

NDP critic: OSAP will be late

By Paul Kellogg

That loan cheque that thousands of York students will be eagerly awaiting next September, may not be available until January 1979, according to Ted Bounsall, NDP critic of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

According to Bounsall, the delay is possible because the details of the

revised student aid plan announced last fall by minister of colleges and universities, Harry Parrott, have yet to be released to student aid offices across the province, and will not be for several weeks.

The delay should it happen "will result in some dropouts and some students not enrolling because they have not received information of

their assistance money," Bounsall was quoted as saying in last Friday's *Globe and Mail*.

Parrot denied that the new program was behind schedule, as did his executive assistant Carol Vaughan.

"I thought it was really unfortunate that Mr. Bounsall would spread this kind of unfounded

fear," said Vaughan when contacted by *Excalibur*. "There is no reason to believe that the student aid money will be late," she added.

Vaughan said that the new aid information originally scheduled for release this month would go out to student aid centres in March or early April.

Jo-Anne Albright, director of the student awards office at York said that would be plenty of time to prepare the staff for the new aid regulations. "We always have our training program in March anyway," she said.

Donald Kasta, director of the awards office at the university of Waterloo disagreed. "I have a firm suspicion the money will be coming late," Kasta was quoted as saying in the same *Globe* article.

Student aid cheques were weeks late in the academic year 1976-77. That year, during critical periods in the development of the program, the MCU lost a couple of computer programmers, and continual foul ups in the computer processing of applications delayed cheques for weeks and sometimes months.

OFS piqued at Parrott

ONTARIO CUP OFFICE — Miriam Edelson, chairperson of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), and members of the OFS executive expressed disappointment in the results of a meeting with minister of colleges and universities, Dr. Harry Parrott on Tuesday. "We expected to get some answers and didn't get anything new," Edelson told a press conference later that day.

In a communiqué issued after the meeting, Edelson said, "his bottom line position on eligibility periods, after months of negotiations, is that 'eligibility periods are here to stay'. The MCU proposal to limit Ontario grant assistance to eight

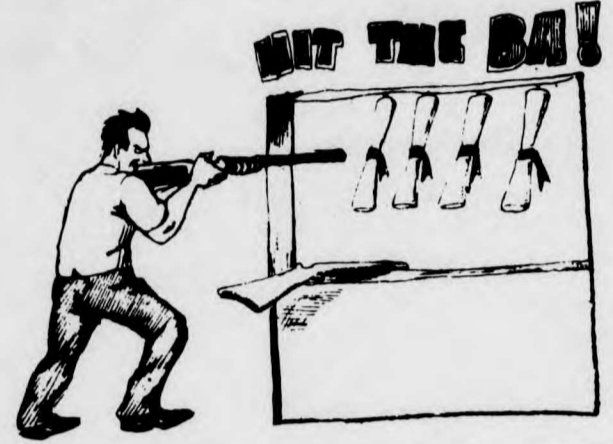
terms (four years) would make over 6,000 professional and graduate students and possibly over 9,000 students in total ineligible to receive student assistance next fall according to OFS.

The MCU has released few details of their new proposal for student aid dubbed the Ontario Student Grant Program (OSGP). The plan was originally to have been unveiled sometime this month but indications are that the entire plan won't be released publicly until March.

The plan includes a new table for determining the amount of parental contribution and thus the amount of

assistance received. Presently if parental income totals \$10,000, or more, parents are expected to contribute about 10 per cent of the income towards a student's cost.

Edelson will be embarking on a three-week blitz tour of the province's campuses starting with a meeting at U of T today in preparation for a meeting with the Davis cabinet February 9. Following the meeting, OFS plans to inform students of its results. "We want them (the students) to know where they stand after this meeting. They can decide where to go from there," said Edelson.



Tom McLaughlin

Student papers meet down east

By Scott Clayton

Halifax was the locale for the annual conference of the Canadian University Press (CUP) which took place over Christmas holidays.

The tone of the conference, like the weather, ranged from mild to blizzard conditions. The papers attending came from all across Canada, and they were faced with an organization fraught with economic problems, and dissent within CUP itself.

The economic problems were caused by an expansion phase that occurred last year, and the subsequent increases in fees necessitated cutbacks in CUP services and budgets. A fee boycott by Ontario papers, which included *Excalibur* and the University of Toronto *Varsity*, emphasized the need, shared by many papers, for a revised CUP structure.

The resulting solutions included a

scaled down central news service, a reduced national executive, and more regional control over the number of field workers.

CUP members also voted to stop the running of RCMP and Armed Forces advertisements in CUP papers, in the wake of RCMP

malfeasances and statements by Prime Minister Trudeau to the effect that he would not hesitate to use the armed forces in Quebec.

Recommended beers in Halifax; Schooner and Keiths India Pale Ale. A good smoke; Players Navy Cut, "Medium".

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employee should not be considered, were countered by David Archer who said political beliefs should be considered if they include violence.

"You can't just give carte blanche, no matter what," Archer said. Thelma McCormack, a faculty member said York has a good record on matters of academic freedom, but in some instances it would be more "the psychological disposition" of a professor that might come under scrutiny.

But, she said, "I don't know of any psychological tests that would be all that good to anticipate this kind of behaviour".

A proposal that the board approve in principle an "investigation of the Fine Arts Phase III project", was followed by a heated debate.

Professors Michael Creal and Thelma McCormack said that while they would be reluctant to vote against the project. While they consider it worthwhile, they are worried that the proposal will be misunderstood by some members of the community who are jittery in the fact of imminent budget cuts.

In the following discussion, Joseph Green, Dean of Fine Arts, said funding for the project could not be obtained by York in any other way.

"These organizations (such as Wintario, the office of the Secretary of State and private foundations) only give once and only to cultural enterprises," he said.

The Board voted 7-0 for the proposals, with three abstentions. The special meeting on the budget will take place on January 30 at 4 pm, in the board and senate chamber at Glendon.



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commented on these suggestions on Tuesday afternoon.

"I like the fact that Hayden has brought up the newspaper problem," he said. "Having had a brief association with a college paper, I've personally come to think there have been very few college papers worth the money that's been put into them."

"It's clear the college papers are not even attractive to some of the people who've worked on them. *Excalibur* has always had a collection of people who've worked for college papers and given up on them."

Rather than Hayden's suggestions, Kellogg maintained that "if the money directed towards the college papers went to *Excalibur*, we could print more pages, employ another full time person, and it would enable us to cover college affairs better than we do".

There are presently eight papers on campus.

Responses from college council members are expected next week, after they've had an opportunity to

discuss the Hayden proposals. Working with Hayden on the suggestions were Founders rep Herman Yamagisi, Stong rep Brian Hayden, McLaughlin rep Dave Chodikoff, and Rick Linley, Stong's delegate representative.

In other council business, Paul Hayden and CYSF vice-president

Tom Silverhart, have served notice on an intended motion "that the vacancies on Council of CYSF for the remained of the 1977-78 term be filled by appointment by CYSF," to be moved at the next council meeting. The meeting will take place Wednesday January 18 at 7:00 pm in the Senate Chamber, S915, Ross.

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