 to 1974-75

| Province | (Thousands of Dollars) | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1967-68 | 1968-69 | 1969-70 | 1970-71 | 1971-72 | 1972-73 | 1973-74 | 1974-75 |
| Newfoundland | 2,106 | 2,922 | 4,041 | 5,905 | 6,347 | 6,219 | 5,734 | 5,012 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,076 | 641 | 962 | 1,341 | 1,447 | 1,430 | 1,329 | 1,135 |
| Nova Scotia | 7,694 | 10,064 | 13,480 | 16,350 | 15,965 | 17,054 | 18,486 | 19,421 |
| New Brunswick | 2,584 | 3,657 | 5,103 | 7,590 | 8,241 | 8,047 | 7,616 | 6,610 |
| Quebec | 64,719 | 75,386 | 97,621 | 119,115 | 155,024 | 162,742 | 176,070 | 216,609 |
| Ontario | 51,310 | 81,911 | 105,014 | 143,409 | 160,741 | 161,744 | 153,637 | 142,085 |
| Manitoba | 7,772 | 10,740 | 12,585 | 17,454 | 19,220 | 19,236 | 17,699 | 15,925 |
| Saskatchewan | 12,316 | 10,766 | 13,681 | 15,072 | 16,184 | 14,221 | 16,440 | 13,231 |
| Alberta | 23,914 | 29,808 | 38,693 | 54,069 | 60,793 | 53,745 | 53,370 | 52,515 |
| British Columbia | 9,015 | 11,286 | 11,878 | 15,464 | 14,701 | 19,288 | 14,320 | 16,023 |
| ALL PROVINCES ² | 182,508 | 237,182 | 303,058 | 395,769 | 458,663 | 463,726 | 464,701 | 489,166 |

¹ For any year, the figures shown represent monthly advance payments made during the year in question as well as subsequent recoveries or additional payments in respect of that year. The figures are subject to revision due to changes in final value of the federal revenue reduction and to final audit of eligible operating expenditures.

² Individual figures may not add to total figure shown due to rounding.