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### Answer coming next week

## **Tuition increase probable**

#### by Glenn Wanamaker

A couple of weeks ago our crusty and caustic commentator, Walter Concrete, wrote a story on the \$200 increase in tuition fees for the next year. Many folks believed it and many did not.

Well, Walter's tongue is out of

his cheek this week. And he reports that, in all likelihood, tuition will be going up, but it is up to the University Grants Committee to help determine how much.

Two nights ago, Wednesday, the report of the Committee was scheduled to be announced.

Brian Smith, President of the Student Council, says that the university will not receive the requested grant. The university was asking for "more" than they received last year which was approximately \$14 million. In a conversation with

Premier Gerald Regan, Smith

learned that there will be an increase over last year's grant but not enough, apparently, to meet the needs of the university

Smith feels that the province "has no right to restrict the size of university grants until the findings of the Royal Commission of Post Secondary Education are released.'

University President Dr. Henry Hicks said he knew nothing about the report being released on Wednesday, but in any case, no decision on tuition increase will be made until the figures are received and studied.

A press conference of Student Council Presidents from St. Mary's, Mount St. Vincent and Dal is scheduled for some time over the next few days to announce their position on the Committee's report.

## Publishing house to students?

VANCOUVER (CUP) -Student councils across the country are being asked to support a scheme to keep the McLelland and Stewart Ltd. publishing firm in Canadian hands.

The proposal, hatched last week by a committee of students at the University of British Columbia, calls for purchase of the company by a consortium of student societies, university administrations and the public through debenture sales and operation as a nonprofit foundation.

The proposal would preserve publishing of important Canadian authors and would make Canadian content textbooks available at a more reasonable cost to students.

The Ryerson publishing company was recently purchased by American interests and it is feared the McLelland and Stewart firm may suffer the same fate.

Jack McLelland, sole owner of the 63-year-old family firm, which was offered for sale last month, told the committee here Wednesday that it would take between three and 3.5 million dollars to take over the financially ailing business which has debts of about \$2 million.

The student committee believes it is possible to raise the money and McLelland has indicated he is "intrigued" by the proposal.

"McLelland considered it a serious idea. When we make a concrete proposal, he will be willing to consider it a serious proposal," said committee chairman Jerry Owen. "We have to show him within the next month that the funds are available."

Councils across the country have been asked to consider the proposal in principal and commit themselves tentatively.

"With commitments, we can get short term bank loans and be in a position to bargain," Owen said.

There are no formal plans yet as to how the company would operate but it is clear that a university financed national publishing house would go for elementary and secondary heavily into textbook publishing

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## "Plan B" out

Canada Boy and The Heroic Aberrant and also, Tall-Side-Kick-Come-Lately wish to announce the dissolution of the illusion known as "Plan B". Using the Science of Flippism as a logical procedure, the three-above-junior-sociologists concluded (a rare feat for any sociologist) that "Plan B" was concluded.

A random doctor substantiated this postulate when he declared at an emergency meeting, "There's nothing wrong with your head."

Canada Boy was quoted as saying "But they were eyes like two pissholes in the snow!" The Heroic Aberrant reminisced with lines he had heard at a Bill Lynch Strip Show: "The minute you become in this here tent, you lose your reputation. No one can embarrass you. We're all in this together." Tall-Side-Kick-Come-Lately, who was not present for the final observation, indicated he would move on to other letters of the alphabet.

#### photo by Jim Haggarty

This is the back view of some of the houses on Maitland Street owned by the Arron brothers. They are also the owners of Le Chateau stores in Halifax. Soon their 30 days in which to fix up these dwellings will be up. At present, they "haven't hit the worst stuff", according to one observer.