

## CUP Briefs

### Students to pay for government cuts

NORTH VANCOUVER (CUP) — Strikes at two B.C. colleges are the result of chronic underfunding, Pam Frache says.

The chair of the Canadian Federation of Students' Pacific region said colleges cannot afford to give faculty and support staff pay increases.

"I think this is why we see a crisis developing this year," she said. "There was only a 4.6 per cent increase in college operating revenues in the latest education budget," she said. "That is essentially only a cost-of-living increase."

Faculty at New Westminster's Douglas College have been on strike for three weeks demanding better job security and salaries.

Capilano College support staff walked out last week when talks about seniority and job scheduling broke down.

The College Institute Educators' Association says Douglas faculty are paid less than local elementary school teachers.

Half of the faculty at Douglas College are considered temporary employees.

"The advantage [to the college] is that those employees have no job security beyond the current semester and they don't have the benefits that regular employees would have," Frache said.

She said unless the provincial government takes more responsibility for funding of education, the trend will continue.

She said recent labour problems will provoke the colleges to make the students pay for the settlements through increased tuition fees.

"When students approach their local college boards, they may say ... Will you continue to support faculty demands for higher wages when we have to raise students' tuition?"

"And that's not a fair situation to put students in," Frache said, "because it's not for students to be making up for the shortfalls in government funding."

### Newfoundland government says no to more studies

ST JOHN'S (CUP) — The Newfoundland government quashed a proposal for an all-party committee to study its student aid program last week.

Newfoundland's Minister of Education Phillip Warren, said his government doesn't need another study to see "what's wrong."

"We know what's wrong," he said. "We need action."

He said the committee would further delay any action on education problems until the study was complete.

Opposition education critic Oliver Langdon said the changes couldn't come into effect until September, giving the government plenty of time to complete a study.

A provincial advisory committee reviewed the program last summer and presented a report in September.

"I understood that much of the ground that the proposed committee would cover had already been covered in our report," Robin Russell, a member of the committee and Memorial University student council president said.

The MAC report should be released to the public in January, 1990.

Newfoundland students can get up to \$5360 in Canada Student Loans and provincial government bursaries for a two semester study period — about the same as students in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

Nova Scotia student federation chair Lara Morris said recently student bursaries should be doubled.

"Student aid is not keeping up with actual costs," Morris said.

Langdon said the province should consider offering more entrance scholarships.

Newfoundland gives one \$600 scholarship for each of the 52 electoral districts in the province every year.

Michelle Brazil, Memorial student council vice president academic, said a lot of students don't apply because they can get bigger scholarships elsewhere.

Halifax's Dalhousie University offers 200 entrance scholarships between \$1000 and \$5000 to high school students.

# SWAP with CUTS

by Alistair Croll

Travel CUTS's new Students Working Abroad Program (SWAP) destinations are not yet available, but Travel CUTS employees said they should be publishing the new list of countries before Christmas.

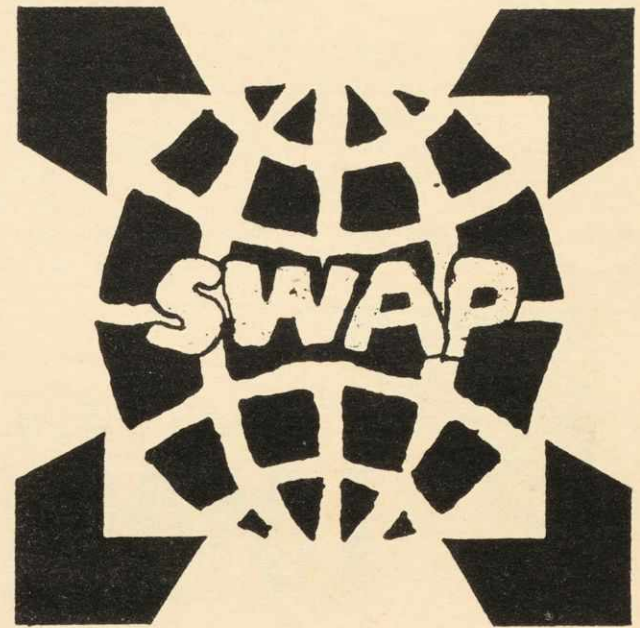
The SWAP is a package of overseas employment that Travel CUTS organizes. The package includes the trip, a job when you arrive, and accommodations. SWAP is operated by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), so CFS members get a reduction in the cost of registration.

The program, which has been running since 1975, includes destinations in Britain, Ireland, Finland, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. This year, SWAP will add three more countries to this expanding list.

"Negotiations are underway to add new programs to this year's lists, but details have not yet been finalized," said one employee. She said the addition of three new destinations should spark interest in the program.

"We expect the additions to be highly in demand," said a Travel CUTS worker. One of the three new countries will have only 25 positions available nationwide, and since there are over 25 Travel CUTS office in Canada, it is uncertain whether Dalhousie will have even one person visiting that country.

Travel CUTS has prepared the 1990 SWAP pamphlets, which



are normally ready by this time of year, but is delaying their release until negotiations are completed. France is supposed to be one of the three new destinations.

Once the pamphlets are

released, they will be available at Travel CUTS in the Student Union Building lobby. Travel CUTS will also be holding a series of "SWAP Talks" to inform students about the program.

### Correction

Last week, we said Appollos Nwauwa was the offered drink at Africa Night. Appollos came to the office and told us that he wasn't the drink of the evening, but that he poured the libation to the gods. Our apologies to Appollos.

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