

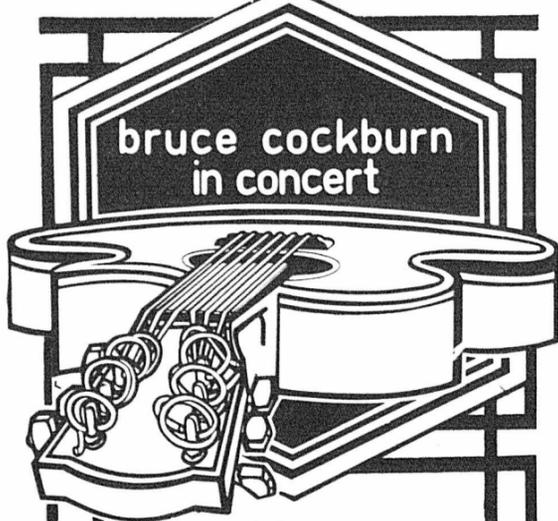
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tion date next year. "All the studies necessary for establishing a coherent policy for Canadian post-secondary education have not been done. For God's sake, let's get at it," he said. "But let's not rush into the decision. Out policy up till now has been hodge-podge - let's not have that. We want to know where we should be going and what kind of funding is necessary to get there."

The brief outlines some of the problems, such as research funding and inter-provincial mobility, as being of particular concern if policy is left solely in the hands of provincial officials.

The AUCC brief states that "the general effect of federal funding by unconditional transfers has thus been a provincialization of universities to such a degree that there is little assurance that national objectives will receive attention commensurate with their importance for balanced university development."

The brief raises questions about the ability of each university to produce excellence in each field of study and argues that the adoption of "regional centres of excellence" may be

better accomplished with a national policy.

Lorne Leitch, vp finance for the U of A, says that the most pressing issue is the time involved "We just want time ... to develop plans for our universities, to look at the cost/benefits of different programs, to look at the foreign student situation - to develop a comprehensive policy."

Although the AUCC are lobbying to have the two levels of government and the universities engage in planning together, they have experienced opposition from student groups worried that the decisions reached will be "behind closed doors."

The National Union of Students' (NUS) executive-secretary Dan O'Connor said that the AUCC's idea of calling for increased participation and then excluding students, faculty, and the public from the discussions suggests that the universities "are merely fighting their own administrative battles."

Any national universities policy established by university presidents and government bureaucrats behind closed

doors "would have no more meaning or greater degree of public acceptability than one arrived at by bureaucrats alone," he said.

In any case, there has been no commitment on the parts of either of the two levels of government to go ahead with the AUCC proposal. Although PM Trudeau's reaction was considered by Oliver to be "warm" and "sympathetic", it was still non-committal. Hohl's reaction was similar.

AUCC, however, still hopes to hold a preliminary conference in March with the three groups to discuss the national plan, foreign student problems, changes in accessibility of post-secondary education for lower-income students, new barriers to students hoping to enter universities, and inter-provincial/inter-regional/international mobility.

Everclear, nevermore

NEVADA (ZNS-CUP) - A burly University of Nevada football player literally drank himself to death by downing large quantities of 190 proof drinks known as "flaming shots".

An autopsy on 23-year old John Davies showed that he died from consuming too much alcohol. Police say that Davies and friends participated in an initiation ceremony in a Reno bar by downing a potent drink known as "everclear", which is nearly pure alcohol.

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FIGHT IT Feb. 6

In protest of the proposed 25% increase in tuition fees, the Students' Union of the University of Alberta is urging all its members and other concerned parties to rally in front of University Hall on Friday, February 6th from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

At 10:30 the University of Alberta Board of Governors should pause for a break before moving into open session (and the discussion of the tuition increases). We are requesting that the President of the University and the Chairman of the Board speak to the public audience during this recess.

In order that students may be allowed maximum participation in forming a decision of such importance to our society, we are asking professors on the University of Alberta campus to cancel their classes and ask their students to voice their concerns to the university administration.

For further information contact Graeme Leadbeater, President, Students' Union, 432-4236.