

Other Campuses

cont'd from p. 6 of cafeteria employees prompted immediate changes in food storage

and food preparation practices. At St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, it was determined that between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in food was thrown into the garbage last year.

Jim Thornton, VERSA Food Manager, said students were taking several servings and throwing half their food away. He did not discuss, however, how the food's quality might have contributed to the waste.

Despite \$132,000 in renovations at the University of Ottawa cafeteria, employees were "picking up maybe 20 to 40 cockroaches a day," said one worker.

Barbara Khouzam, SAGA Foods manager, dismissed the bugs as "a problem that affects any food system." She blamed food suppliers for bringing them in. The cafeteria was fumigated, but councilors report the cockroaches have made their way into council offices, located directly below the cafeteria.

Earlier this year, over 300 University of Victoria students suffered the effects of food poisoning after eating bacteria-infected chicken and fish in the campus cafeteria.

-The Carillon University of Regina

The incredible shrinking funding

By ADAM BRYANT

A third major issue of this past year, having perhaps the greatest longterm effect, has been money, or rather, the lack of it.

Post-secondary education across the provinces is receiving an increasingly smaller share of the increasingly smaller federal and provincial budgetary pies. Percentages and dollar figures are most often used to demonstrate the severity of the problem, but it can also be demonstrated in these human terms.

Out of sheer frustration, one Canadian university president has resigned his post, and a second has vowed to quit if his administration is forced to close any more programs or colleges.

George Pedersen, administration president of the University of British Columbia, resigned March 7, saying the BC government's education policies have made it impossible for him to perform his job.

"If my resignation does nothing more than dramatize to the general public the plight of our university system, it will be an action worthy of taking," Pedersen said.

Pedersen told a hastily organized press conference that UBC did not know how much money to expect from the government for the next fiscal year, even though the university's administrators have repeatedly asked for earlier and more frequent financial information.

"All we do is spend our time reacting, and reacting in a time frame that is in my view virtually impossible," he said.

"What is impossible, to be more specific, is the uncertainty and the complete lack of planning that is going on in this province as it relates to our university system."

Pedersen said he has too much pride as an administrator to remain in a situation preventing him from providing strong leadership, and has accepted the position of administration President at the University of Western Ontario.

At the University of Regina, administration President Lloyd Barber promised to resign of if the school's financial problems con-

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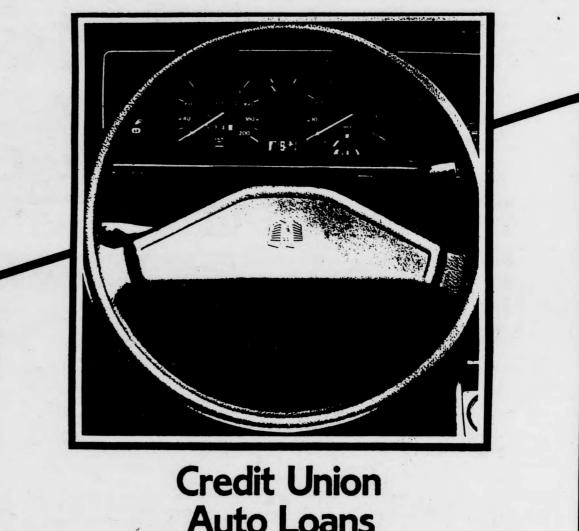
"I've indicated I'm a builder, not a buster," Barber told a packed university faculty council meeting recently. "If the university is facing a major winding down, they will have to find someone else to do it because I'm not capable of doing it. I wasn't hired to do it."

Grappling with a \$3-million deficit, the university Board of Governors is searching for ways to make he cuts. A proposal drawn up last October calls for a 15 percent tuition fee hike, closure of the university's extension program, athletics program, sculpture studio, and music conservatory in the event of a two percent increase next year.

The Saskatchewan government, however, has hinted it will freeze university funding in the 1985-86 academic year.

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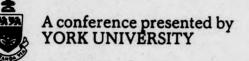
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