

Governments harrass foreign students

OTTAWA (CUP)—The heavy-handed treatment of international students by provincial governments is giving Canada a bad name internationally, according to an executive of the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS), Colin D'Eca.

Canada has come under such international criticism for its unduly harsh and arbitrary treatment of international students that the Department of External Affairs has asked Alberta to be more lenient on international students, said D'Eca. Several countries, including Austria, have instituted differential fees against Canadian students.

Several provincial governments, notably Alberta and Ontario, are pressuring Federal Employment and Immigration officials to vigorously enforce regulations against international students for minor infractions against the Immigration Act, he said.

This usually takes the form of giving departure notices to international students who are late renewing their student visas. A departure notice gives a person 24 hours to "settle their affairs" and leave the country, D'Eca said.

If they do not comply, they face immediate deportation and cannot return to Canada.

In May, 16 international graduate students at Memorial

University were given departure notices after renewing their visas 24 hours past the deadline. As well, because of this, the dean of graduate students was threatened with imprisonment by Immigration Department officials. Only intervention by the university president saved the students,

however, immigration authorities fined the university \$16,000.

In Alberta last term, 19 international students were deported, usually for late renewal of their visas, D'Eca said. In many cases, the renewal notices were held up by the postal strike.

D'Eca said the deportations were just another part of the attempt to keep out international students by various provincial governments. He noted that the two provinces with highest number of student deportations, Ontario and Alberta, also have differential fees.

Aid survey delayed

OTTAWA (CUP)—A federal government survey on student attitudes to student aid planned for next month will probably be delayed until next year to correct poorly-designed questions.

F.C. Passy, chairperson of the Canada Student Loans Plenary Group (CSIP), told the National Union of Students February 15 that biased questions discovered by NUS in an earlier questionnaire have been redrafted, but the changes must be approved by the Human Rights Commission and by the Treasury Board.

All federally-sponsored questionnaires must be sur-

veyed by the commission to screen out questions that may violate the Human Rights Act.

Since the review will take several months, the questionnaire will not be ready until late spring or early summer, instead of March, as originally intended, said NUS researcher Morna Ballantyne. As a result, NUS would prefer not to see the questionnaire distributed until after next Christmas.

"The summer is a bad time to be surveying students, and the fall is still too early for students to accurately evaluate their needs as far as student aid is concerned," she said.

Earlier this month, NUS had

the original draft of the questionnaire studied by a Carleton University professor specializing in the design of surveys. He found several misleading and biased questions, leading him to conclude the questionnaire was so "seriously deficient" it should not be used.

According to Ballantyne, the problems appear to be corrected in the revamped survey.

The survey will be distributed to 10,000 students at 53 post-secondary institutions across Canada. The CSLP has also contracted a private survey firm to poll non-students about student aid.

Nursing students meet

By Elissa Barnard

Thirty five Dalhousie nursing students recently returned from the annual conference of the Canadian University Nursing Students Association (CUNSA), held at l'Universite de Moncton February 8, 9 and 10.

This year's theme was "Prevention" and the conference featured presentations on child abuse, illness in our civilization, prevention of rape, prevention and school sanitation, and good mental health. Among noted professors and health officials who participated was federal Health minister Monique Bégin.

The conference gave in-

sights into the way a nurse can be a preventive agent. CUNSA's Atlantic regional chairman Heather Clements said. For instance a nurse can investigate child abuse herself, do volunteer work and generally become politically active.

Health issues in Canada are presently mainly decided by doctors, and if nurses, who have a greater influence on society, want to change society, they must enter the political arena, Clements explained.

Three members of Dalhousie were elected to CUNSA positions: Heather Clements to the Atlantic regional chairpersonship, Nancy Layne as

Dalhousie's official voting delegate and Heather McLellan to a new national committee formed to examine the purposes and objectives of CUNSA.

CUNSA was established in 1970 to foster communication between its 22 member universities, provide a medium through which students can express their opinions on issues in nursing and to encourage contact with other professional organizations.

Delegates from CUNSA will be attending the conference of the International Council of Nurses, to be held in Kansas City in 1981.

Dalhousie will host the Atlantic conference this fall for the first time.

Modern and CUPE settles

by Alan Adams

Representatives of CUPE 1392, Modern Cleaners and the administration met in the second week of February to settle differences that have arisen since the cleaners returned to work. CUPE is working but have yet to sign a contract.

CUPE were accusing Modern of demoting workers to lesser standings, caretakers to heavy duty cleaners and heavy duty cleaners to light duty. In addition the policy and practice of worker mobility was discussed.

CUPE representative Al Cunningham said that Modern has agreed to return all workers to their previously

held positions and duties. "The question of worker mobility has been decided," said Cunningham adding "Modern is willing and wants to communicate and co-operate

now."

Modern's Halifax General Manager Bill Garland explained the demotions due to "the over staffing of cleaners at Dal". He said "Dal didn't need as many cleaners" on certain particular levels. Gar-

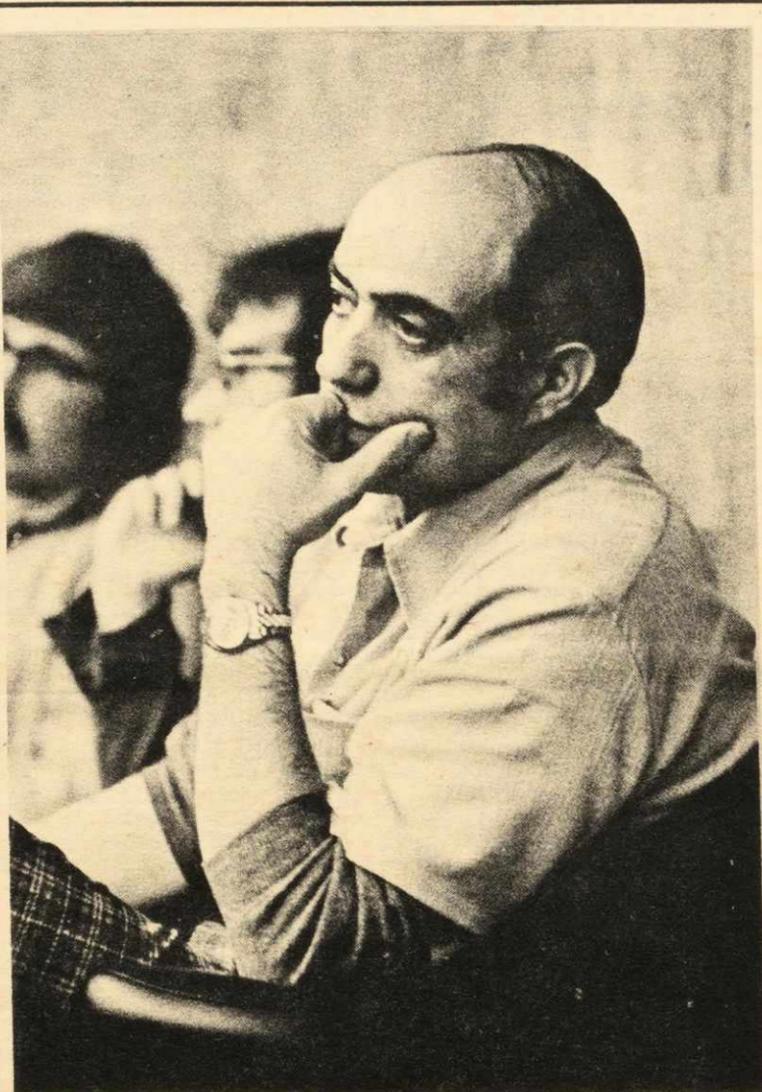
land added "none took a drop in wages" and all have returned to their former positions. He stated that out of the 230 cleaners at Dal only 6 requested a change due to a change in shifts and "this has been resolved."

Matthews & Wells big spenders

Election

President and vice-president elect Dick Matthews and Graham Wells spent \$306.40 for their recent campaign. Runners up Larry Worthen and Pat Gardiner followed with \$191.40 while Max Baxter and Sandra Bain spent

\$118.46. Bert McCann and Rod McKenny shelled out \$154. Bringing up the rear were Alan Fitzgerald and David Thompson who were reimbursed \$50 by council even though they did not receive 10 percent of the popular vote or submit any election expenses.



V.P. Vagianos before departure

Louis leaves

by Daniele Gauvin

"I want to find out if I have kept my skills in my original professional field," said Vice-President Louis Vagianos, explaining why he is resigning from his post as Vice-President of Administration. He added that changes in the general nature of universities, including the proliferation of committees, has made the standard performance of duties much harder. "Universities are established for intellectual pursuit; their primary responsibility is not to lobby groups," he said.

As the head of Administration, Dr. Vagianos has been responsible for Physical Plant services and general university maintenance. He has also co-ordinated a variety of areas ranging from Library services to mail delivery.

Dr. Vagianos said that he

originally planned to leave long before his official resignation date (June 30, 1980). However, he decided to stay for the time remaining in President Hick's term, at the latter's request. "I was not pressured by anyone; I was simply tired of pushing paper," Vagianos explained.

Professor Vagianos hopes to return to the field of information, his original interest. He said that he wants to allow "fresh ideas" into the departments of Finances, Communications and Physical Plant services which he still heads.

"I would like to see whether I can still use my skills; I certainly don't want to be an administrator for the rest of my life, at any level," he added.

Dr. Vagianos announced his decision to the Board of Governors last week.